

1936
JAN 31 1936

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF AIR COMMERCE
Washington

REPORT OF THE ACCIDENT BOARD
BUREAU OF AIR COMMERCE

Statement of probable cause concerning an aircraft
accident which occurred to a privately owned plane
on November 13, 1935 near Fort Shaw, Montana

To the Director of Air Commerce.

On November 13, 1935 at approximately 4:30 p.m. near Fort Shaw, Montana, a privately owned airplane crashed with resultant death to the passenger, serious injury to the pilot and the complete destruction of the aircraft.

The airplane, a Nicholas Beazley, model NB-3G, bore Department of Commerce license number NC-595H. The pilot, John M. Mamuzich of Farmington, Montana, held a Department of Commerce transport pilot's license. The passenger was Walter Chalmers of Choteau, Montana.

The pilot, approaching the airport for a landing after a cross-country flight, was flying at an altitude of about 200 feet. After crossing the airport at this altitude, he throttled the engine and attempted a 180° down-wind turn for a landing. In making this turn the airplane was allowed to lose flying speed which resulted in one turn of a spin from which partial recovery was made before striking the ground. There was nothing to indicate any failure of the aircraft, engine or controls.

It is the opinion of the Accident Board that the probable cause of this accident was failure of the pilot to maintain proper control of the aircraft.

Respectfully submitted,

ACCIDENT BOARD.

/s/ Jesse W. Lankford, Secretary
Chief, Safety Section

/s/ Richard C. Gazley, Chief Engineer
Manufacturing Inspection Service

/s/ Joe T. Shumate, Jr., Chief
General Inspection Service