

ACCIDENT

Involving the glider registered D-7390

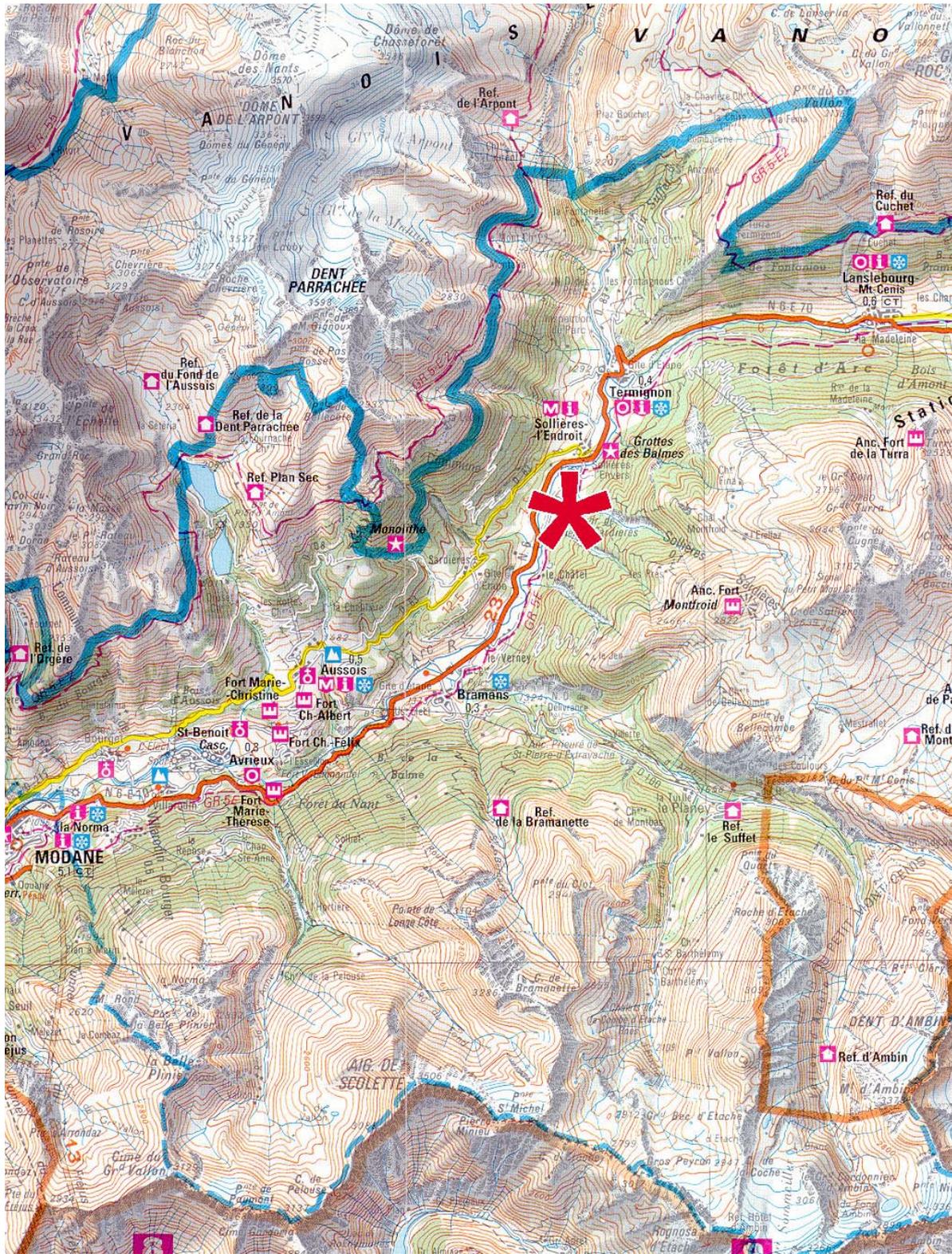
Event:	Flipping onto back during towing at takeoff.
Probable cause:	Decision to undertake return flight despite unfavourable conditions.

Consequences and damage:	Pilot slightly injured, glider severely damaged.
Type of aircraft:	Rolladen-Schneider LS 6-C glider
Date and time:	22 May 2000 at 20 h 10.
Owner:	Private.
Place:	Sollières AD (73).
Type of flight:	Convoy.
Persons on board:	Pilot.
Licenses and experience:	German pilot, 73, VV issued by Germany in 1978, 8300 flying hours including 150 hours in the previous 3 months and 15 in the previous 3 days.
Meteorological conditions:	Estimation made at site: wind 300°/10 at 15 kt.

