

Two killed in RAAF Wirraway crash

SYDNEY, Thurs. — Two R.A.A.F. Flight-Sergeants were killed when a Wirraway crashed in sandhills 10 miles north of Newcastle this afternoon.

Their names are being withheld until the next of kin are advised.

The plane crashed about 4.50 p.m. soon after it had taken off from Williamtown 'drome.

The airmen were to have taken part in night flying exercises.

Farmers saw the plane

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come to earth in a shallow dive, with its propellers still turning. It struck the top of a sandhill 40ft. high and crashed into the side of another sandhill 100 yds. away.

The airmen were killed instantly. The body of one man was found in the main wreckage and the other 50 yards away.

Mr. A. Cox, Mr. Les Samson and his son Barry, who heard the crash, galloped on horseback to the scene.

Mr. Cox told police that he thought the engine was still functioning when it crashed.

Barry Samson said that he thought he heard an explosion in the plane while it was still airborne.

A R.A.A.F. guard was placed in charge of the wreckage, and the bodies were taken to Newcastle morgue.

Air Force officers will fly from Melbourne and Sydney tomorrow to investigate.

NSW airmen in crash

SYDNEY, Fri. — The two RAAF pilots killed in a training plane crash near Newcastle yesterday were Sgt. Ian Keith Walters, 19, of West Tamworth, single, and Sgt. Owen Neil Farmer, 20, of Newcastle, married.

The plane was on a routine flight and crashed in the sandhills. Wreckage was strewn over a large area.

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