

1. LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

Baralaba, Queensland.	Height a.m.s.l. (ft) 310 feet	Date 14.5.69	Time (Local) 1150	Zone EST
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2. THE AIRCRAFT

Make and Model Maule M4-210	Registration VH-EMY	Certificate of Airworthiness	Valid from 8.3.66	Valid to 7.3.75
Registered Owner Noel Mark Mearns, "The Plains", PROSTON, Q'LD.	Operator Noel Mark Mearns, "The Plains", PROSTON, Q'LD.	Degree of damage to aircraft Substantial		
Other property damaged				
Defects discovered				

3. THE FLIGHT

Last or intended departure point Proston	Time of departure 1015	Next point of intended landing Baralaba	Purpose of flight Travel	Class of operation Private
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4. THE CREW

Name	Status	Age	Class of licence	Hours on type	Total hours	Degree of injury
Noel Mark MEARNES	Pilot	53	Private	115 hours	700 hours	Nil

5. OTHER PERSONS (All passengers and persons injured on ground)

Name	Status	Degree of injury	Name	Status	Degree of injury
Karen Christina MEARNES	Passenger	Nil	Colleen Anne MEARNES	Passenger	Nil

6. CONTRAVENTIONS OF REGULATIONS AND ORDERS


Regulation or Order No.	Nature of contravention

RELEVANT EVENTS

The pilot was attempting a short landing from a powered approach to a property airstrip in a south-easterly wind of ten knots. He selected full flap (35 degrees) and made an approach at 50 knots and, as he passed over outbuildings, he looked down to confirm he had cleared them. After crossing the strip boundary he looked ahead and closed the throttle to land. The aircraft immediately increased its rate of descent and the pilot applied power but was unable to prevent a heavy three point landing. The aircraft bounced and was re-landed with engine assistance. During the landing roll, the pilot noticed a right wing-down attitude, and, after turning and while taxi-ing, the starboard undercarriage leg collapsed.

8. OPINION AS TO CAUSE

The cause of the accident was that the pilot misjudged the landing approach.

Report approved 	Designation Assistant Director-General (Air Safety Investigation)	Date 21.10.69
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