

# R.A.A.F. Man Killed On Night Flight

From Our Special Correspondent,  
WAGGA, Saturday.

Leading Aircraftman Thomas Tweedie (22), of South Brisbane, was killed last night when an R.A.A.F. training plane, in which he was flying solo, crashed.

It is believed that the plane struck a tree.

Shortly after Tweedie took off, the machine was seen to come down in flames in a paddock two miles south-east of the school.

The wings were torn off, and 30 yards away were the cockpit and the fuselage.

Death was apparently instantaneous.

The Minister for Air, Mr. Fadden, expressed sympathy with Tweedie's relatives and said an inquiry would be held.

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# R.A.A.F. TRAINEE KILLED.

## Crash on Night Solo Flight.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The Air Board at the week-end announced that Leading Aircraftman Thomas Tweedie was killed in an aircraft accident half a mile east of the Wagga aerodrome at 10.55 p.m. on Friday.

Tweedie, who was a pilot trainee at the Wagga Service Flying Training School, had completed two circuits and landings during solo night flying practice, and on his third circuit the aircraft crashed. He was killed instantly.

Tweedie was 22. He was born in Sydney and educated at the Windsor State School (N.S.W.). In April he was called up for training at the Elementary Flying Training School, Archerfield (Queensland). He had completed five weeks of his intermediate training. His next of kin was M. F. McGregor, 54 Hawdon Street, Wilston, Brisbane.

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