

**AAIB Bulletin No: 8/93**      **Ref: EW/G93/05/33**      **Category: 1c**

**Aircraft Type and Registration:**      Isaacs Spitfire, G-BBJI

**No & Type of Engines:**      1 Continental O-200-A piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:**      1975

**Date & Time (UTC):**      3 May 1993 at 1430 hrs

**Location:**      Ranksborough Farm, Nr Oakham, Leicestershire

**Type of Flight:**      Private

**Persons on Board:**      Crew - 1      Passengers - None

**Injuries:**      Crew - None      Passengers - N/A  
Others - 1 Serious

**Nature of Damage:**      None to aircraft

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

**Commander's Age:**      62 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 615 hours (of which 351 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 4 hours  
Last 28 days - 3 hours

**Information Source:**      Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and further inquiries by the AAIB

As the pilot was preparing to fly his aircraft from a farm strip, two men arrived and asked the owner of the land for permission to use metal detectors on the farm. Since the landowner had known one of the men for a considerable time, permission was granted and, after taking some photographs of the aircraft, the men moved into an adjacent field. The pilot then took off for a local flight but returned after a short time due to deteriorating weather.

While making a curved approach to the northerly runway, the pilot noticed a person standing to the side of the strip but lost sight of him on levelling the wings due to the poor visibility over the nose of this type of aircraft. Just before touchdown, the pilot felt a slight bump but did not consider it to be significant. On landing, the pilot realised that he was going too fast to stop on the wet grass so he took off again and landed on the longer westerly runway. While taxiing in, the pilot noticed a person lying on the northerly runway. It was subsequently established that the person, who was lying 96 feet in from the start of the runway and 18 feet in from the right-hand edge, had been struck by the aircraft.

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