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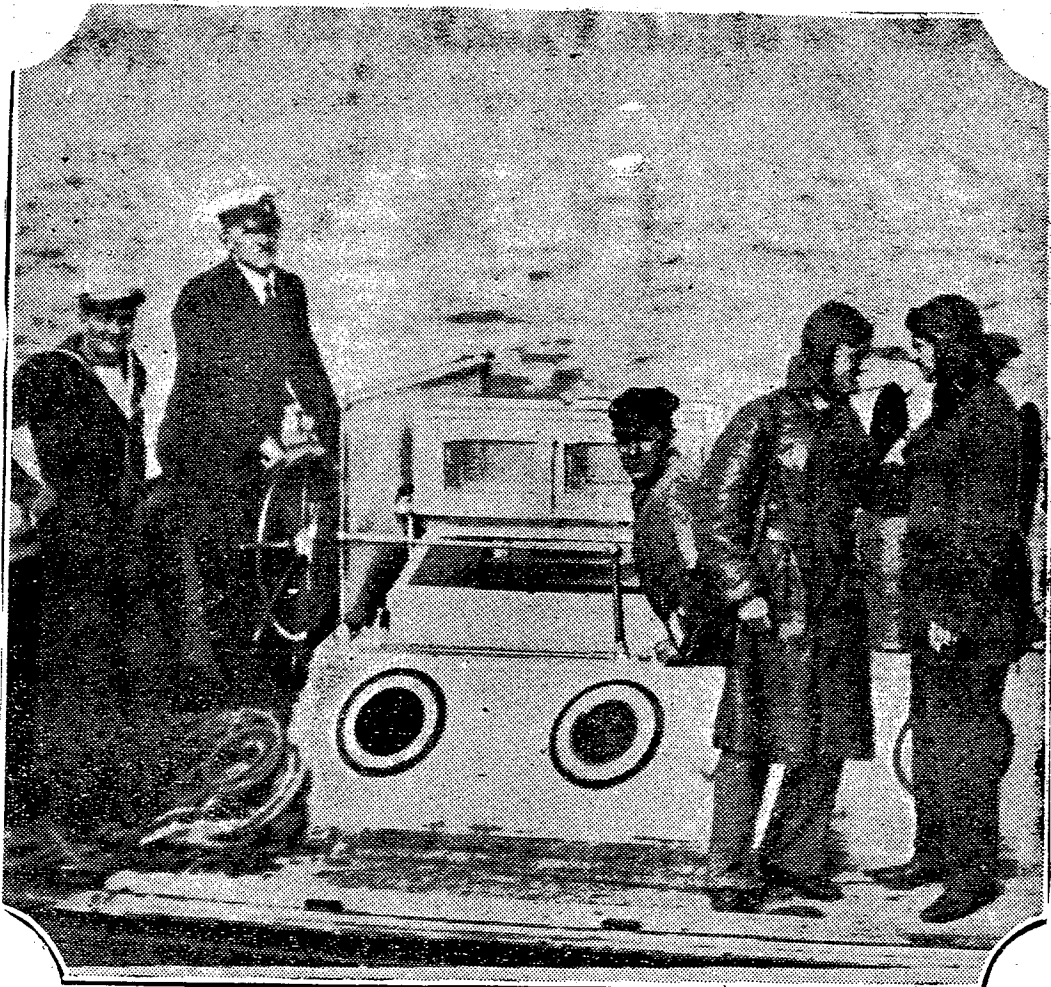
SALVAGING THE PLANE THAT FELL INTO THE HARBOUR.
The centre figure is the pilot (Flying-officer Sturt Griffith).

The flying boat was piloted by Flying Officer Sturt Griffith, who had an official cinematographer Mr. E. B. Cremer, as his passenger, fell into the harbour opposite Bradley's Head on Wednesday afternoon. The pilot and his passenger were rescued by a patrol pinnace from Garden Island. The accident was due to the engine "cutting out" at a height of 1000ft. The machine was taking part in the aerial welcome to the British flying-boats.

