

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198900013**

North American Harvard 2A

9 July 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198900013
Location: Canberra ACT
Date: 9 July 1989
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1453

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	2

Aircraft Details: North American Harvard 2A
Registration: VH-CRC
Serial Number: 88-10252
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Canberra ACT
Departure Time: 1416
Destination: Canberra ACT

Approved for Release: 31st August 1989

Circumstances:

The pilot was returning from a flight to the local training area and following a normal approach to land into wind, he flared the aircraft for a wheeler landing. During the landing roll the tail wheel was held off the ground until elevator control became ineffective. Before the tailwheel contacted the ground, the pilot relaxed his attention and the aircraft commenced to swing to the right resulting in a ground loop. The left main landing gear oleo fractured and the left wing impacted the ground. There were no pre-existing defects with the aircraft which could have contributed to the accident.

Significant Factors:

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. The pilot relaxed his attention from the operation of the aircraft during the landing roll.