

No.: 9/83

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Grumman AA-5 G-BBB1 (Light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

**Year of Manufacture:** 1973

**Date and time (GMT):** 14 May 1983 at 1300 hrs

**Location:** Cark Aerodrome, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria

**Type of flight:** Private

**Persons on board:** Crew — 2          Passengers — 1

**Injuries:** Crew — Nil          Passengers — Nil

**Nature of damage:** Starboard wing, nosewheel strut, propeller tip and tail skid damaged. One sheep killed and fencing destroyed.

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

**Commander's Age:** 66 years

**Commander's total flying experience:** 430 hours (of which 131 hours are on type)

A take-off was made on the right side of runway 24 as this provided a more even surface. After approximately 300 metres the aircraft had attained a speed of 65 mph when uneven ground caused it to become prematurely airborne. A few feet above the ground the right wing dropped and the aircraft began to turn, catching the wing tip on a wire fence at the edge of the runway. The aircraft veered off the runway and skidded to a standstill with the nosewheel in a hole. The surface wind velocity was 220°/15–25 kt.