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Aircraft type and registration:	Piper PA 31 Navajo (light twin-engine fixed wing aircraft)	
Year of Manufacture:	1975	
Date and time (GMT):	13 July 1983 at 0128 hrs	
Location:	Southend Airport	
Type of flight:	Non scheduled cargo	
Persons on board:	Crew – 1	Passengers – Nil
Injuries:	Crew – Nil	Passengers – N/A
Nature of damage:	Substantial – to nose wheel, left wing, and both propellers	
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Spanish)	
Commander's Age:	36 years	
Commander's total flying experience:	4,700 hours (of which 150 hours are on type)	

The aircraft was carrying out a surveillance radar approach at night to runway 24 at Southend. During the approach the pilot was passed an RVR of 500 metres and subsequently, before normal termination of the approach at ½ nm range, one of 400 metres. This was acknowledged by the pilot. The aircraft was seen to be still airborne at a point approximately halfway down the runway, and to touch down well into the landing distance available. When the pilot realized that the aircraft had landed deep, there was insufficient runway left to execute a go-around manoeuvre. The aircraft struck an earth embankment and sustained substantial damage. There was no fire, and the pilot was uninjured.