

After circling the airport several times, the plane struck the tops of trees, about 100 feet in the air, in a dense woods on the farm of Peter James, Turner Road, Town of Ellicott. The plane's left wing tip was found 150 feet from the wreckage and the right wing tip was discovered about 100 feet away. Both wings were completely sheared off up to the landing gear section.

The fuselage was found in an inverted position, broken at the cabin. The engine was partially buried in the ground. The bodies of all three men were badly mangled. Death was attributed in each case to a crushed skull.