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Aircraft type and registration:	Piper PA-25-235 G-BGFN	
No & Type of engines:	1 Lycoming 0-540-B2C5 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1978	
Date and time (UTC):	19 August 1987 at 0945 hrs	
Location:	Stallode, Nr Lakenheath	
Type of flight:	Aerial Application	
Persons on board:	Crew — 1	Passengers — None
Injuries:	Crew — None	Passengers — N/A
Nature of damage:	Damage to landing gear leg and engine mounting structure	
Commander's Licence:	Commercial Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	57 years	
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	10,384 hours (of which approximately 7000 were on type)	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was being used to spray a potato crop. Shortly after starting the second run, the pilot became aware of a slight vibration and this was followed by a rapid loss of engine power. The load was dumped and an attempt was made to turn along the rows. There was not enough height to achieve this and the aircraft touched down across the rows, tipped forward and came to rest in a ditch. There was no fire and the pilot, who was wearing full harness, escaped uninjured.

It was reported that a strip examination of the engine revealed no defect which would have caused a sudden loss of power.