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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-161 Cherokee Warrior II, G-BSPI

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1981

Date & Time (UTC): 2 July 1991 at 1048 hrs

Location: Wellesbourne Mountford Airfield, Warwickshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 3

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Left main landing gear broken off; damage to left flap and tailplane.

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 52 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 329 hours (of which 23 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and subsequent AAIB enquiries.

Following a normal landing on runway 18 the pilot continued to the end. When he tried to slow, to clear the runway, there was no response from the brakes. He attempted to turn right but the left main gear struck a red runway end light. This caused the aircraft to veer to the left, leave the paved area and enter a standing crop. None of the occupants was injured and a successful evacuation was carried out.

The pilot at first thought that the aircraft had suffered a brake failure, however, he later informed the AAIB that an initial examination of the brake system had revealed no fault.