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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Auster 4, G-ANHS	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-290/3 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1942	
Date and Time (UTC):	26 July 1989 at 1810 hrs	
Location:	Near Dorstone, Hereford	
Type of Flight:	Private (pleasure)	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Minor damage to the wings, nose cowling and empennage	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	28 years	
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	350 hours (of which 126 were on type)	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Prior to taking off from Spanhoe, near Corby, the pilot carried out a visual inspection of the fuel quantity and estimated that there was sufficient for about 1 ¾ hours flying. He took off at 1700 hrs and flew towards Talgarth, in South Wales. However, after being airborne for 1 hour and 10 minutes, some 5 minutes short of his destination, the engine stopped due to fuel starvation.

The pilot selected a field for a forced landing and made what he considers to be a good approach and touchdown. Nevertheless, as the aircraft approached the end of the field during the landing roll, the pilot was obliged to apply severe braking and the aircraft tipped onto its back.

There was no fire and both occupants, who had been wearing lap strap restraint harnesses, escaped without difficulty.