

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198301283**

Piper PA23-160

19 March 1983

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Occurrence Number: 198301283
Location: Schofields NSW
Date: 19 March 1983
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 820

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

Aircraft Details: Piper PA23-160
Registration: VH-DBF
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Pleasure Flight
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Camden NSW
Departure Time: 0820
Destination: Schofields NSW

Approved for Release: 14th May, 1984

Circumstances:

The aircraft was crossing the threshold, about 300 metres behind an Iroquois helicopter, when the right wing dropped. The nose also dropped and the nosewheel contacted the runway heavily and was broken off. The aircraft slid along the runway for some 200 metres on its nose before coming to rest. The aircraft evidently encountered the wake turbulence created by the helicopter.