

## AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION SUMMARY REPORT

Reference No.  
AS/703/1010

## 1. LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

|                       |                                 |                 |                      |             |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Paynesville, Victoria | Height a.m.s.l. (ft)<br>10 feet | Date<br>24.1.70 | Time (Local)<br>1545 | Zone<br>EST |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|

## 2. THE AIRCRAFT

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| Make and Model<br>Piper PA28-140 "Cherokee"                                                   | Registration<br>VH-RSS                                                                | Certificate of<br>Airworthiness             | Valid from<br>26.6.67 | Valid to<br>25.6.76 |
| Registered Owner<br>Royal Aero Club of New South Wales,<br>P.O. Box 255,<br>Bankstown, N.S.W. | Operator<br>Royal Aero Club of New South Wales,<br>P.O. Box 255,<br>Bankstown, N.S.W. | Degree of damage to aircraft<br>Substantial |                       |                     |
|                                                                                               |                                                                                       | Other property damaged<br>Nil               |                       |                     |
| Defects discovered                                                                            |                                                                                       |                                             |                       |                     |

## 3. THE FLIGHT

|                                               |                           |                                               |                             |                               |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Last or intended departure point<br>Merimbula | Time of departure<br>1345 | Next point of intended landing<br>Paynesville | Purpose of flight<br>Travel | Class of operation<br>Private |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|

## THE CREW

| Name                         | Status | Age | Class of licence | Hours on type | Total hours | Degree of injury |
|------------------------------|--------|-----|------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| Edward William<br>O'SULLIVAN | Pilot  | 57  | Private          | 116           | 382         | Nil              |

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

| Name        | Status    | Degree of injury | Name | Status | Degree of injury |
|-------------|-----------|------------------|------|--------|------------------|
| W. SHELLEY  | Passenger | Nil              |      |        |                  |
| B. REYNOLDS | Passenger | Nil              |      |        |                  |

## 6. CONTRAVENTIONS OF REGULATIONS AND ORDERS

| Regulation or Order No. | Nature of contravention |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
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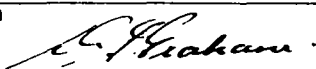
## 7. RELEVANT EVENTS

After an uneventful flight from Merimbula the pilot overflew the strip at Paynesville and made a circuit prior to landing into the east in a south easterly wind of eight knots. Just after touchdown, he applied the hand brake and about this time the toe of his right shoe slipped into and became jammed in the hole in the centre of the rudder toe-brake pedal. After the aircraft had run straight for some yards the pilot endeavoured to free his foot by pushing with it against the pedal. He continued to use the hand brake but the aircraft veered in a gentle curve to the right and ran off the strip and the starboard wing struck a fence post against which the aircraft came to rest.

## 8. OPINION AS TO CAUSE

The cause of the accident was that the pilot was distracted from maintaining directional control when his foot became jammed in the rudder pedal.

Report approved



(D.S. GRAHAM)

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Date

11.11.1970