

## Hurt In Air Crash

An officer and a sergeant were killed, and nine members of the crew were injured, three of them seriously, when an aircraft from an RAAF station in NSW crashed yesterday from 200 feet while taking off on a training flight.

The aircraft was destroyed.

Casualties were:—

**Killed.**—Flight-Lieut. Norman Charles Phillip Blight, 34, single, of Whyalla (SA) (second pilot); Sgt. William Charles Arthur, 35, single, of Prospect (SA).

**Seriously Injured.**—Pilot-Officer Cyril Richard Neil Lewis, 29, single, of Essendon (Vic.) (first pilot); Flying-Officer Harold Robert Irving Cox, 26, single, of Wollongong (NSW); ACI Martin Gilday, 35, married, of Kogarah (NSW).

**Slightly Injured.**—Cpl. Lionel Bruce Sharpe, 26, married, of Marrickville (NSW); Cpl. Norman Henry Harris, 23, married, of Parkes (NSW); LAC Ernest Thomas Ryan, 25, single, of Wheeler's Hill (Vic.); ACI Donald James Slatter, 19, single, of Maroochydore (Q.); ACI Edwin Robert McPhee, 25, single, of Nagambri (Vic.); ACI John Joseph O'Donnell, 22, single, of St. Kilda (Vic.).

Flight-Lieutenant Blight, before enlisting in the RAAF, was a commercial pilot. Sgt. Arthur, before his enlistment at Adelaide last year, was a member of the A.M.F.

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