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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 172N Skyhawk II, G-MKAY

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-H2AD piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date & Time (UTC): 9 November 1991 at 1628 hrs

Location: Netherlea Farm, near Penistone, Yorkshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 2

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Aircraft extensively damaged

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with Night rating

Commander's Age: 61 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 518 hours (of which 430 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was en-route from Bagby to Barton when the pilot became ill with an acute gastric condition. As the route passed close to the pilot's own farm strip, he decided to land there. However, he failed to appreciate the fact that there was a tailwind and consequently descended too far into the strip to land safely. He therefore attempted a go-around, but was unable to prevent the aircraft from stalling into trees at the end of the runway.

The pilot stated that the approach path passed directly over a farmhouse at a safe height and that despite the uphill gradient of the runway, the aircraft cleared a long way before the touchdown. Following which the brakes were ineffective. He therefore opened the throttle to full power in an attempt to go-around but after a few seconds, when it became apparent that this would be unsuccessful, he closed it again. The aircraft overran the runway into long grass and overturned.

There was no fire and the occupants unfastened their lap and diagonal safety harnesses and left the aircraft through their respective doors.