

Cessna 120, G-BRPH

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 120, G-BRPH
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental C85-12F piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1946
Date & Time (UTC):	24 November 1996 at 1500 hrs
Location:	Pent Farm, Postling, Kent
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew -None - Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to propeller tips. Dents and scratches to fuselage and gear legs
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	44 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	700 hours (of which 300 were on type) Last 90 days - 35 hours Last 28 days - 7 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After a flight from Headcorn, the pilot made his approach to Runway06 at a private airstrip. The airstrip has a grass surface and a usable length of approximately 700 yards; the last third of the easterly runway has a slight upslope. For his approach and landing, the wind appeared to be directly across the runway at 10 kt; the visibility was good but it was raining and the cloud was broken at 1,200 feet agl. The pilot reported that it was 'bumpy' on approach and his landing was approximately half way down the airstrip. He allowed the aircraft to continue rolling up the slope and applied the brakes as he approached a fence at the end of the landing area. The brakes were ineffective and G-BRPH slid sideways into the fence. The pilot considered that the accident was caused by the surface of the airstrip which he described as very wet and muddy. Additionally, the wind was gusting and he may have had a tailwind component on landing.