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Dear Sirs:

This is to advise that on May 26th, 1946, I was flying Tiger Moth aircraft CF-BSM. I had taken off from the Kingston Flying Club at 3.30 P.M. and having passed over Napanee decided to practise forced landings. After making a good landing I decided to take off and walked down the field seeing there were no ditches or rocks. As later proved I did not go quite far enough. I took the aircraft to the far edge of the field and started my take off. However, while both wheels of the landing gear and the tail wheel were still on the ground I hit a soft spot of ground and immediately seeing the ship would not take off I cut the throttle. Thinking the aircraft might hit a fence directly ahead I reached with the other hand to turn off the switches. In doing this the machine slewed around as I gave it right rudder to put it in some low bushes. I believed this was the best course to take rather than to allow the aircraft to go into the fence which had rocks piled along its lower part. The starboard wings were damaged and sternpost twisted as well as the propellor broken.

Yours truly,

Allan Birrell.

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