

Two R.A.A.F. Men Crash

MELBOURNE, Friday.
—Two men were injured today when an R.A.A.F. aircraft crashed at Cressy aerodrome during the "Battle of Corangamite."

They are:
Flying-Officer D. K. Matthews, 23, single, of Payneham (S.A.).
Sergeant N. J. Muir, 23, single, of Wollstonecraft (N.S.W.).

Both suffered severe head injuries. They were admitted to Cressy Hospital.



Sgt.-Observer Norman James Muir

The "Battle of Corangamite" is being conducted in western Victoria, where Army and Air Force units are holding a wide scale mock battle.

Matthews' machine was taking off for a reconnaissance flight over the "battle area" when it struck telephone wires.

The aircraft plunged towards the ground. When it struck, the fuselage and engine were badly damaged.

Flying-Officer Matthews won his "wings" in November, 1940. He is attached to an operational squadron.

Sergeant Muir joined the Air Force last December. He is a wireless air observer attached to Matthews' squadron.

Muir is captain of the Air Force hockey team, and was a representative player before he enlisted.

His father is resident engineer on the graving dock now under construction. He was general works manager on the Harbor Bridge during its construction.

Father Flies To Son

Muir's father, Mr. James Muir, of Eastview Street, Wollstonecraft, last night flew to Melbourne to see his son.

Mrs. Muir said: "Wires from authorities suggest Norman has concussion and a probable fracture of the skull.

"It is a terrible shock, but it could have been worse," she added.

DAILY TELEGRAPH 1.11.41

INJURED IN AIR CRASH

MELBOURNE, Friday.—Severe head injuries were suffered by an officer and an n.c.o. when an R.A.A.F. plane engaged on tactical reconnaissance work during a mock "Battle of Corangamite" crashed at Cressy aerodrome to-day. They were Flying-Officer D. K. Matthews, 23, single, of Payneham (S.A.), and Sergeant N. J. Muir, 23, single, of Wollstonecraft (N.S.W.). They were admitted to Cressy Hospital.

The aircraft hit the telephone wires and crashed immediately after taking off for a flight over the "battle" area.

Flying-Officer Matthews received his flying badge in November, 1940, and is attached to an operational squadron. Sergeant Muir, who enlisted in December, 1940, is a wireless air observer attached to the same squadron.

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

1.11.41