

AIRMAN RESCUED FROM BUSH.

Parachuted, Fell Into Tree on Precipice.

LISMORE, Thursday.

After he had jumped from an R.A.A.F. training plane, Aircraftman J. S. McG. Ross landed by parachute yesterday in the branches of a tree on the side of a precipice in the McPherson Range.

Although his right leg was broken, Ross lowered himself by a creeper to a narrow ledge on the cliff face, where a rescue party found him.

Ross came down only a few miles from the spot where a Stinson plane crashed some years ago, and the rescue party had to face the same difficulties as then—deep gorges, rugged mountain sides, and dense scrub and vines.

The plane—of which Ross had been the only occupant—crashed about five miles away.

CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT.

Ross was on a cross-country flight from No. 3 Service Flying Training School, Amberley. The engine failed and he lost control of the plane shortly before 11 a.m. As he baled out the plane's tail struck him.

Mrs. James Grayson, a farmer's wife, saw him jump from the machine, and telephoned for aid.

The rescuers reached Ross and treated his injuries about 2.30 p.m. They strapped him to a stretcher. In many places, on the way back, this had to be lowered over ledges with ropes. Ross reached the Tyalgum Hospital about 8 p.m.

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