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Cheated Death In Crash Into Harbour

SYDNEY: Miraculous escaping death, Sub-Lieut (Tiger) Primrose, of the British Fleet Air Arm, crashed Tiger Moth two-seater training plane into Willoughby Bay Middle Harbour, this morning. With Sub-Lieut Primrose was Air Mechanic George Whoston, of Blackpool, Lancashire. Both men were unhurt.

While flying across Middle Harbour, Primrose's engine cut out. After several loops he headed for Primrose Park at the head of Willoughby Bay. Closely shaving trees on nearby hillside, Primrose nosedived his craft into a 60-foot wide expanse of water separating an Army water transport truck carrier from the shore.

The plane, with only a slightly-damaged wing, remained afloat nose down, and a quarter submerged in 30 feet of water. Only a few feet separated it from the craggy shore.

Both men were picked up by a water transport dinghy.

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