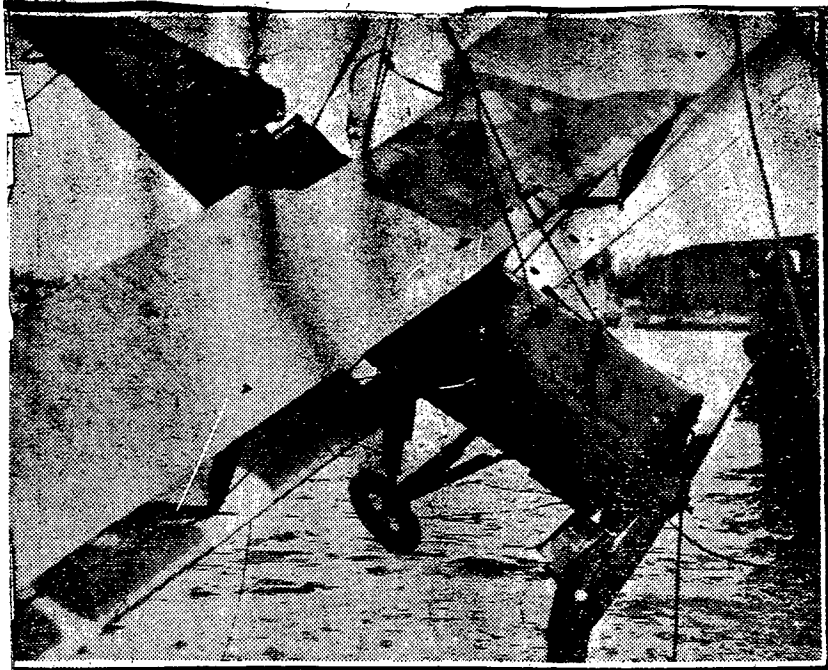
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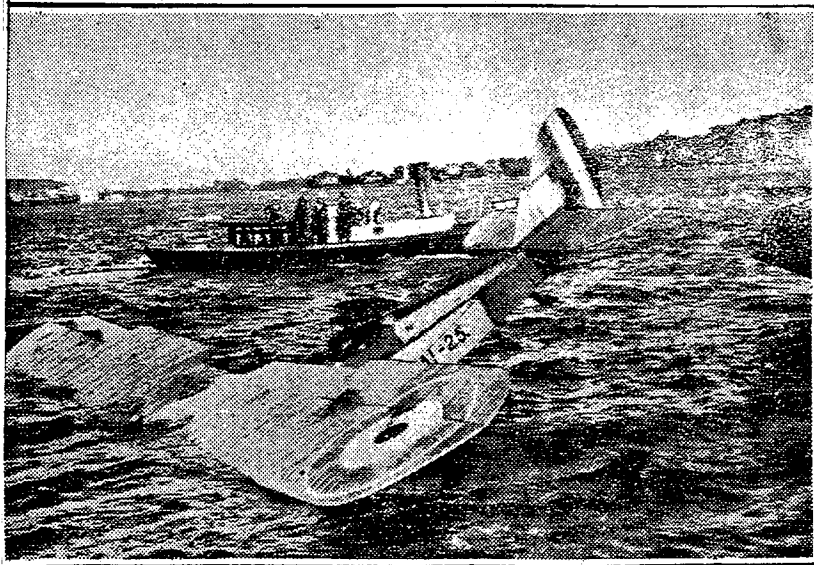
MAKING FAST TO THE TUG.—Flying-Officer S. de B. Griffith affixes a tow line to his disabled 'plane to have it towed to safety. It was taken shorewards tail first, the nose being partly submerged.



PICKED UP BY A NAVAL LAUNCH after the 'plane came down in the sea.—The pilot (Mr. Griffith) and the cinematographer (Mr. Cremer).



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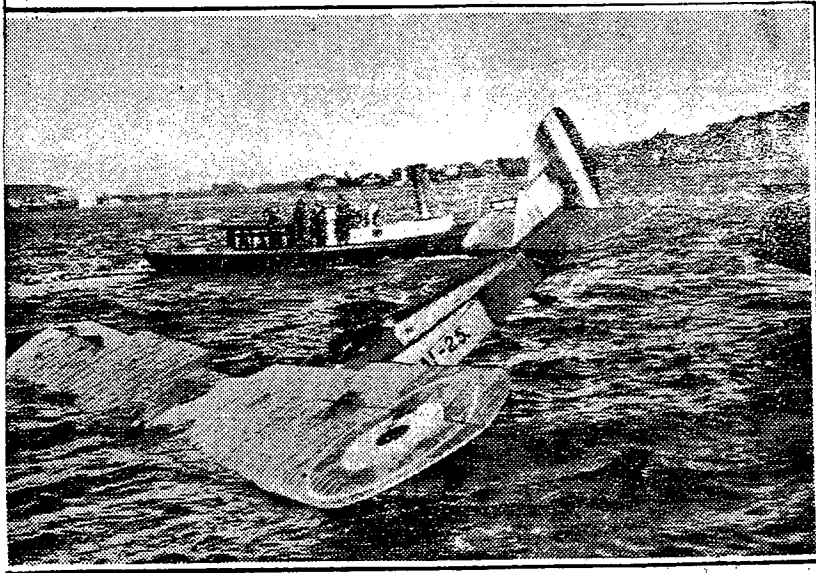


