

Bomber burned at Broome

PERTH, Saturday.—An R.A.A.F. bomber burst into flames and was destroyed at Broome aerodrome, it was revealed today.

The crew escaped unhurt.

The machine was about to leave the runway when it swerved suddenly.

Flames leaped from it to a height of 100 feet.

Everything inflammable in the forward part of the bomber was destroyed.

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Plane Afire, Crew Safe

From Our Special Correspondent.

PERTH, Saturday.

EFFICIENT training saved the crew of an R.A.A.F. bomber, when it burst into flames at the Broome aerodrome early to-day.

The flames leapt hundreds of feet in the air, but the occupants of the machine were released uninjured.

The machine had swerved from the runway when attempting to leave.

After repeated explosions of what is thought to have been petrol, the greater part of the forward portion of the plane was destroyed.

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BOMBER BURSTS INTO FLAMES.

Mishap on Take-off.

PERTH, Sunday.

A Royal Australian Air Force Lockheed Hudson bomber burst into flames on Saturday morning after a mishap on a take-off from the Broome aerodrome.

The four occupants of the plane, Flight-Lieutenant Sharp, Pilot-Officer Dowie, Sergeant Prosser (wireless operator), and Aircraftman-Fitter Faulconer, had lucky escapes.

The engines were started up about 6.40 a.m. and the plane moved off along the runway preparatory to taking off. When it had gone approximately 300 yards, it suddenly swerved to the right.

It tore over a drainage trench and came to rest facing in the opposite direction. At the same time the port wing broke away and the machine burst into flames.

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