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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Luscombe 8A, G-AKUG

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Rolls-Royce Continental A65-8 piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1947

**Date and Time (UTC):** 18 June 1989 at 1205 hrs

**Location:** Drem, East Lothian, Scotland

**Type of Flight:** Private (pleasure)

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

**Injuries:** Crew - None      Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Damaged beyond economic repair

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 62 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 68 hours (of which 5 were on type)

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

The pilot reports that when he landed at Drem on the previous day, in spite of a headwind of 7 to 8 knots he found that he required almost the full runway length of 600 feet in which to stop. On the day of the accident, as the surface wind was only 2 to 3 knots the pilot attempted to land as near as possible to the threshold of the hard surface. In so doing the landing gear touched down in a standing crop about 20 feet short of the threshold and after hitting a large stone, the aircraft pitched over and came to rest inverted on the hard surface. Both occupants, who had been wearing lap and diagonal upper torso restraint harnesses which held throughout the accident sequence, vacated the aircraft without injury.