No: 7/87 Ref: 1c.

Aircraft type

and registration: Piper PA-28R-200-2 G-BAIH

No & Type of engines: 1 Lycoming 10-360-C1C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1972

Date and time (UTC): 30 May 1987 at 1115 hrs

Location: Little Snoring Airfield, Fakenham, Norfolk

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew -1 Passengers -1

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Substantial damage to the left wing, left main gear, nose gear and

propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 68 years

Commander's Total

Flying Experience: 1742 hours (of which 1290 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

In order to give himself a longer landing run, the pilot elected to land short of the paved portion of runway 25 at Little Snoring airfield. Touchdown was about 200 metres before the threshold and to the left of the centreline, in an area where the original runway surface had been broken up. The left main gear struck some rubble and collapsed, as did the nose gear, causing the aircraft to slew to the left, coming to rest about 20 metres short of the threshold.

Prior to departure the pilot had attempted to obtain an airfield briefing and permission for a landing, but the telephone numbers he had were out of date. He decided to use the air-ground frequency, quoted in a current Flight Guide Supplement, but received no reply. He later found that this had been withdrawn some years previously.