No: 6/86 Ref: 1b

Aircraft type

Amateur Construction Wilson Cassutt 111M G-AZHM

and registration:

No & Type of Engines 1 Continental C90-8F piston engine

Year of Manufacture:

1972

Date and time (GMT):

21 April 1986 at 0741 hrs

Location:

Wickenby, Lincolnshire

Type of flight:

Private (pleasure)

Persons on board:

Crew — 1

Passengers — None

Injuries:

Crew — 1 (serious)

Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage:

The aircraft was destroyed

Commander's Licence:

Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:

25 years

Commander's total

flying experience:

420 hours (of which 11 were on type)

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and

enquiries by AIB.

The aircraft was on a flight from Strubby to Wickenby for a visit to a maintenance organisation.

The airfield was not officially open and the aircraft was not radio equipped. The Chief Flying Instructor at Wickenby stated that the landing T had been aligned with Runway 34 from the previous day's flying. The wind was variously reported as being from 180°/10 knots, to 160°/7-15 knots.

Upon turning onto final approach for Runway 34, the aircraft sank and crashed into a copse approximately 670 metres short of the Runway 34 displaced threshold.

The pilot's upper torso restraint held on impact, although he suffered severe injuries to his right leg due to the intrusion of a branch into the cockpit. There was no fire, but the aircraft was damaged beyond economic repair.