

# WRECKED PLANE FOUND.

## Disappeared in May.

### FOUR R.A.A.F. VICTIMS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Wreckage of the R.A.A.F. Avro-Anson bomber, which disappeared while flying from Point Cook to Camden (N.S.W.) in May last year, was found to-day at Mount Torbreck, about 30 miles from Alexandra, Victoria. The bodies of the four members of the crew lay alongside the wreckage. All apparently had been killed instantly.

The crew of the plane comprised Flying-officer A. A. Daniel, of Mount Lawley (W.A.); Corporal I. L. Stowdor, Corporal F. E. Hyland, and Corporal H. F. Sass.

The plane was lying in some of the wildest bush country in the State, 5000ft above sea level. It had been smashed to pieces.

The plane was found by Mr. S. Sawyer and Mr. J. Fry, two experienced bushmen, who were mustering sheep. The men telephoned the Alexandra police station of their discovery.

#### ROUGH COUNTRY.

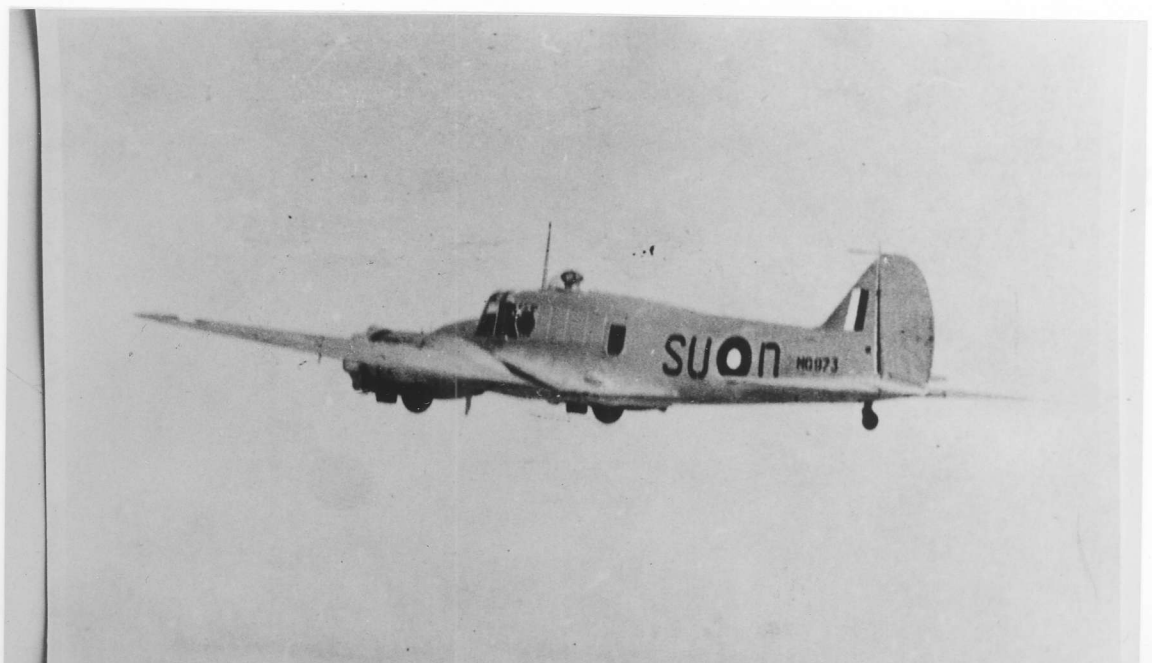
They told police that, to reach the plane, 2 miles of rough ground would have to be covered on horseback, or on foot, after the main road was left near the Eildon Weir.

