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Aircraft type and registration:	Morane-Saulnier MS892A Rallye Commodore G-AZVI (Light, single engine fixed-wing aircraft)
Year of manufacture:	1972
Date and time (GMT):	3 July 1983 at 1800 hrs
Location:	Urchfont, Near Devizes
Type of flight:	Private
Persons on board:	Crew – 2                      Passengers – Nil
Injuries:	Crew – Nil                      Passengers – N/A
Nature of damage:	Damage to propeller, nose undercarriage and mounting structure
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	51 years
Commander's total flying experience:	10,300 hours (of which 250 hours were on type)

The aircraft had made a 15 minute local flight from a farm field. The landing back to the field was normal, but after about 100 yards of the landing roll, the nose undercarriage slowly collapsed. The pilot believed that the nose undercarriage must have suffered a fatigue failure because his landing had been normal. However the repair agency report that the undercarriage leg had broken in a fashion typical of a heavy landing and there were no indications of long-term pre-existing cracking or corrosion.