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CRASH INQUIRY. "Here's a Collision." Archerfield Fatality. BRISBANE, July S. The Coroner (Mr. J. J. Leahy) today continued the inquiry into the; deaths of Esther Josephine Tully and Jack Westlake Barrett, who were killed when their 'planes collided in mid-alr near Archerfield aerodrome on June 19. Oliver Jack Shelley, aircraftsman, employed by Qantas Airways Ltd., said he noticed the two 'planes about i00ft. up, and their closeness to each other kept his attention. Witnoes called out to his wife and said, "Here's a collision." and he did not think the words were out of his mouth before the 'planes collided. They were only about 15 to 20ft. apart when he first saw them, and he formed the opinion that they were about to collide. One 'plane hit the other about the point of the starboard elevator, and carried on into the fusolage. The. wings and nose of the 'plane hit, rose in the air, turned to the right, and swung downwards towards the ground. The other 'plane continued on for about two chains then came down at a steep angle. The 'plane that was struck first came down faster than the other 'plane. It turned over; and was practically upside down. He saw an object leaving it, and thought at the time that it was the engine falling; but since he had come to the conclusion that it was the body of Barrett. Thomas Leslie Amos, aircraft Inspector at Archerfield, said he examined the wreckage. He had come to the conclusion that one machine had been hit side on by the other machine, possibly in the centre of the fuselage. He would say immediately after the impact the rear bullkhead of nne of the 'planes was cut away, and the pilot fell out backwards. The inquiry was adjourned till b Monds.7.

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