

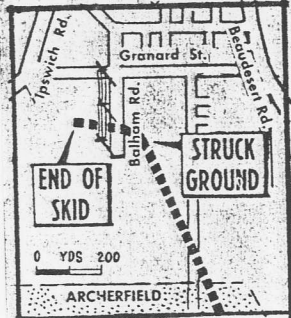
landing

AN R.A.A.F. Wirraway pilot climbed out unhurt after a spectacular crash-landing near Archerfield yesterday.

At 3.30 p.m. the plane—belly-landed in a paddock on one side of a road, then bounced across the road beneath light wires; tore through post and wire fences on both sides of the road; skidded 200 yards across another paddock, narrowly missing stumps.

Missed houses

If it had been 50 yards to the left it would have been in line with several houses. The pilot was Senior Cadet Arthur Rodney



MAP shows how the Wirraway crashed after taking off from Archerfield aerodrome. It skidded under high-tension wires bordering Balham Road.

Trousdell, 23, of 23 City of Brisbane Squadron, Citizen Air Force.

The commanding officer at Archerfield (Squadron Leader J. Kinninmont) said last night that Cadet Trousdell, who comes from Toowoomba, did "an excellent job" of crash-landing the plane.

The plane's motor had cut out soon after the take off, leaving no alternative for Cadet Trousdell.

Wing smashed

The plane hit the first paddock on one side of Balham Road, Rocklea.

Its port wing was smashed, but other damage was only minor.

Dozens of motorists passing along Ipswich Road stopped to look at the plane.

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CRUMPLED wing and propeller blades folded back like tinfoil show the force with which this Wirraway training plane crash-landed at Archer-

field yesterday. The wing broke off as the plane sheered through two fences and skipped across a roadway, missing overhead wires.