PLANE MAKES FORCED LANDING AT MELBOURNE
BURTON PILOT AND NEED FOR DERBY AIRDROME
MACHINE DAMAGED

FLYING from Burton to Hull, yesterday, Mr. A. P. Hunt, pilot of the Civilian Aircraft Co., Ltd., Burton, ran into a fog, had engine trouble, and made a forced landing in a ploughed field near Melbourne. The net result was a damaged machine, smashed propeller, and a black eye.

But airmen don't care. Mr. Hunt, in fact, minimised all his difficulties. “Oh, that's nothing," he told a Derby Telegraph representative this morning. "All in day's work I have to take risks. I was piloting the Civilian coupe to our new works at Hull, and everything went all right until I got magneto trouble. I thought it best to land and looked around for a suitable spot.”

I must say Melbourne district is a very impossible place for airmen, and only shows the need of Derby having an airdrome. "Eventually," said Mr. Hunt, "I decided to chance it, and land in ploughed field. I came down O.K. except that she bumped a bit, and I caught my head a whack. The undercarriage was damaged."

COMPANY'S FIRST PLANE.

"Might not the plane have tipped over?" asked the Derby Telegraph " representative. “It might,” replied Mr. Hunt, who went on say that it was the first time he had landed in such difficulty. The plane involved was the first, one ever built by the Civilian Aircraft Company. On account of the bad weather, Mr. Hunt has decided not to continue the flight, and a lorry will convey the plane to Hull.

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