

**FLYING OFFICER RYAN
STILL CRITICAL**

**Plane, Striking Haystack,
Plunges Into Ground**

MELBOURNE, Monday.—Flying-Officer L. J. Ryan, of the Air Force, who was injured when a Moth plane he was flying crashed near Laverton, about dusk on Sunday, was still in a very critical condition in the Caulfield Military Hospital tonight.

He was flying solo to Laverton from Point Cook, when he struck a haystack. The under carriage of the plane was torn off, and the machine, completely out of control, plunged into the earth about 30 yards beyond the stack.

Ryan is 24, and unmarried.

A Court of Enquiry on the crash is being held.

INJURED AIRMAN'S FATHER FLIES

Flying-Officer Simms landed in Junee today, taking only 105 minutes from Sydney, a distance of about 280 air miles.

Simms had on board Ryan's father.

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CRASH: Sunday 5-1-30

A7-10 Cirrus Moth: Crash on 5 January 1930 near Laverton, Flying Officer Ryan critically injured, his father who lived at Junee is also mentioned as is Flying Officer Simms who flew from Sydney to Junee, 280 air miles, in 105 minutes.

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