

2. Lincoln RF,349 of No. 49 Squadron
detached from Royal Air Force,
Wittering to Royal Air Force,
Eastleigh, KENYA on 17th December,
1953 at 2100 hours.

Pilot : Sergeant W.S. KEAY
Total Solo 285 Type 160

On take off, after a slight initial swing to starboard, the aircraft started to swing to port. The pilot corrected this swing with engines and rudder, but a violent swing to starboard followed which he could not correct. The undercarriage collapsed, and the aircraft caught fire and burst out: the crew were uninjured.

Remarks : A Court of Inquiry has been convened to determine the cause of this accident but it appears that the pilot may have opened up the throttles too quickly for his take off and may have overcorrected the swing instead of abandoning the take off and starting again. The accident is provisionally categorised as avoidable. (See photographs on opposite page)

AVOIDABLE MAJOR FLYING ACCIDENT