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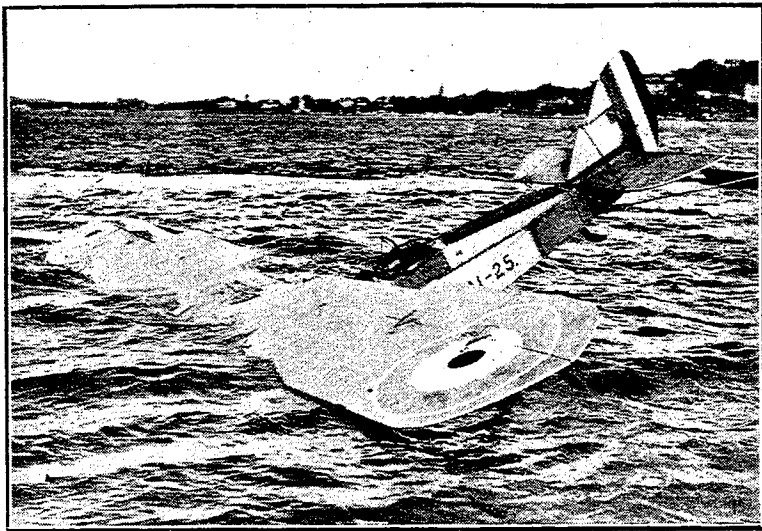




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AIRMAN FALLS INTO A HARBOR — HE MERELY SMILES!



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NERVELESS PILOT! Soon after the Air Force DH9 crashed into the icy waters of the Harbor yesterday, several boats went to the rescue of the pilot and his companion. Photo shows the pilot, Flying Officer S. de B. Griffith, assisting to tether the plane to one of the tug boats. Inset: E. "Buddy" Cremer, the Paramount Cinema photographer, who was aboard the plane when it crashed into the Harbor.

PILOT SCARRED WHEN FORCED DOWN ON



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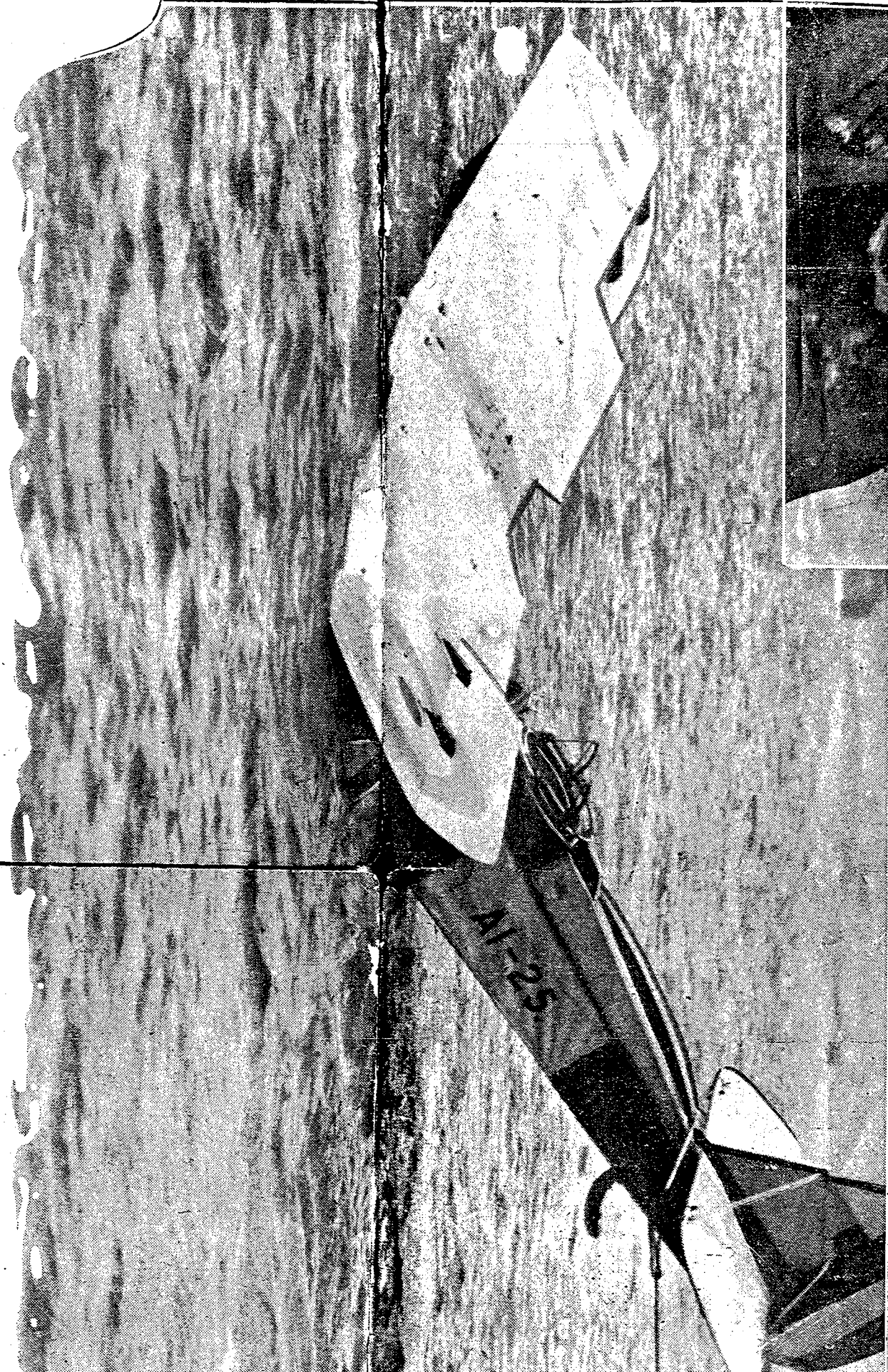


