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About forty people were at the aerodrome when the plane, which was returning to the Richmond (N.S.W.) aerodrome, ran across the drome and turned into the wind. A gust of wind caught one wing and tipped the plane sideways. It had picked up speed and the pilot was helpless to prevent a smash.

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A7-28 Cirrus Moth: Crash at Mascot, taking off for Richmond NSW. Squadron Leader Jones, 3 squadron, with cadet Charles Candy who was the pilot, under instruction, April 1932

ACCIDENT TO R.A.A.F. MACHINE

Squadron-Leader And Pilot Slightly Injured

Sydney, April 3.

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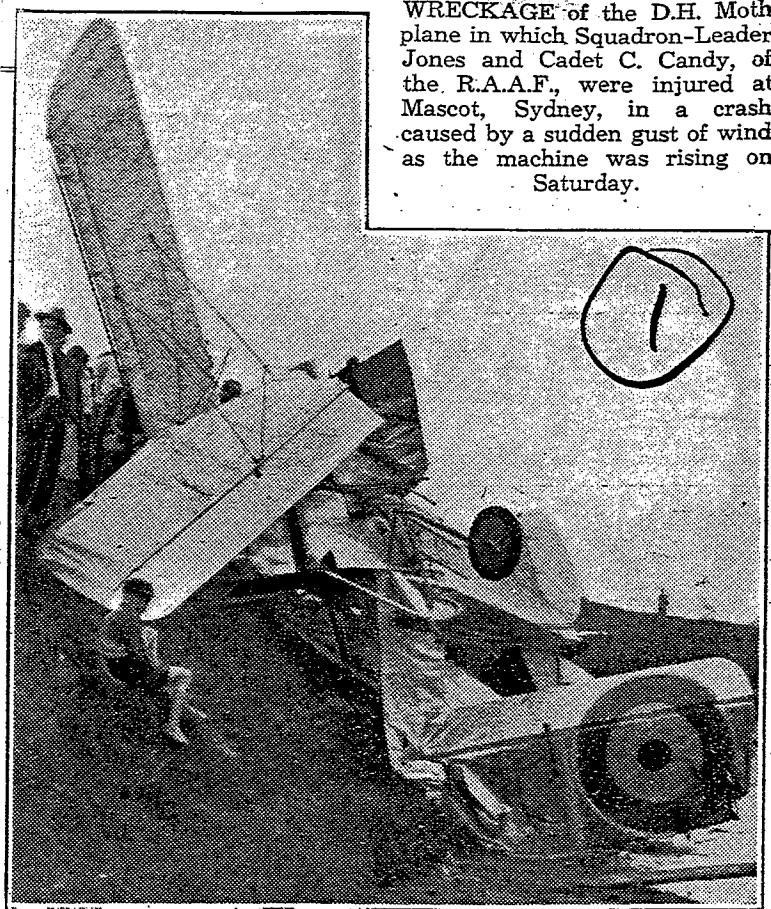
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WRECKAGE of the D.H. Moth plane in which Squadron-Leader Jones and Cadet C. Candy, of the R.A.A.F., were injured at Mascot, Sydney, in a crash caused by a sudden gust of wind as the machine was rising on Saturday.



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