

CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD  
Washington

June 15, 1954

TO: Messrs. Gurney, Denny, Ryan, Lee, Adams,  
The Executive Director

FROM: Director, Bureau of Safety Investigation

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident Notification: Large  
Irregular Carrier, Great Lakes Airlines,  
DC-4, N 30070, Gage, Oklahoma, June 15,  
1954, approximately 0230C

A Great Lakes Airlines flight was en route from Kansas City, Missouri, to Burbank, California, on an IFR flight plan. On board were the crew of three - Captain Charles Tededsky, Copilot Frank MacDonald, and Stewardess June Miller - and 75 passengers. When in the vicinity of Gage, Oklahoma, No. 3 engine caught fire. The fire could not be extinguished and progressed rapidly until the engine fell from the nacelle. None of the aircraft's electrical equipment could be used and a landing was made at Gage. The right main gear collapsed because of fire damage and the aircraft continued to burn. All crew and passengers are reported to have evacuated with no serious injuries; however, the aircraft is reported to be a complete loss.

Investigators Leon H. Tanguay and Harold B. Carr of the Fort Worth office and P. N. Goldstein of the Kansas City office are en route to the scene.

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