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PLANE DIVES INTO 'DROME

Crash at Pageant

PILOT ESCAPES

WAGGA, Monday.—Flying Officer R. A. Holmwood, flying a Royal Australian Air Force Gipsy Moth from Richmond (N.S.W.), had a remarkable escape here this afternoon when his machine nose-dived in the middle of the aerodrome. The plane was wrecked, but Holmwood received only minor injuries.

The pageant by Victorian and New South Wales machines was in full progress when Holmwood, who was competing in a balloon bursting contest, dived at a balloon which was about 30 feet off the ground and missed it.

He made a steep turn close to the ground for a fresh dive, when the machine stalled.

Holmwood, when lifted from the wreckage, was still conscious. He was taken to hospital.

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A7-29 Cirrus Moth: Crash at Wagga during aerial pageant, competing in balloon-bursting competition, Flying Officer R A Holmwood injured