

No: 11/91

Ref: EW/G91/08/19

Category: 1c

**Aircraft Type and Registration:** DH 82A Tiger Moth, D-EEAJ  
**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Gipsy Major IC piston engine  
**Year of Manufacture:** 1944  
**Date & Time (UTC):** 16 August 1991 at 1620 hrs  
**Location:** Page Hurst Farm, near Staplehurst, Kent  
**Type of Flight:** Private  
**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 Passengers - 1  
**Injuries:** Crew - None Passengers - None  
**Nature of Damage:** Substantial to wings, tailplane, propeller & landing gear  
**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence (German)  
**Commander's Age:** 49 years  
**Commander's Flying Experience:** 1,362 hours (of which 500 were on type)  
**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and additional witness statements

The pilot had obtained prior permission to land in a large farm field. The field had no marked runways and no windsock. The weather was fine with a light south westerly wind. Having circled the field twice, the pilot elected to land in a northerly direction which gave a landing distance available of some 300 metres. On short finals, having cleared a line of telephone cables, the pilot started to sideslip the aircraft and, as it crossed the boundary of the field in which it was intended to land, it struck electricity supply cables which were suspended on poles some 20 feet high. The aircraft continued into the field and came to a stop in a very short distance, sustaining considerable damage in the process. The pilot and his passenger, who were both wearing full restraint harness, were uninjured. There was no fire.