

Aeroplane Caught by Wires.

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SYDNEY, May 7. Pilot Officer P. H. Martin and Air Sergeant Myers narrowly escaped death at Windsor this afternoon when a Wapiti plane from the R.A.A.F. Squadron at Richmond struck some telephone wires and fell into the Hawkesbury River.

A little after 3 p.m. Martin and Myers left the Richmond aerodrome to practise forced landings on the farms surrounding the district. When about a mile and a half below Windsor the plane in a practice forced landing struck the telephone wires crossing the river at a height of about 50 feet. The front part of the machine cleared the wires, but the tail became entangled in them, causing the machine to somersault. Onlookers stated that the machine completely looped the loop and fell right side up in the river. The water was about six feet deep, and the plane was partly submerged. Both of the occupants were able to get clear without assistance and after swimming to shallower water waded ashore. Neither was seriously injured, suffering only slight scratches and bruises.

A squadron of men from the aerodrome was working to-night by floodlight removing the wrecked plane from the river.

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A5-30 8 May 1933, Pilot Officer P H Martin and Air Sergeant Meyers crash into Hawkesbury River at Richmond hit telephone wires while practicing forced landings, minor injuries