

# AIR TRAINEE'S ESCAPE.

## PLANE WRECKED.

### Crash in Paddock.

Leading Aircraftman Harry Price, 25, of Rose Bay, had a remarkable escape from death yesterday morning when a training aircraft which he was flying solo crashed in a paddock at Dunreath, near Tamworth.

Price is a trainee at No. 6 Elementary Flying Training School, Tamworth.

The machine was badly damaged, but Price escaped with a cut under the right eye, abrasions to the left elbow and right knee, and shock.

The engine of the machine was torn from the fuselage, the propeller was smashed, and the petrol tank burst.

Nobody saw the crash, which occurred between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., but, according to an official report issued by Central Area Headquarters, R.A.A.F., Point Piper, last night, the aircraft "spun into the ground."

Price, dazed and with blood on his face, staggered to the front verandah of the house of Mrs. W. Lewis, about 200 yards from where the machine crashed, and asked her to telephone the aerodrome.

Mrs. Lewis attended to his injuries, and later he received first-aid treatment from R.A.A.F. ambulance officers.

#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Following is the official statement about the accident:—

"Leading Aircraftman H. W. Price, 25, of Rose Bay, escaped with a minor facial injury when the R.A.A.F. Tiger Moth training aircraft in which he was flying solo spun into the ground at Dunreath, five miles from Tamworth, yesterday morning.

"Price is a pilot trainee at No. 6 Elementary Flying Training School, Tamworth. The aircraft was badly damaged."

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