

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198300004**

Cessna 172N

20 January 1983

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Occurrence Number: 198300004

Location: "Thylungra" 116 WSW of Adavale Qld

Date: 20 January 1983

Highest Injury Level: Fatal

Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 0626

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

Aircraft Details: Cessna 172N

Registration: VH-INH

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Aerial Mustering

Damage Level: Destroyed

Departure Point: Thylungra QLD

Departure Time: 600

Destination: Thylungra QLD

Approved for Release: 28th February 1984.

Circumstances:

On the evening preceding the accident the pilot indicated his intention to commence mustering early the next morning. The pilot arose at about 0530 hours and it is believed that the aircraft took off at about 0600. The aircraft was seen at about 0620 by the stockmen. It was flying at about 100 ft agl and when the engine noise ceased and the aircraft was not seen again one stockman rode to a nearby bore and found the inverted aircraft wreckage. The aircraft had impacted the ground in a near vertical attitude. No contributory fault could be found with the aircraft or the associated systems. The pilot did not hold a mustering approval and no evidence of him having undergone such training could be found. It is probable that the aircraft stalled at low level and that the pilot was unable to regain control before ground impact.