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Aircraft type and registration:	Piper Pawnee, PA 25-235 G-ASLK (light, single-engine, fixed wing aircraft)	
Year of manufacture:	1963	
Date and time (GMT):	6 July 1982, at approx 1300 hrs	
Location:	Southrepps, Norfolk and Ludham Norfolk	
Type of flight:	Aerial application	
Persons on board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - Nil
Injuries:	Crew - Nil	Passengers - Nil
Nature of damage:	The aircraft received substantial damage to mainplane, fuselage and engine	
Commander's Licence:	Commercial Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	42 years	
Commander's total flying experience:	3826 hours (of which 1300 were on type)	

The pilot was engaged in applying Dimethoate insecticide to a 32 acre field of peas. While flying beneath a telephone wire, the left landing gear struck a raised dyke damaging the landing gear and the inboard section of the left mainplane. The chemical was dumped in the field of peas and the aircraft returned to the Company's airfield at Ludham. The left landing gear collapsed during the landing run and the propeller, fuselage and left mainplane was damaged. This accident was not notified in accordance with the Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations in force at the time and its occurrence had only recently come to light.