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Aircraft: Piper PA28-140 Cherokee G-ATJG (Light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1965

Date and time (GMT): 19 February 1983 at 1410 hrs

Location: Sutton Bridge near Kings Lynn

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - Nil Passengers - Nil

Nature of damage: Aircraft written off

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 42 years

Commander's total flying experience: 240 hours (of which 62 were on type)

The intended point of landing was an unlicensed strip on a disused airfield. Arriving overhead, the pilot could see no strip markings or other features identifying the landing area. He saw a group of people waving to the aircraft and, believing them to be the people he was due to meet, landed beside them on soft ground, with the result that the aircraft overturned. The group of people had been attempting to warn the pilot not to land in the field where they were, which was some 30 yards from the landing strip.