Circumstances

The pilot took off from Barcelonnette AD (05) for a local flight. Not finding adequate updraughts to continue his flight, he decided to land at Sollières AD (73). A tow plane came to get him. On takeoff for the return to Barcelonnette, at about 20 h 00, there was no one at the AD to hold the glider's wing. On takeoff, the glider rose to a height of about 50 cm and tilted over to the left. The left wing struck the ground. The glider flipped over onto its back and crashed heavily onto the ground. The cable detached automatically during the accident and the tow plane abandoned its takeoff. The pilot got out of the wreckage with no difficulty.

Fatigue caused by the 15 flying hours undertaken in the previous 3 days could have been a contributory factor in the accident.



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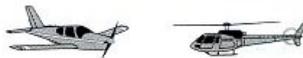
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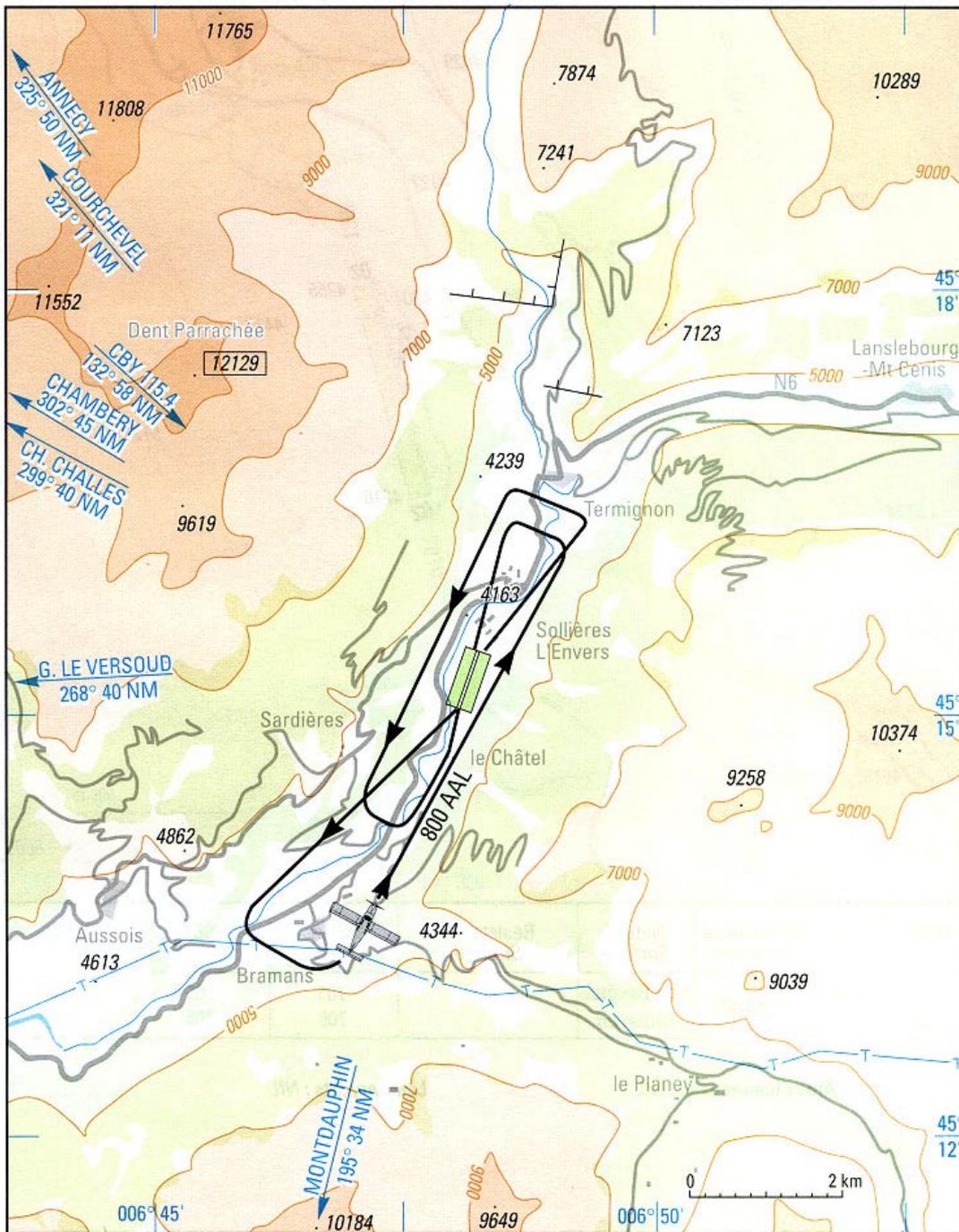
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ALT en ft
ALT AD : 4255 (146 hPa)



LAT : 451523 N
LONG : 0064805 E
DÉC : 1° W (95)

APP : NIL
TWR : NIL



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