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PLANE CRASH

Pilot's Escape ARCHERFIELD MISHAP

Fouling the ground after the undercarriage of his plane had been torn away and the engine dislodged, spectators at the Archerfield Aerodrome were re-lieved about 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon when they saw the pilot, Mr. H. D. Walsh, 28, step from the cockpit uninjured, except for a scratch on the forehead.

Mr. Walsh had a miraculous escape. He had taken off and climbed to about 200 feet, when the engine stalled. He banked to return to the field, but un-able to make the landing was forced down into a paddock near the aero-drome. Evidently striking a stump the plane crumpled up. The undercarriage was torn off and the cabin hurtling on, ploughed into the ground for about 50 yards. The engine also was wrenched out of its bed and fell about 12 feet away. The machine was a DH9 of war-time type and was damaged practically be-yond repair. Mr. H. D. Walsh, who is a son of Mr. A. D. Walsh, manager of Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Brisbane, has been a member of the Queensland Aero Club for 18 months, and has had extensive flying experience.