

R.A.A.F. PLANE CRASHES Pilot Badly Injured

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.
Bryan Walker, Air Force pilot, was seriously injured when an Air Force plane crashed about a mile from Echuca shortly after 1 p.m. today. He was admitted to the Echuca Hospital suffering from head injuries, including a probable broken jaw, possible fracture of the skull, and shock.

His plane was one of four engaged in training flights between Echuca and Deniliquin for the past few days.

Before the accident, according to an eye-witness, the four planes were flying over the rifle range. They went into a dive and when Walker's plane struck the ground it bounced and continued along the ground for nearly 100 yards before Walker was flung clear. The plane came to rest a complete wreck 20 yards further on. Fortunately it did not catch fire, but wreckage was strewn along the course taken by the plane.

The plane turned over on its side and the pilot was thrown 15 feet away. The engine was hurled 12 feet from the plane.

PLANE SMASHED IN LANDING.

Air Cadet Badly Injured.

MELBOURNE, Oct. 30.—Air Cadet Brian Reginald Walker (22), of Adelaide, was seriously injured when a Wapiti aeroplane, in which he was flying solo crashed at Echuca today.

Walker, accompanied by three other machines, was engaged in a cross-country flight from Point Cook to Deniliquin (N.S.W.) and return, as part of his training. When near the Echuca aerodrome at about 1 p.m. Walker's machine went into a dive and came to the ground. The aeroplane taxied for some distance. When one of the tyres blew out, the plane turned over on its right wing, left the ground, turned over on the other wing and then overturned. Walker was hurled from the plane just before it came to rest and landed on his face about 15ft. from the machine. He was taken to the Echuca District Hospital, where he was admitted suffering from serious head injuries and shock.

The machine was extensively damaged.

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CADET HURT IN R.A.A.F. PLANE CRASH

ILLUSTRATING THE TERRIFIC FORCE with which a Wapiti plane crashed near the Echuca aerodrome yesterday, this picture is a close-up of the crumpled wreckage. The pilot, Air Cadet Brian Reginald Walker, of Rose Park, Adelaide, was seriously injured when the machine turned on to each wing and then capsized. The machine was in a cross-country flight from Point Cook to Deniliquin (N.S.W.).