

No: 11/87

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Aircraft type and registration: Rockwell Commander 114 G-BFXS

No & Type of engines: 1 Lycoming IO-540-T4B5D piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1977

Date and time (UTC): 27 September 1987 at 1200 hrs

Location: Old Warden Aerodrome, Nr Biggleswade, Beds

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 3

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Minor damage to nose landing gear and propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 43 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 314 hours (of which 38 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and telephone enquiries.

The aircraft was observed making a high approach to Runway 04 with a reported wind of 020°/5—10 kts. A normal touch-down was made well into the 613 metre grass runway and braking commenced as soon as the nose wheel contacted the ground. With approximately 170 metres to go to the end of the runway, and at a speed of 40 kts or less, the nose wheel entered a depression in the runway and collapsed. The aircraft continued along the runway on its main wheels and engine lower cowling until it came to rest approximately 120 metres from the end of the runway. The depression in the runway has now been filled.