

No: 1/90	Ref: EW/G89/11/05	Category: 1c
Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28R-200-2, G-DMCS	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming IO-360-C1C piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1976	
Date and Time (UTC):	1 November 1989 at 1625 hrs	
Location:	Lydd Airport, Kent	
Type of Flight:	Private (pleasure)	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 Passengers - 2	
Injuries:	Crew - None Passengers - None	
Nature of Damage:	Propeller broken, damage to the underside of the fuselage and wings	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	49 years	
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	63 hours (of which 2 were on type)	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot had flown aircraft with retractable landing gear on only two occasions prior to the accident flight.

The aircraft was returning to Lydd from a flight to Calais and had been cleared to join the circuit on a left base leg for landing on runway 22. Shortly after joining, ATC requested that the aircraft carry out an orbit as there was another aircraft performing an ILS approach. Having completed the orbit, the pilot was cleared to make a straight-in approach, from which he landed the aircraft without having extended the landing gear.