

**No: 6/86**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Piper PA-23-250 G-BHXX

**No & Type of Engines:** 2 Lycoming 10-540-C4B5 piston engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 1973

**Date and time (GMT):** 11 May 1986 at 1655 hrs

**Location:** Lydd Airport

**Type of flight:** Private (business)

**Persons on board:** Crew — 1    Passengers — None

**Injuries:** Crew — None    Passengers — N/A

**Nature of damage:** Destroyed

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 33 years

**Commander's total flying experience:** 187 hours (of which 23 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and AIB enquiries.

The aircraft was on a flight from Nice to Lydd. Upon approaching Lydd and during a descent, the aircraft was flown in a left-hand orbit, during which the fuel tanks were selected from outboards to inboards.

The aircraft continued a power off descent on finals to runway 22 until at some stage the throttles were advanced but the right engine failed to respond. The aircraft rolled and yawed to the right, the heading increasing by some 40°. The pilot decided to land ahead and closed the left throttle. The aircraft landed in a field, short of, and to the right of the runway. The aerodrome emergency services were promptly alerted, and there was no fire.

The pilot's full harness held on impact. The aircraft suffered damage to the undercarriage, propellers, and fuselage such that it was beyond economic repair.