NOSE-DIVED INTO THE SEA.—Flying officer S. de B. Griffith (left inset) was badly cut about the instrument board when his plane, welcoming the Supermarines yesterday, was forced down on the Humber. His passenger, Mr. Budd Greener, was uninjured. The right inset shows the pilot making fast to a tug to "Daily Telegraph Pictorial" photographer's launch was close by when the plane

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was badly cut about the face through contact with the instrument board when his 'plane, welcoming the Supermarines yesterday, was forced down on the Harbor through engine failure. His passenger, Mr. Budd Cremer, was uninjured. The right inset shows the pilot making fast to a tug to take the machine ashore.

(Daily Telegraph photo) (The Daily Telegraph photo shows the pilot making fast to a tug to take the machine ashore.)



PLANE FALLS INTO SEA.

SYDNEY HARBOUR MISHAP.

Passengers Escape.

SYDNEY, Aug. 1.—After the four Southampton supermarine flying boats arrived in the harbour to-day, a DH9 aeroplane on the Richmond aerodrome, piloted by Flying Officer Sturt Griffith, who had an official cinematographer, Mr. E. B. Cramer, as his passenger, fell into the harbour opposite Bradley's head.

The accident happened about 2 o'clock and Flying Officer Griffith received cuts on the face and one of his hands when he was thrown against the wind screen as the aeroplane hit the water. Mr. Cramer was not hurt. The pilot and his passengers were rescued about ten minutes after the accident by a fast Naval pinnace which raced to the spot from Garden Island. Hundreds of ferry passengers and scores of persons on the promenade at Farm Cove saw the aeroplane hover and then dive into the sea. As the machine struck the water a sheet of water shot upward and for a moment most of the spectators of the accident believed that the aeroplane and crew had gone straight to the bottom. When the spray cleared, however, the aeroplane was seen to be floating with the rudder out of the water.

The accident was due to the engine's falling out when the machine was flying at 1,000 feet above the harbour. The pilot had no alternative but to land in the water but with ready thought he landed near a passing ferry steamer. The steamer turned to his aid and then stood by until the fast Naval vessel arrived. It was a nose dive. The pilot was able to lighten out the machine so that she struck the water at a less dangerous angle.

After the airmen had been rescued the launches Bimbi and Bucra were despatched to the spot and Flying Officer Griffith and Mr. Cramer. Commander Heriot, of Garden Island, supervised salvage operations. Later in the afternoon the plane was lifted on one of the wharves at Garden Island. The propeller and the left wing were damaged.