



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	KIJIK RIVER, AK	Accident Number:	ANC93LA165
Date & Time:	09/01/1993, 1500 AKD	Registration:	N71585
Aircraft:	LUSCOMBE 8A	Injuries:	1 Serious
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PILOT SAID HE WAS 'DRAGGING THE STRIP' TO CHECK THE SUITABILITY OF THE AREA FOR A FUTURE LANDING AREA FOR HUNTING CLIENTS. DURING THE LOW PASS THE RIGHT WHEEL TOUCHED DOWN IN A HOLE. THE AIRPLANE BOUNCED, TOUCHED DOWN IN ANOTHER HOLE, THEN NOSED OVER.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: THE PILOT'S FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A PROPER ALTITUDE DURING THE LOW PASS.

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

1. (C) PROPER ALTITUDE - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial; Private	Age:	31
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	800 hours (Total, all aircraft), 600 hours (Total, this make and model), 800 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 60 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 20 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	LUSCOMBE	Registration:	N71585
Model/Series:	8A 8A	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	HICKS, SEYMORE	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	A-65
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Pilot
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 4000 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	10 knots / , 180°
Temperature:	14° C	Visibility	30 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	PORT ALSWORTH, AK (Z30)	Destination:	STONY RIVER, AK

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Latitude, Longitude:			

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	ROY C DAW	Adopted Date:	06/30/1994
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at pubinq@ntsb.gov , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/ .		

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