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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper J3C-65, G-AJAO

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental Motors Corp A65 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1943

Date and Time (UTC): 30 April 1989 at 0935 hrs

Location: Hunday Farm Airstrip, near Corbridge, Northumbria

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - 1 (minor) Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Extensive damage to wings, fuselage and cockpit area

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 41 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 56 hours (of which 17 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was returning to a farm meadow landing strip after 20 minutes local flying. The landing direction was approximately 020°M and the wind was southerly at 8 to 10 kt. The pilot reported that he crossed the landing threshold at about 50 mph and, after rolling for about 75 metres, the aircraft turned over on to its back. He had no recollection of what occurred after he touched down but stated that he may have engaged the brakes inadvertently when the aircraft passed over a bump. He suffered minor injuries but was able to scramble from the inverted aircraft without assistance.