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Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA-25-235 G-BDCT

No & Type of engines: 1 Lycoming O-540-B2B5 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1968

Date and time (UTC): 2 July 1987 at 1730 hrs

Location: 1/2 mile north of Spaldwick, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire

Type of flight: Aerial application

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Engine cowling bent and propeller nicked

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 38 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 5200 hours (of which 4200 were on type)

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

The aircraft was being used to spray a field which was bordered by overhead wires on its northern and western sides. Spray runs were made in an east/west direction and the pilot approached the field either over or under the wires at the western end depending on the location of the supporting poles. With three more runs to make, the pilot was descending over the wires when the nose of the aircraft struck a wire. Damage to the aircraft was minor and it was able to land safely.