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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Currie Wot, G-APNT

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Continental PC60 piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1958

**Date & Time (UTC):** 5 June 1993 at 1410 hrs

**Location:** Mullinsilla Airstrip, Armagh, Northern Ireland

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Propeller smashed; rudder and vertical stabiliser broken; various broken ribs

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night ratings

**Commander's Age:** 39 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 388 hours (of which about 150 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 4 hours  
Last 28 days - 4 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After satisfactory pre-flight checks the pilot commenced his take off on Runway 18; the grass strip was dry and the wind was from 270° at less than 5 kt. The aircraft became airborne after approximately 50 metres and drifted to the left while within a foot of the ground. This drift continued off the side of the airstrip, the axle bar of the undercarriage became entangled in long grass and the aircraft overturned. In his report the pilot stated that the accident resulted from his failure to correct the drift after take off.