

## Cameron A-210 Balloon, G-BUYH

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Cameron A-210 Balloon, G-BUYH

**No & Type of Engines:** No engines (Triple burner)

**Year of Manufacture:** 1993

**Date & Time (UTC):** 1 August 1999 at 2100 hrs

**Location:** Bickleigh near Tiverton, Devon

**Type of Flight:** Public Transport

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 - Passengers - 12

**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - 1 Serious - 3 Minor

**Nature of Damage:** None

**Commander's Licence:** Commercial Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 38 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 2,217 hours (of which 650 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 34 hours  
Last 28 days - 19 hours

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

The pilot decided to land at the base of a steep grass field after an uneventful flight in stable conditions. The weather was fine with no significant cloud, good visibility and a surface wind of 180°/05 kt. The balloon landed up slope at a speed of 3 to 4 kt. After landing the basket slid 10 yards down-slope stopping 10 feet from a fence. The pilot deflated the envelope, which remained up-slope, while the passengers remained in the upright basket. The passengers were then instructed to disembark individually. After 3 or 4 passengers had departed the basket the envelope blew back down-slope, engulfed the basket and burner, and settled on the fence. Those passengers clear of the basket were instructed to hold the envelope clear of the fence and adjacent brambles. With their up-slope exit blocked by the envelope the remaining passengers had no option but to exit the basket on the down-slope side. As they did so the basket toppled down-slope injuring four of the remaining occupants. The emergency services were alerted and the injured were transported from the scene to hospital.