

No: 12/87

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Aircraft type and registration: Auster J5P G-AOFM

No & Type of engines: 1 De Havilland Gipsy Major 10 Mk 1-3 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1955

Date and time (GMT): 7 September 1987 at 1640 hrs

Location: RAF Greenham Common

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: The propeller and right undercarriage were damaged and the engine was shock loaded

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 25 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 84 hours (of which 6 were on type)

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

The aircraft was on a cross-country flight from Stapleford to Newbury via Reigate when just to the west of Newbury a partial power failure occurred. A Mayday call was made on 124.75 Mhz and an emergency landing was carried out at the nearest airfield which was Greenham Common.

During the landing the aircraft bounced three or four times and the propeller struck the runway before the aircraft came to rest. The pilot and his passenger were able to evacuate the aircraft without difficulty.

The engine is awaiting a strip examination but is thought to have dropped a valve.