

Synopsis

Aircraft:	Fokker 27-500
Registration:	I-MLVT
Flight Type:	Public transport, cargo
Persons on board:	captain (PF) and co-pilot (PM)
Time:	1:25 (local)
Consequences and damage:	aircraft severely damaged

The crew took off at 01:22 from runway 09R at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport for a postal cargo flight to Dole Tavaux airport (Jura). At a height of approximately 1 300 ft, they heard the noise of an explosion coming from the cargo area. At the same time, they noticed the illumination of the left “*engine fire*” indicator light, along with the associated aural warning. The crew declared an emergency and implemented the engine fire procedure, but found that the feathering control was stuck. The captain looked out of the window and saw that the fire had gone out and that part of the left engine was missing. The aeroplane could still be flown and the crew turned back and landed without further incident at Paris-Charles de Gaulle. The forward part of the left engine and the propeller, broken up in several parts, were found in a field directly underneath the path of the initial climb from runway 09R.