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Aircraft type and registration:	Rallye 150ST G-BEVB (Light single-engine fixed wing aircraft)
Year of manufacture:	1977
Date and time (GMT):	13 July 1983 at 0600 hrs
Location:	Fort Augustus, Inverness-shire
Type of flight:	Private (pleasure)
Persons on board:	Crew - 1 Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - nil Passengers - nil
Nature of damage:	Port wing, port flap and engine exhaust damaged
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	30 years
Commander's total flying experience:	3000 hours (of which 450 were on type)

The aircraft was on a VFR flight from Prestwick to Inverness, where the landing forecast was good. Whilst over Loch Ness the pilot encountered poor forward visibility and considered it prudent to turn back and land in a field he had previously noticed as he passed over Fort Augustus. He landed successfully but when taxiing back to the upwind end of the field the aircraft slid sideways on the wet grass of a slope and the port wing struck a post and wire fence. Further damage was caused to the port flap as the pilot and his passenger manhandled the aircraft away from the fence. The pilot inspected the damage, considered the aircraft to be airworthy and flew a short solo air test. When the weather improved he reembarked his passenger and continued to Inverness.