

AIRMAN KILLED IN CRASH

BRISBANE, Saturday.
Power-diving into the side of a hill near Goodna at 1 p.m., a R.A.A.F. plane struck the ground with such force that parts of the engine were buried in a crater four feet deep and twelve feet long.

THE Air Force pilot was killed instantly, and the machine was completely smashed.

Trees surrounding the wreckage were not damaged, suggesting that the plane crashed into the hillside in a vertical dive.

This is borne out by eye-witnesses who saw the machine just before it crashed.

Mrs. A. Castle, of Redbank Plains-road, said: "I saw the plane dive out of the clouds.

"A peculiar note in the roar of the engine attracted my attention.

"At first the plane was so high that it was hard to see.

Terrific Crash

"As it travelled straight down towards the ground, the engine made a deafening roar.

"Just before the machine reached tree level it seemed to turn slightly. Then I heard a terrific crash."

Mr. W. Goodland, of Goodna, said: "I heard the loud roar of the plane's engine, and thought the pilot was tunting.

"When the machine continued to plunge towards the ground I said to my customer, 'I think it's going to crash.'

"One wing was pointing down when the plane came out of the clouds. Suddenly the nose dipped, and the machine hurtled down.

"The plane turned, as though the pilot was trying to flatten out, just before it crashed."

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Air Force man dies in crash

BRISBANE, Saturday.
—An Air Force pilot was killed instantly today when his machine crashed at Possum Creek, about six miles from Goodna.

The plane power-dived at terrific speed on to a small clearing in heavily timbered country.

It dug a crater 12 feet in length and four feet in depth. Parts of the engine were found in the crater. The plane was smashed to pieces.

Searchers had to cut through dense scrub to reach the place where the plane had come down.

Eye-witnesses said the plane dived vertically out of a cloud.

They could see the pilot trying to pull the machine out of the dive. Just before it hit, the plane turned slightly.

Mr H. L. Jones, of Redbank Plains, who saw the plane and heard it crash, organised a search party.

Another plane was sent to look for the crashed machine, and guided the searchers to the spot.

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**R.A.A.F. PILOT
KILLED IN CRASH**

BRISBANE, Saturday.
WHEN a training machine attached to the Amberley R.A.A.F. Training School crashed at Redbank Plains, about six miles from Goodna, this afternoon, the sole occupant, Pilot D. Veitch, was killed. His remains were strewn over an area of 50 yards.

Eye-witnesses saw the plane emerge from a low cloud, making a noise as if the throttle were full open, and then dive, out of control, at a steep angle to the earth.

It took a search party two hours to find the remains of the plane in thickly wooded and rough bush country.

The engine was buried six feet in the ground and the rest of the machine was broken to matchwood and scattered over a large area.

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