

CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
Washington

December 15, 1954

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

FROM: Director, Bureau of Safety Investigation

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident - Pacific Northern
Airlines' DC-3, N 34970, Homer, Alaska,
December 12, 1954

Pacific Northern Airlines' Flight 12 crashed at Homer, Alaska, at 1725 AST, December 12, while taking off for a flight to Kodiak. The three crew members - Captain C. R. Schofield, Copilot E. G. Schutte, and Hostess Eileen Donnan - and two passengers on board were not injured; however, the aircraft was substantially damaged.

A short field takeoff was being executed on runway 3, which was covered by 7 to 10 inches of snow with windrows. After being airborne approximately 50 yards, Captain Schofield, unable to maintain directional control, elected to abandon the takeoff. The aircraft touched down on the runway, veered to the left, and came to a stop upright off the runway. Preliminary information indicates that the leading edges of the wings, stabilizer, and vertical fin were covered with one-quarter inch of clear ice.

Investigator Clark of the Board's Anchorage office is at the scene.

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