

No: 6/84

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Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA23 Apache G-ATOA (light twin-engined fixed-wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1960

Date and time (GMT): 29 April 1984 at 1705 hrs

Location: Coventry Airport

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 4

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — Nil

Nature of damage: Damage to the left propeller, left wing tip and fuselage skin

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: N/K

Commander's total flying experience: 1900 hours (of which 580 were on type)

The aircraft was returning from Jersey to Coventry and made an uneventful landing on Runway 05. ATC cleared the pilot to '180 and backtrack' and informed him that another aircraft was on finals. As the aircraft came out of the 180° turn the pilot saw the other aircraft on finals and whilst trying to expedite his clearance from the runway inadvertently selected the undercarriage up instead of the flap. The left main leg collapsed and after shut down the pilot and passengers evacuated the aircraft.