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Aircraft type and registration: Cessna 150 G-AVAR (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1966

Date and time (GMT): 10 April 1985 at 1245 hrs

Location: Llandegla, 10 miles west of Wrexham

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Aircraft damaged beyond repair

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's licence

Commander's Age: 22 years

Commander's total flying experience: 135 hours (of which 103 were on type)

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

Whilst taking off from a wet grass runway in conditions of zero wind, the aircraft's right horizontal stabiliser struck the top of a fence post at the end of the runway. Because the nature of the damage was not known to the pilot, he elected to make a forced landing straight ahead into a barley field.

The aircraft landed on its main wheels in soft wet ground. The nose landing gear leg collapsed resulting in damage to the propeller and airframe. There was no fire and both occupants evacuated the aircraft without injury.