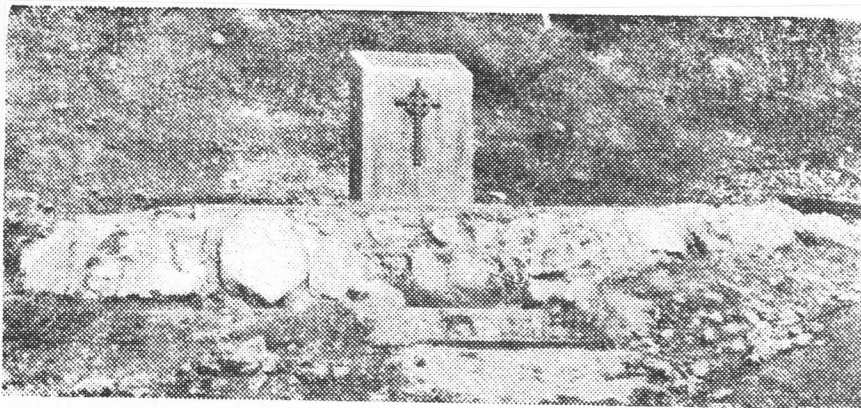
As it would be almost impossible for a search party to find the wreckage without a guide, the arrival of the men at Alexandra was to be awaited before the bodies can be recovered.

It is expected that they will arrive at Alexandra to-morrow night, and that a search party will leave for the spot early on Friday morning.

Squadrons of Air Force planes and ground parties searched a vast area bounded by Dootamundra, Canberra, Mansfield, and Yea for more than two weeks after the plane disappeared.

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THIS memorial to four airmen who crashed at this spot on Mt. Torbreck 26 years ago has been restored by RAAF engineers.

# RAAF REMEMBERS

The RAAF has rebuilt a memorial high in the Southern Alps to four airmen who were killed in a crash there 26 years ago.

The airmen, Pilot Officer A. Daniels and Corporals F. Hyland, F. Sass and I. Stowder died when their Anson trainer crashed 200ft. below the summit of 5000ft. Mt. Torbreck.

Their plane was one of three Ansons which left Point Cook for Cootamundra on a training flight on May 16, 1940.

The three planes became separated as bad weather and fog closed in. One returned to Point Cook, one went on to Cootamundra and Pilot Officer Daniels' was posted missing. Their bodies were not found until 12 months later, when a bushwalker stumbled over the Anson's wreckage.

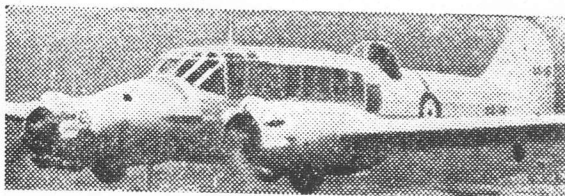
## MEMORIAL

Cpl. Hyland's father paid for the building of a memorial at the crash site. Metal salvaged from the Anson was used to make an inscribed plaque.

But two years ago, a dead tree crashed on to the memorial and wrecked it.

A Forests Commission officer, Mr Don Fry, recovered the damaged plaque, which was sent back to the RAAF.

The No. 1 Aircraft Depot at Laverton restored it and three men were sent to Mt. Torbreck for a week to rebuild the memorial and reset the plaque.



AVRO ANSON in flight — aircrew called them "Aggies".

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# Avro Anson crash - 5 airmen remembered

On January 28, 1941, an Avro Anson of No. 1 Air Navigation School, RAAF Parkes, crashed at Glenbrook in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney.

The aircraft, No A4-5, was on its way from Parkes to Mascot on a medical evacuation flight when it got into difficulties over Glenbrook and crashed on the corner of Lucasville Rd and Clifton Ave, killing the five airmen on board.

Subsequent investigations and local eye witness reports found that the port wing of the aircraft broke up in mid air.

The five airmen who perished were as follows: PLTOFF John Newman PLT, FLGOFF

Henry Skillman NAV, AC Charles Tysoe W/OP, SQNLDR James Rainbow MED and PLTOFF Bailey Sawyer ADMIN, who was the patient.

