

**AAIB Bulletin No:** 1/94

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Cessna 421C Golden Eagle, G-NSGI

**No & Type of Engines:** 2 Continental GTSIO-520-L piston engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 1980

**Date & Time (UTC):** 12 July 1993 at about 1530 hrs

**Location:** Broxton Airfield, Cheshire

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Propeller blades loose and the assembly damaged beyond repair. Port wing leading edge creased. Port wing upper and lower skins wrinkled and rivets pulled from rear spar.

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

**Commander's Age:** 49 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 3,400 hours (of which 165 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 34 hours  
Last 28 days - 1 hour

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

The pilot states that whilst landing at Broxton, where the grass was wet and long, a normal touchdown resulted in a small amount of pitch-down, causing the left propeller to strike the ground. He was unaware of any damage to the aircraft until it had been parked and put into the hangar. However, the degree of damage caused showed that the ground strike had been very severe, although only on the port side of the aircraft.