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PLANE CRASH INQUEST

BRISBANE, Monday.-Evidence that a Gypsy Moth plane, which crashed at the Ingham aerodrome on October 9, was air-worthy, was given by Andrew Reginald Gersekowski, owner of the machine, at the Inquest to-day. The crash caused the death of Ralph John Smith, aged 33 years, pilot; and Sheila Mary McGowan, aged 18 years, passenger.

Gersekowskl said that the plane was re-conditioned after a crash at Archerfield, was in good order, and had been used in a flying school which he conducted. He regarded Smith as a very competent flier, who thoroughly understood the machine. It had been certified airworthy on Sep-

tember 25.

Witness said that he believed that the accident was caused by the plane spin-ning off turn when coming to land. That could happen if there was nothing wrong with the engine, or when there was no error of Judgment or negligence by the Pilot.

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