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Aircraft type and registration:	Cessna F 150F G-ATMN (light single-engine fixed-wing aircraft)	
Year of manufacture:	1966	
Date and time (GMT):	11 May 1984 at 0216 hrs	
Location:	On shoreline, near All Hallows, Isle of Grain, Kent	
Type of flight:	Private	
Persons on board:	Crew — 1	Passengers — 1
Injuries:	Crew — None	Passengers — None
Nature of damage:	Nose undercarriage collapsed, extensive general damage	
Commander's Licence:	Commercial Pilot's Licence, Instrument Rating, Full Instructors Rating	
Commander's Age:	25 years	
Commander's total flying experience:	1600 hours (of which 600 were on type)	

On a night flight from Rouen to Southend the aircraft suffered an engine failure when slightly north of the Isle of Grain. The pilot transmitted a "Mayday" call and attempted an engine restart without success. He turned towards the Isle of Grain and selected a dark area near the water margin for a forced landing attempt. Illumination from his landing light allowed him to avoid some obstacles and land on a flat open area but in the ground run the nosewheel collapsed and the aircraft tipped onto its nose in soft mud.

The pilot reports that there was approximately five gallons of fuel on board at the time of the accident but an examination of the aircraft next day found only about two gallons on board with no sign of any leakage in the system. The published unusable fuel for this aircraft is 2.9 gallons.