

**No: 9/86**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Gemini Flash 1 G-MMKL

**No & Type of engines:** 1 Fuji Robin EC-44-PM piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1984

**Date and time (UTC):** 12 August 1986 at 1345 hrs

**Location:** Armaside Farm, Lorton, Cumbria

**Type of flight:** Training

**Persons on board:** Crew — 2                      Passengers — None

**Injuries:** Crew — 1 (minor)              Passengers — N/A

**Nature of damage:** Substantial — to wing structure and fabric

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence, Group D

**Commander's Age:** 34 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 210 hours (of which 130 were on type)

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

The aircraft was operating from a strip located in a valley. The accident occurred in full daylight, there was no significant weather and the wind was reported as light and variable. The aircraft took-off with a student pilot at the controls and an instructor occupying the rear seat. When climbing through 200 feet the instructor saw a military aircraft at the same height and approaching from his right. The instructor judged that there was the possibility of a collision so took control of the aircraft from the student and initiated a rapid turn to the left. The proximity of high ground precluded a turn to the right. Power was reduced and the descending turn continued onto a reciprocal heading. The instructor decided to land across his original take-off path toward rising ground but it became apparent that the aircraft was too high to perform the intended manoeuvre safely and the instructor initiated an overshoot. During the overshoot the aircraft contacted the tops of trees on the rising ground and crashed. The student pilot received minor injuries but the instructor was unhurt. The aircraft suffered substantial damage but there was no fire.