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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT,
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THE KINGSFORD-SMITH AERODROME,
P.O. BOX 41, MASCOT, SYDNEY, N.S.W.

19th September, 1945.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Airways.

(Through District Superintendent, Mascot).

AIRWAY OPERATIONS.

MISHAP : R.A.A.F. LIBERATOR A72-45.

The following report has been submitted by Mr. Fraser,
Duty F.C.O. -

18-9-'45

"A72-45, Liberator, departed 1607 hours for Amberley.
At 1645 hours the aircraft radioed that the dinghy hatch
flew off and struck the tail plane and the dinghy itself
wrapped itself around the wireless mast.

Two persons phoned up to say that part of the Liberator
had fallen in the Bondi and Bronte area, but no report of
any damage has been received.

The aircraft returned to Mascot and landed at 1705.
Three fire tenders were called out and were in attendance
in case of a landing mishap.

The pilot of the aircraft was F/Lt. A.R. Gray, No. 12
Squadron.

Later Sergeant Murphy, Waverley Police, phoned and
reported that hatch door fell in 36 Henrietta Street,
Waverley and was souvenired by some boys. A ration bag
fell through the roof of 26 Bellevue Street, Waverley.
No person was injured. The bag is being held at Waverley
Police Station for identification and collection. I have
advised the police to send a report to R.A.A.F. H.Q.,
Eastern Area."

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attached J.F.C.
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J.F. Christie
(J.F. Christie)

Supervisor of Airway Operations.

Mr Colb

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AY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1945

Kit From Plane Crashes Through House

Equipment which fell from an aeroplane flying at about 3,000 feet, crashed through the roof of a house in Belgrave Street, Waverley, at dusk yesterday, and landed on an unoccupied bed.

Other pieces of equipment fell on lawns of houses and in the street. Several people had narrow escapes from injury.

The house which was damaged is occupied by Mrs. J. Charley and her family, including a number of young children. An aeroplane's emergency kit, including a collapsible boat and equipment, tinned foodstuffs, a water bottle, batteries, and flares, landed on the corrugated iron roof with such force that the roof collapsed, and the wooden framework, corrugated iron, and equipment fell through into the room.

Mrs. Charley was in the kitchen adjoining the room on the left side of the house and her son, Frank, was in a sunroom on the other side. The son said last night that he believed the plane, which was flying in a north-easterly direction, was a Liberator. Mrs. Charley thought that a bomb had exploded, while her son thought it was an earthquake.

Mrs. J. E. Smith, who lives in Blanford Avenue, Waverley, not far from Belgrave Street, was standing in front of her home when a bag of cut-up wood fell on to the lawn of a house across the street.

A few seconds later, a piece of wood three feet long and three inches thick fell on to the footpath just in front of her, missing her and her 19-months-old daughter by a few feet.

Other residents reported that a tin container fell in Birrell Street and that rubber flaps of a life raft fell on to the roof of a house in Henrietta Street.

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