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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Pierre Robin R-1180-TD Aiglon, G-BJVV

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-360-A3A piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1981

**Date & Time (UTC):** 29 October 1992 at 1415 hrs

**Location:** Eaglescott Airfield, Devon

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 Passengers - 2

**Injuries:** Crew - None Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Right wingtip damaged and engine shock loaded

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 44 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 92 hours (of which 70 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 9 hours  
Last 28 days - 6 hours

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

The aircraft was on a flight from Rochester to Eaglescott aerodrome, Devon. The pilot reports that as he was approaching the aerodrome, he contacted the Eaglescott Air/Ground (A/G) radio operator who advised him that runway 08 was in use and asked him to land beyond a muddy patch on the grass runway. After flying a first approach he carried out a 'go around', as he was not satisfied with the conditions, and asked the A/G radio operator the length of runway beyond the mud. He reports that the reply was that it was "sufficient". The pilot then flew a second circuit at low level and commenced the final approach at an airspeed of 70 kt with 30° of flap selected. On touch down the aircraft bounced but the pilot elected to complete the landing. When he attempted to turn the aircraft left off the runway it skidded in mud and the right wing struck a hedge. This slewed the aircraft back to the right and the nose section became embedded in the hedge. All occupants vacated the aircraft without injury.

The Landing Distance Available (LDA) on Eaglescott runway 08 is 600 metres with an over-run of a further 115 metres. The precise distance from the landing threshold to the muddy patch has not been recorded. The weather at the time was partly cloudy with a surface wind of 300°/05 kt.