Aviation Safety Investigation Report 199504284

Glasflugel Gmbh & Co Kg Mosquito

12 December 1995

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number:	199504284	Occurrence Type:	Accident	
Location:	1.5km S Benalla, Aerodrome	;		
State:	VIC	Inv Category:	4	
Date:	Tuesday 12 December 1995			
Time:	1830 hours	Time Zone	ESuT	
Highest Injury Level: None				
Aircraft Manufacturer: Glasflugel Gmbh & Co Kg				
Aircraft Model:	Mosquito			
Aircraft Registration:	VH-FQO	Serial Number:		
Type of Operation:	Non-commercial Pleasure	/Travel		
Damage to Aircraft:	Substantial			
Departure Point:	Benalla Vic			
Departure Time:	1030 ESuT			
Destination:	Benalla Vic			
Crew Details:				

	Hours on		
Role	Class of Licence	Type Hou	rs Total
Pilot-In-Command		30.0	690

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At the conclusion of an 8 hour, 500 km flight the visiting foreign glider pilot was forced to outland 1.5 km short of the airfield. The glider suffered extensive damage consistent with having been landed in a stalled condition with a high rate of descent.

The pilot advised that he was in a lethergic state of mind having mentally relaxed once the airfield was in sight. The operator is looking into visiting pilot dehydration, coupled with fatigue, as a factor in this type of accident.