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Aircraft type and registration:	Cessna F 177RG, G–AYPG (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)	
Year of Manufacture:	1972	
Date and time (GMT):	30 August 1983 at 1456 hrs	
Location:	Coventry Airport	
Type of flight:	Training	
Persons on board:	Crew – 2	Passengers – Nil
Injuries:	Crew – Nil	Passengers – N/A
Nature of damage:	Damage to the skin on the underside of the rear fuselage and to the tailplane tips	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	24 years	
Commander's total flying experience:	793 hours	

The aircraft was engaged in a circuit training detail which also included practising stalls and steep turns away from the aerodrome. The instructor indicated to the pupil that the next landing would be a touch-and-go. After touchdown the pupil selected flaps up and applied power with the intention of taking off again. The instructor noticed that the flaps had not retracted and that the circuit breaker had tripped and would not re-set. He therefore told the pupil to abort the take-off. In the meantime, however, while the instructor was occupied with the flaps, the aircraft had got airborne and the gear had been retracted without his knowledge. The aircraft sank back onto the runway and came to rest on the underside of the fuselage.