

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199403323**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Arrow**

09 November 1994

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199403323 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Yass
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Wednesday 09 November 1994
Time: 1835 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: PA-28R-180
Aircraft Registration: VH-PFB **Serial Number:** 28R-30805
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Yass NSW
Departure Time:
Destination: Yass NSW

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	ATPL 1st Class	32.5	7897

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The aircraft had completed four uneventful takeoffs and landings. A short field takeoff was then carried out. The landing gear was retracted and a procedure turn executed at 500 feet. On completion of the turn, landing flap was selected and the prelanding checks initiated.

The pilot reported that he became preoccupied with flying the aircraft accurately and overlooked selecting and checking that the landing gear was down. This was not realised until the throttle was reduced to idle on entering the flare. The aircraft settled onto the runway with the landing gear retracted and the gear warning sounding.