

**No: 10/86**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Cessna 172B G-ARLT

**No & Type of engines:** 1 Continental Motors Corp 0-300-C piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1961

**Date and time (GMT):** 21 September 1986 at 1220 hrs

**Location:** Nr Dulverton, Somerset

**Type of flight:** Private (pleasure)

**Persons on board:** Crew — 1                      Passengers — 1

**Injuries:** Crew — None                      Passengers — None

**Nature of damage:** Substantial to wing and forward fuselage. Aircraft damaged beyond economic repair

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence with Night Rating

**Commander's Age:** 27 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 188 hours (of which 84 were on type)

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

The aircraft departed Brize Norton to photograph a manor house near Dulverton, Somerset. The flight was uneventful until, after having flown around the manor for about five minutes, it was noticed that the needle of the engine oil pressure gauge was indicating very close to the bottom end of the green sector. The pilot therefore decided to make a precautionary landing.

After choosing a field, two low inspection passes were made, and the aircraft then touched down. On applying brakes no retardation was felt. Because of the shortness of the rollout area remaining the pilot attempted to take off again, but after becoming airborne the aircraft's landing gear struck a fence and this pulled the aircraft to the ground. It struck the side of a valley and came to rest. The two occupants were uninjured and evacuated the aircraft without difficulty.