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Aircraft type and registration:	Piper PA 28-161 G-BLEJ (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)
Year of Manufacture:	1978
Date and time (GMT):	8 September 1985 at 1237 hrs
Location:	Eglinton Airfield, Co Londonderry
Type of flight:	Training
Persons on board:	Crew — 1 Passengers — None
Injuries:	Crew — None Passengers — N/A
Nature of damage:	Nosewheel collapsed; substantial damage to main landing gear and both wings
Commander's Licence:	Student Pilot
Commander's Age:	28 years
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	27.20 hours (of which 7.40 were on type)
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

The pilot was engaged on practice circuits and landings. He had successfully completed 6 touch and go landings when after the seventh landing, just as the aircraft had almost reached take-off speed, the left wheel entered a substantial patch of standing water. The aircraft swung sharply to the left, left the runway, and passed through a barbed wire perimeter fence before coming to rest in an adjacent field. The weather at the time was fair with a light and variable wind but there had been continuous heavy rain on the previous day.