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Central Area Headquarters of the R.A.A.F. last night issued the following statement:

"McLaughlan and Harvey were carrying out air-to-ground gunnery practice. It appears that the aircraft dived into the ground from a low altitude."

Sergeant McLaughlan was educated at Adelaide High School and Pulteney Grammar School. He was a clerk in the Adelaide branch of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney when he joined the R.A.A.F. in June, 1940. His father served in the Royal Flying Corps in the last war, and is now serving as an intelligence officer in the R.A.A.F.

Sergeant McLaughlan was trained at Laver-ton, Somers, Parafield, and Point Cook stations, and did a staff pilot's course at Cressy, Victoria, before becoming an airman pilot in the Defence Training Squadron at Amberley. Before he joined the R.A.A.F. he was for three years a member of the 18th Light Horse (Machine Gun) Regiment.

Leading-Aircraftman Harvey was educated at the Perth Boys' Commercial School, and then took up farming. He joined the Air Force as an air-crew trainee in October, 1940, and attended the initial training school at Bradfield Park. He learnt his elementary flying at Bradfield Park station.

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The plane did not catch fire. The men were found in it, dead.

R.A.A.F. ambulance took the bodies to Brisbane.

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