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**Aircraft Type
and Registration:**

Bell 206 B, G-BNIT

No & Type of Engines:

1 Allison 250 C20 turboshaft engine

Year of Manufacture:

1971

Date and Time (UTC):

23 August 1988 at 1315 hrs

Location:

Cundal, near Ripon, North Yorkshire

Type of Flight:

Aerial application

Persons on Board:

Crew - 1

Passengers - None

Injuries:

Crew - None

Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage:

Damage to top of fuselage, canopy and main rotor blades

Commander's Licence:

Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) issued in New Zealand and validated by the CAA for the exercise of its privileges within the UK

Commander's Age:

35 years

**Commander's Total
Flying Experience:**

6315 hours (of which 1202 were on type)

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was being used to spray a potato field which the pilot was familiar with having sprayed it on three previous occasions. He was aware of several power lines which ran across the field. The first spray run was upslope and when the pilot was making his next run down the slope his helicopter struck some wires. The pilot states that he saw the wires too late to take evasive action and they had been difficult to see since they blended in with the terrain as he looked down the slope. Damage to the helicopter was minimal and the pilot retained full control which enabled him to air taxi to a landing spot from where the helicopter was recovered for repair.