

DIVE-BOMBER CRASHES, SINKS IN BOTANY BAY

An R.A.A.F. Vultee Vengeance dive-bomber crashed into Botany Bay, 50 yards from the swimming pool at Brighton, yesterday afternoon. *TEL 29.6.*

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Neither of the two occupants of the plane was hurt.

They are: W.O. Charles Hadden, R.A.A.F., the pilot, and F.-Sgt. Richard Cowman, R.A.A.F. Both are attached to Mascot Aerodrome.

The plane was returning from a test flight to Liverpool, when it developed engine trouble 4000 feet over Botany Bay, and lost height rapidly.

The pilot sent a radio message to Mascot, saying that he would have to crash-land.

The plane nose-dived into the bay. Both men scrambled on to the tail, which was the only portion of the plane remaining above the water.

Residents who saw the crash smashed down the door of the Brighton Boatshed, and commandeered two boats.

They rowed to the plane, where they wrapped the men in blankets and then brought them to the beach.

BOMBER CRASHES SMH. IN SEA *29.6.*

Two R.A.A.F. men who crash-landed in the water at Brighton yesterday afternoon escaped uninjured.

Warrant-Officer Charles Hadden and Flight-Sergeant Richard Cowman experienced engine trouble while flying a Vultee dive-bomber.

The plane landed about 400 yards from Brighton Beach in about nine feet of water. The occupants were able to extricate themselves, and a man in a dinghy near by went to their assistance.

*SYDNEY MORNING HERALD
29.6.45*

DIVERS HAUL UP PLANE *3.7.45* Man Tied Beneath Fishing Boat

During the week-end divers hauled a heavy aircraft out of the sea on to a Sydney beach and searched for another by slinging a man face downwards to the grating under a ship.

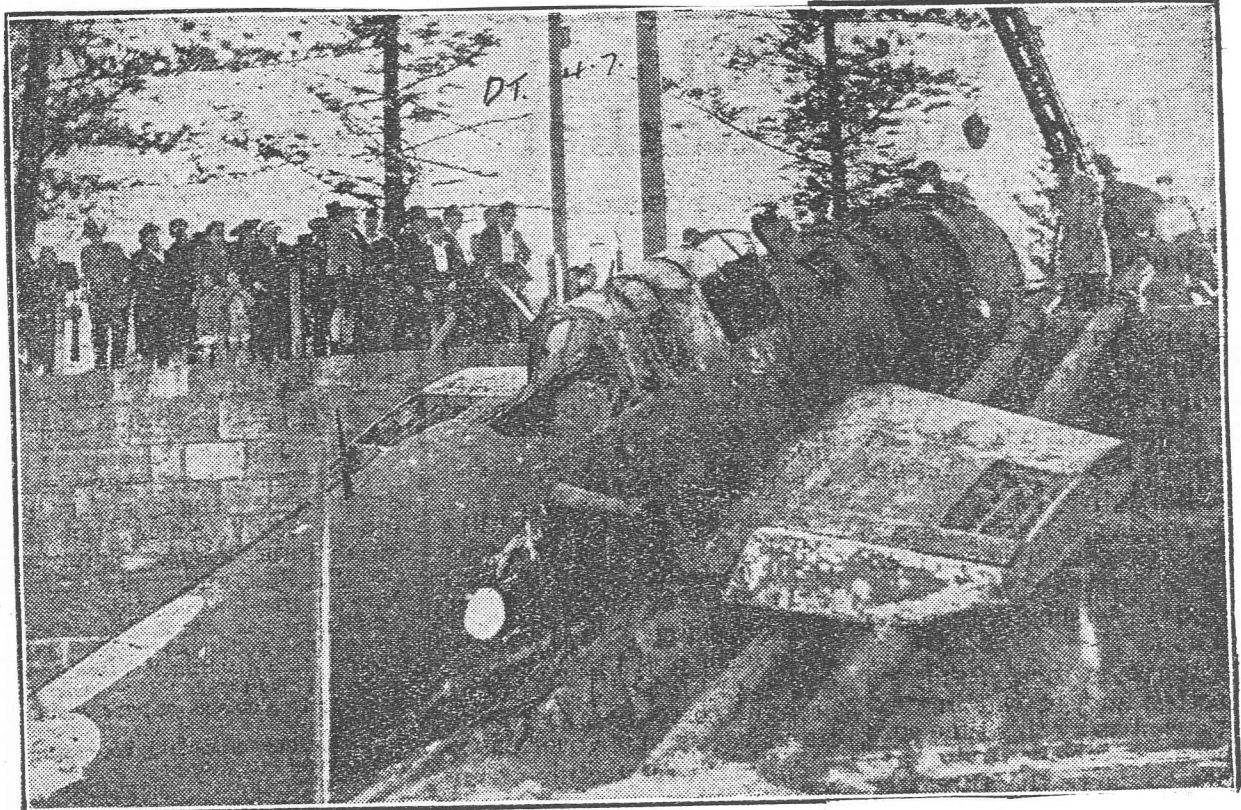
On Thursday the engine of a Vultee Vengeance aircraft cut out, and the plane crashed in 15ft of water, 700ft off Brighton Pier. When the plane hit the water the two airmen in it made their escape uninjured.

