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Aircraft Type and Registration: Beech 23 Musketeer I, G-ASBB

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-D2B piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1962

Date & Time (UTC): 23 November 1995 at 1315 hrs

Location: Bourn Aerodrome, Cambridgeshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to propeller, nosewheel and forward fuselage

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

Commander's Age: 32 years

Commander's Flying Experience: Approximately 450 hours (of which 7 were on type)
Last 90 days - 50 hours
Last 28 days - 20 hours

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

The pilot was making a visual approach for a full-stop landing on Runway 19. Realising that another aircraft was making an approach behind him, he decided to land some distance down the runway from the threshold so that he would be able to clear the runway quickly and not hold up the following aircraft. The aircraft floated a short distance beyond the target touchdown point and the pilot was unable to stop the aircraft in the remaining runway length. The aircraft came to rest in a ditch at the southern end of the airfield beyond the end of the runway. There was no fire and the pilot and his passenger were uninjured.