



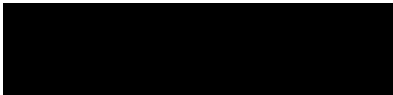
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Memorandum for the Record
Pilot Statement
CEN17LA190
Tahoka Texas
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John Cobb-Pilot

Yesterday, I had flown several loads, and everything was running well. The last load of the day on the loading pad I heard a noise again. I checked all the gauges again nothing was out of the line. Taxied down runway 35 gave it power. I took off with the ITI gauge 8000 and prop 2200, and 18 degrees flaps. I was about 30 feet in air. The plane started making a noise and was surging. I kept trying to add more power and it was dogging out. I was fighting trying to keep it in the air because there was a pivot running East and West on the north end of the runway and I knew I didn't want to hit it. So, as I'm fighting to keep it in the air. I was about to dump the load and the plane broke to the left and I let go of the stick and crossed my arms bracing for impact. The left wing hit the ground and the crash began. I ended up facing south and got out of the plane. Two gentlemen and Jami Jeffcoat were right there to load me in the car.

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