

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198200008**

Cessna A185F

9 February 1982

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Occurrence Number: 198200008 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Malboona Station, 75 Km NE of Winton QLD

Date: 9 February 1982 **Time:** 0835

Highest Injury Level: Minor

Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	0	0
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0

Aircraft Details: Cessna A185F

Registration: VH-KFT

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Aerial Mustering

Damage Level: Destroyed

Departure Point: Malboona Homestead, 76 km

Departure Time: 0557 NNE of Winton QLD

Destination: Malboona Homestead, 76 Km NNE of Winton QLD

Approved for Release: 16th September 1985

Circumstances:

During a sheep mustering operation the aircraft was being orbited at about 200 feet agl and with 15 to 20 degrees of bank applied. During the orbiting the left wing struck the ground, the aircraft nosed-over and the engine was torn from its mountings. In the previous week the pilots normal sleep pattern had been broken. On the morning of the accident, he arose before dawn after having about five and a half hours rest. He had moved two large mobs of sheep into another paddock, which requires a high degree of concentration, and was orbiting whilst waiting for the last small mob to pass through the gate. It was at this stage, when the task required less concentration, that the pilot said, that he relaxed and fell asleep.