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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-25-235 Pawnee, G-CMGC

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-540-B2C5 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1977

Date & Time (UTC): 7 May 1993 at 1345 hrs

Location: Long Mynd, near Church Stretton, Shropshire

Type of Flight: Air Work

Persons on Board: Crew - None Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - N/A Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial damage to right wing and engine and propeller assembly - minor damage to left wing, fuselage and tailplane

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 36 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 296 hours (of which 28 were on type)
Last 90 days - 30 hours
Last 28 days - 25 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot reports that he was carrying out a pre-flight inspection of the aircraft prior to a planned glider towing flight from the strip at Long Mynd. He states that prior to carrying out such an inspection it was his normal practice to ensure that the magneto switches were selected to 'OFF', however on this occasion he omitted to carry out that check. When he hand-swung the propeller to check engine compression, the engine spluttered momentarily and then started running. The pilot jumped towards the left wing as the aircraft started to move forward and he attempted to stop it. He was unable to retain a firm hold and, as he fell to the ground, the aircraft accelerated across the airstrip before it entered a gully and stopped having sustained substantial damage.