

ARCHERFIELD CRASH NARROWLY AVERTED

Quick action by an R.A.A.F. pilot turned a possible crash into a normal belly "prang" at 9.20 a.m. at Archerfield aerodrome. ~~1944~~

A Mosquito twin-engined aircraft, taking off for a check flight, was at take-off speed when the pilot (Flight Lieutenant Gibbons) saw that the air speed indicator was not functioning. Immediately he cut both engines, and whipped up the under-carriage.

The starboard leg of the under-carriage snapped and flew over the cockpit, narrowly missing the pilot's head, as the aircraft half ground-looped, twisting the propeller blades.

The starboard wing tip and under sections of the plane were damaged. The pilot was not injured.

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