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# SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

## ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Date of Accident</b>	30 November 2000	<b>Time of Accident</b>	1155z	
<b>Aircraft Registration</b>	<b>ZS-MTU</b>	<b>Type of Aircraft</b>	<b>Piper PA28-180</b>	
<b>Pilot-in-command Licence Type</b>	Private		<b>Licence Valid</b>	Yes
<b>Pilot-in-command Flying Experience</b>	Total Flying Hours	213.7 hours	Total Hours on Type	60.9 hours
<b>Type of Operation</b>	Training			
<b>Last point of departure</b>	Port Alfred			
<b>Next point of intended landing</b>	Port Alfred			

**Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (plus GPS readings if possible)**

On Runway 18 at Port Alfred.

<b>Meteorological Information</b>	Fine				
<b>Number of people on board</b>	1	<b>No. of people injured</b>	Nil	<b>No. of people killed</b>	Nil

**Synopsis**

When the pilot returned after a cross-country training flight from Port Alfred to East London and Bisho he approached to land back at Port Alfred. According to him the final approach “looked good”, but when he landed the aircraft “bounced a bit” and when it touched down again it headed for the grass. The pilot did not manage to keep the aircraft on the runway and it ran into the grass damaging the nose landing gear and propeller.

**Probable Cause**

The pilot lost directional control of the aircraft during landing.