

Pilot P/O Mitchell.
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 He landed in swamp. but
 it was olive in.

NASTY CRASH.—The R.A.A.F. Wapiti aeroplane which crashed at Crowdy Head. Machine nose dived into a marshy swamp about 300 yards from firm ground. The engine is practically submerged, and the undercarriage damaged. Salvaging operations will be difficult, as the marsh will scarcely support the weight of a man.

A5-24 13 November 1932 Pilot Officer Mitchell crashed at Crowdy Head, uninjured

Annual Ex-RAAF Bowls Day

In 1932 an RAAF Westland Wapiti (No A5-24) made a forced landing in swampland about 1km north of Harrington.

This plane was hauled back to Harrington by a team of draught horses on a track that had to be cut through the bush as no vehicle could travel the marshy ground. This area is still called Wapiti Avenue. Another RAAF Wa-

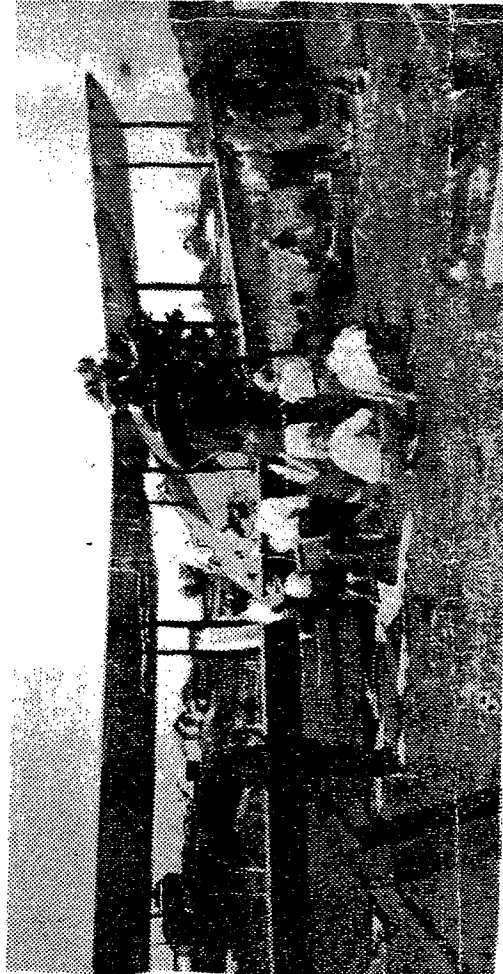
pitii landed in a paddock (now Hogan Park) repaired the damaged plan and both were successfully flown out.

On Saturday, September 17, 1988 the Annual Ex-RAAF Bowls Day and Dinner will be held at Harrington Bowling Club and the RAAF will be here again. This time twelve RAAF serving personnel will travel by bus to Harrington and join the members of

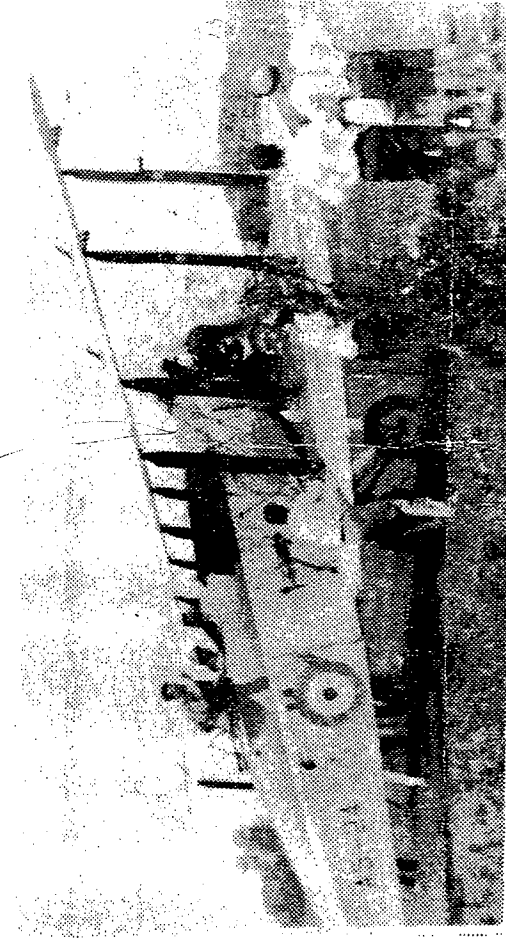
the Manning River Branch of the Air Force Association and the Manning Valley Air Cadets to celebrate a great day.

Everybody is welcome to join in this day with the Blue Orchids. Come and meet the RAAF boys and have your dinner served to you by our local Air Cadets in full uniform.

Enquiries to Roy Brown 52 1164 or Dal Gill 56 1637 of Harrington.



The Westland Wapiti A5.24 after being retrieved from a swamp between Crowdy & Harrington in 1932



The Westland Wapiti getting ready for take off.