Captain J. Fant and Divers H. Scott and K. Hood, of the Commonwealth Marine Salvage Board, hauled the aircraft, which weighed 7½ tons, to the beach.

An R.A.A.F. guard prevented souvenir hunting until other members of the R.A.A.F. stripped the plane and carted it away yesterday.

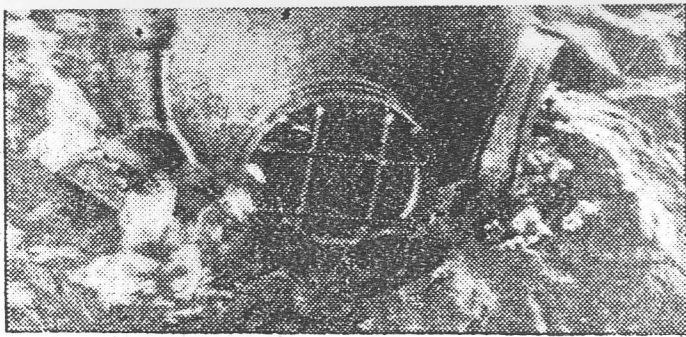
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DIVE-BOMBER SALVAGED

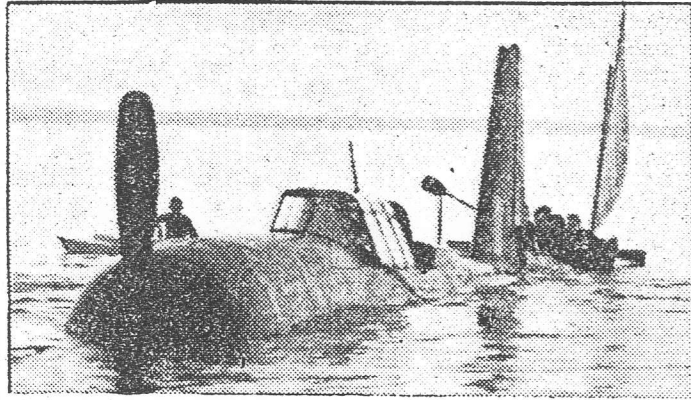


R.A.A.F. VULTEE VENGEANCE dive-bomber, salvaged from Botany Bay, being lifted off Brighton Beach by an R.A.A.F. recovery unit yesterday. The plane crashed into the bay last Friday and sank 50 yards from Brighton swimming pool. Crew of two escaped uninjured.

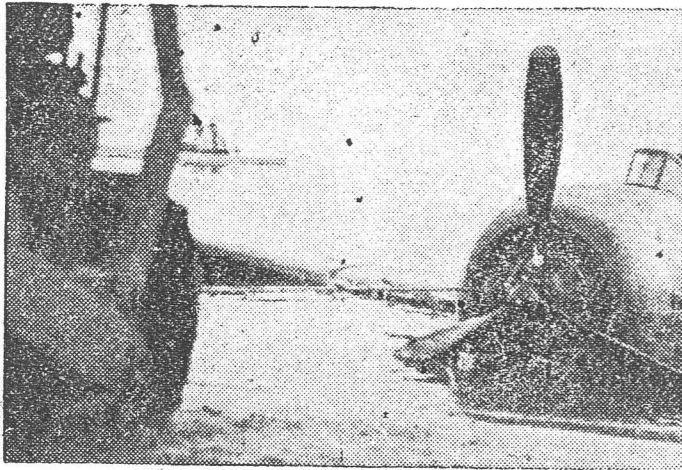
*DAILY TELEGRAPH (SYDNEY)
4.7.45*



Diver: Commonwealth marine salvage diver goes down into Botany Bay yesterday to inspect Vultee-Vengeance dive-bomber in 15 feet of water.



Emerging: Out of control the aircraft crashed on Thursday; crew of two escaped unhurt. Youthful canoeists stood guard until yesterday.



Towed: Two bull-dozers towed the aircraft 150 yards to the Brighton-le-Sands beach yesterday—seven hours' work, a steel cable breaking once.

