

Aircraft type and registration:	Bell 206A G-ICRU (Light single engined helicopter)
Year of Manufacture:	1967
Date and time (GMT):	23 May 1984 at 1320 hrs.
Location:	Carlisle Airport
Type of flight:	Training
Persons on board:	Crew — 1 Passengers — Nil
Injuries:	Crew — Nil Passengers — Nil
Nature of damage:	Main rotor head sheared. Transmission damaged. Damage to right side of aircraft.
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	22 years
Commander's total flying experience:	Fixed wing — 70 hours; Rotary wing — 33 hours (all on type)
Information Source:	Accident Report Pro-forma completed by Chief Flying Instructor

The student pilot was practising operations from sloping ground and was half way through his detail. Whilst the aircraft was hovering it started to roll to the right. The pilot applied collective pitch and left cyclic but the aircraft continued to roll to the right until one of the main rotor blades struck the ground shearing the main rotor head. The aircraft came to rest on its right-hand side. There was no evidence of a mechanical cause for the accident. The CFI believed that the right hand skid came into contact with the ground as the aircraft drifted slowly to the right. The ground sloped upwards to the right in the area where the accident occurred.