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Aircraft Type and Registration:	DH60 Gipsy Moth, G-AANF	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Wright Aeronautical Corp Gipsy 1 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1929	
Date and Time (UTC):	8 August 1989 at 1100 hrs	
Location:	East Stratton, Hampshire	
Type of Flight:	Private (pleasure)	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Aircraft destroyed by fire.	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	44 years	
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	1,300 hours (of which 70 were on type)	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was on a flight from Liss to Popham and was being accompanied by a PA 18 which was in contact with Farnborough Radar. Overhead East Stratton, the Gipsy Moth experienced a loss of power and the pilot elected to carry out a precautionary landing. The landing was satisfactory. The pilot had shut down the engine and climbed out of the cockpit before he became aware of burning straw under the tail. Attempts to remove the straw and extinguish the fire were unsuccessful, and the aircraft was rapidly engulfed in flames. The fuel tank exploded, resulting in a substantial fire and some damage to trees and bushes surrounding the field.

The accompanying PA 18 advised Farnborough of the situation. A Puma helicopter was directed to the scene, using the PA 18's primary radar return for position.