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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Cessna 140, G-BPHW  
**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Continental C85 12F piston engine  
**Year of Manufacture:** 1946  
**Date & Time (UTC):** 16 June 1991 at 1010 hrs  
**Location:** Parham Airfield, Framlingham, Suffolk  
**Type of Flight:** Private  
**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - None  
**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - N/A  
**Nature of Damage:** Propeller bent and spinner and forward fuselage dented -  
substantial damage to both wings and top of fin  
**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence  
**Commander's Age:** 49 years  
**Commander's Flying Experience:** 79 hours (of which 20 were on type)  
**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot reports that he carried a normal approach and landing on the grass runway 21. However, as the aircraft decelerated towards taxi speed, the tail lifted and the propeller and engine touched the ground. Thereafter the aircraft slowly nosed over and came to rest inverted. The pilot, who was restrained by lap and diagonal upper torso harness which held throughout the accident sequence, released himself and vacated the aircraft without injury.

The weather was fine with good visibility and a light southerly surface wind. The grass was approximately 6 inches long and the surface soft from overnight rain. In a detailed accident report the pilot considers that possibly too harsh braking in the soft conditions may have contributed to the cause of the accident.