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Aircraft type and registration:	Piper Seneca PA34-200, G-AZON (light twin engine fixed wing aircraft)	
Year of manufacture:	1972	
Date and time (GMT):	27 March 1984 at 1307 hrs	
Location:	Elstree Aerodrome, Hertfordshire	
Type of flight:	Private (pleasure)	
Persons on board:	Crew — 1	Passengers — 1
Injuries:	Crew — Nil	Passengers — Nil
Nature of damage:	Landing gear torn off; airframe and engine nacelles distorted; propellers bent and engines shock loaded	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	53 years	
Commander's total flying experience:	530 hours (of which 15 minutes were on type)	

Following a 15 minute familiarisation flight, the aircraft rejoined the circuit for a series of touch and go landings. Whilst taking off from the initial landing the right engine lost power causing a loss of airspeed and a bank to the right. The presence of three electricity pylons caused the pilot to turn the aircraft to the right, through approximately 180°, and land it in an adjacent field. There was no fire and both occupants evacuated the aircraft without incident.