

# PLANE COLLISION, R.A.A.F. MAN DEAD

## 3 Saved By Parachute

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

An Air Force man was killed and three others parachuted to safety when two R.A.A.F. single-engined training planes collided in the air two miles from the You Yangs, near Geelong to-day.

The man killed was Leading Aircraftman Halcombe George Brock, 23, single, of Semaphore (S.A.).

Brock was a passenger in one of the planes, which were engaged in formation flying when the collision occurred.

All the men were trainees at an intermediate and advanced training school near Melbourne.

Slightly injured were:—

Leading-Aircraftman Morris McGuire (22), single, of North Caulfield, injury to hand.

Leading-Aircraftman Colin E. Fallon (23), single, of North Adelaide, bruises and abrasions.

Leading-Aircraftman John Distin Hill (22), single, of West Beach (S.A.), bruises and abrasions.

Both aircraft were wrecked when they crashed.

A lance-corporal in the 38th Fortress Company, Royal Australian Engineers, Militia, before he joined the R.A.A.F. in January this year,

Brock was a well-known South Australian athlete.

He played in the Port Adelaide Australian Rules League team.

He was educated at Woodville High School, and was a clerk before he enlisted.

# FATAL R.A.A.F. CRASH

MELBOURNE, Saturday. — Two R.A.A.F. planes collided in the air near the You Yangs Ranges, about 30 miles from Melbourne, early today.

Three of the four trainees in the two planes baled out and parachuted to safety, escaping with minor injuries, but Leading Aircraftman Halcombe George Brock, 23, Semaphore, S.A., crashed in his plane and was killed.

The three trainees who qualified for the "Caterpillar Club" were: Leading Aircraftman Morris McGuire (22) single, of North Caulfield, injury to hand; Leading Aircraftman Colin Fallon (23) single, of North Adelaide, bruises and abrasions; Leading Aircraftman John Distin Hill (23), single, of West Beach, South Australia, bruises and abrasions.

Very strong northerlies were blowing at the time of the collision, and the parachutists drifted a considerable way from the point where the two planes fell. Both planes were wrecked beyond repair.

Brock was not piloting the plane in which he crashed. He was single and was well-known in athletic circles in Adelaide, where he played League football with Port Adelaide team. He was educated at Woodville High School, and in civil life was a clerk.

An official inquiry is to be held next week.

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# Parachutes Save 3 In Plane Collision

## AIR FORCE MAN DIES IN CRASH

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

Parachutes saved the lives of three R.A.A.F. men to-day, when they glided to safety after two single-engined training planes collided two miles from the Yu Yangs, near Geelong.

Leading-Aircraftman Halcombe George Brock, 23, of Semaphore, South Australia, a passenger in one of the planes, was killed.

THE three men who parachuted to safety suffered only minor injuries.

They were:

Leading-Aircraftman Morris McGuire, of North Caulfield, injury to hand;

Leading-Aircraftman Colin E. Fallon, of North Adelaide, bruises and abrasions;

Leading-Aircraftman John Distin Hill, of West Beach, S.A.

Fallon is aged 23, and McGuire and Hill 22. All four men are unmarried.

### Aircraft Wrecked

All the men were trainees at an intermediate and advanced training school near Melbourne.

The planes were engaged in formation flying when the collision occurred.

Both aircraft were wrecked when they crashed.

Brock was a lance-corporal in the 10th Fortress Company, Royal Australian Engineers, in the militia before he joined the R.A.A.F. in January this year.

He was a well-known South Australian athlete and played in the North Adelaide Australian Rules XVIII.

He was educated at Woodville High school and was a clerk before he enlisted.

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