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ALICE SPRINGS, N.T.

10th July, 1950.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, CIVIL AVIATION  
AND QUOTE  
no. 274/IOI/I.

MEMORANDUM for:

Regional Director,  
Northern Territory Region,  
DARWIN.

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DAMAGE TO BOUNDARY FENCE ALICE SPRINGS AIRPORT BY MOEQUITO AIRCRAFT.

At 0956 est. on 9th instant, Aircraft A52-307 (KGH) was taking off on runway I2 on a Photographic Survey trip, when the starboard engine cut, just as the Aircraft was about to become airborne. In such a condition, the Aircraft could not complete its take-off, and was of course forced to use the remainder of the runway and over-run.

2. At such a high speed it was not possible for the Aircraft to brake itself before reaching the boundary fence, with the result it crashed over the fence, and finally pulled up about half a mile outside the Airfield, and only a few feet from some trees.

3. That the accident did not have more serious results is amazing, because it is understood that only superficial damage was sustained by the Aircraft, and the crew were unhurt.

4. Two spans of boundary fencing were wrecked as a result of the above. After the Aircraft was brought back into the field, the groundstaff were instructed to effect immediate temporary repairs, in the form of three strands of wire, so as to prevent stock from wandering in.

5. The fencing has since been completely repaired.

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