

Allan Beach



Born: 20, Sept 1926
Vancouver, B.C.

Engaged to be married

Died: 18 Sept 1950

Seabee crash Bowen
Island, B.C.

B.C. Airlines

Seabee Pilot

Al Beach was an excellent student pilot. In 1948 he placed third in the Webster Memorial Contest making him one of the best amateur pilots of the year. He was the first of a class of 10 commercial pilots to be hired and he flew Seabees for **Bill Sylvester of B.C. Airlines**. When he flew into Alert Bay, he was reportedly a big hit with the nurses

In September 1950 on a foggy morning, Al took off from Vancouver Airport anticipating that the fog would burn off later in the day. He was flying 3 passengers. The continued poor flying conditions caused him to attempt to land near Cape Roger Curtis, Bowen Island. He touched down and is then thought to have spotted rocks ahead and despite his efforts to reverse the plane he struck them and crashed. Allan and one passenger were killed in the crash; the other two passengers survived. Allan was two days off his 24th birthday.

Allen Norman Beach was the youngest child of Richard Allen Beach and Emma Louise Bell of Ontario, Canada. He had two older brothers and an older sister.

1 Pilots in Training 1946. Allan is far left, Jack Schofield is 5th from left.

