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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Jodel D120, G-BMYU

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Rolls-Royce Continental C90-14F piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1965

**Date & Time (UTC):** 4 March 1992 at 1530 hrs

**Location:** Little Gransden Airfield, Cambridgeshire

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Damage to left main landing gear, left wing and propeller

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

**Commander's Age:** 39 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 267 hours (of which 4 were on type)

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

The pilot's intention was to ferry the aircraft from Gransden in Cambridgeshire to Stapleford airfield in Essex. He had never flown to Stapleford before and, as he had not flown for 60 days, he decided to carry out several circuits and full stop landings at his home base before proceeding en route. The first take-off, circuit and approach, to grass runway 28 were uneventful. On touchdown the pilot deliberately landed to the right of the centreline, where the surface was smoother. As the aircraft slowed to a fast walking pace it began a gentle swing to the right. Opposite rudder and differential brake had little effect. As the swing continued the left main landing gear sheared off as it entered soft soil at the edge of the runway. The left wing and propeller were damaged as the aircraft came to rest having completed a turn through 180°. The pilot, who was wearing a lap and diagonal harness, vacated the aircraft without injury. The weather at the time was fine with a surface wind of 225°/8 to 10 kt.

The pilot reported that the ground loop was caused by a momentary lapse in concentration before the aircraft had completed its landing run.