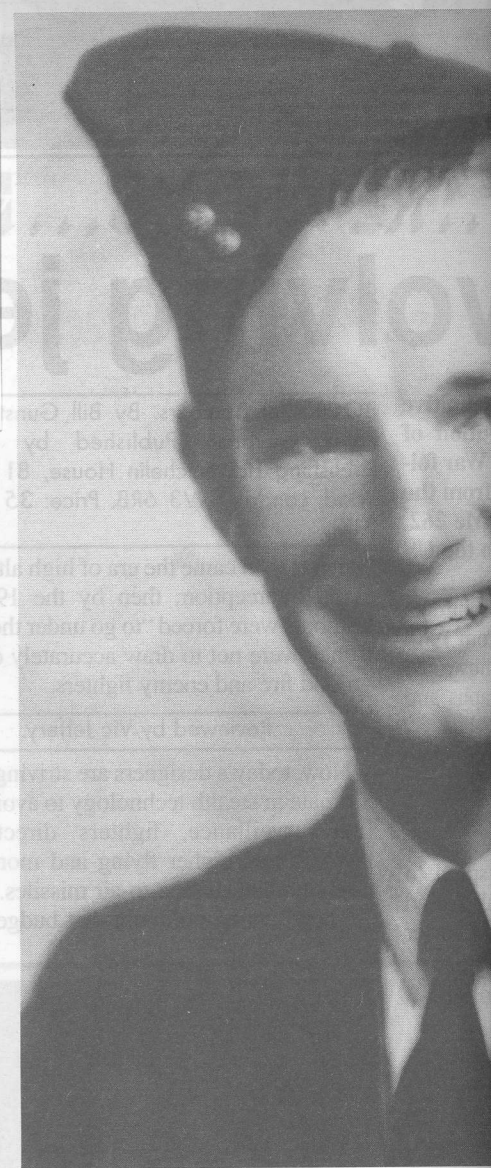
Over 50 years later, and after countless hours of research by a dedicated SGT Jim Barndon, CLK in Public Relations at Glenbrook, the Blue Mountains City Council has recognised the significance of the crash in local history. Due to the efforts of SGT Barndon, the Council assisted AHQ

in the production of a small stone cairn along with a brass plaque (made by 503WG) commemorating the five airmen who perished.

The memorial was recently unveiled in a brief but poignant ceremony on the crash site by John and Robert Tysoe, brothers of Aircraftman Charles Tysoe who was killed when the aircraft went down. John and his wife Jean from Wodonga in Victoria and Robert and his wife Phyllis from Maryborough, also in Victoria, were flown from Melbourne for the ceremony.

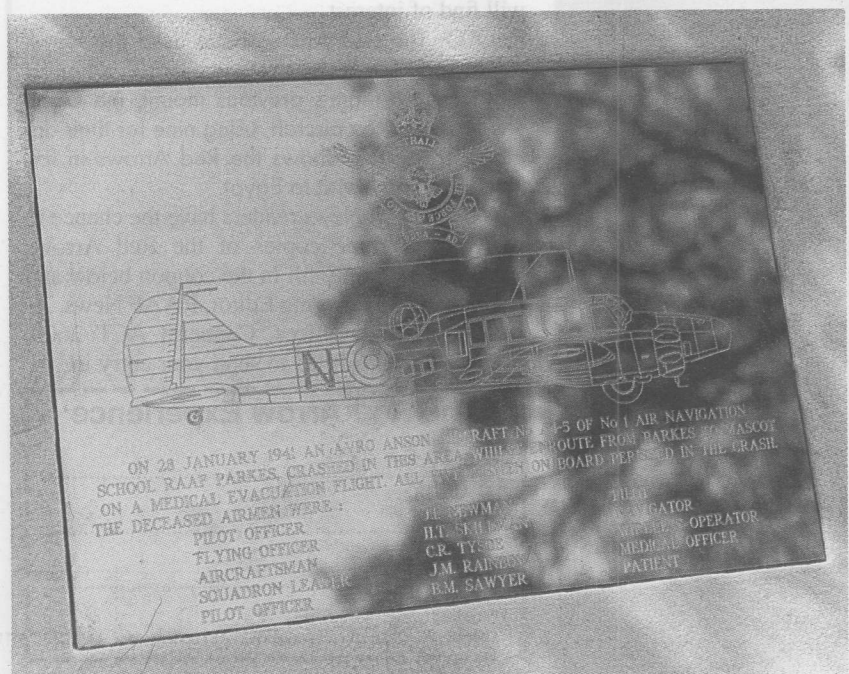
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Following the ceremony, John and Robert



A wartime picture of Aircraftman Tysoe.

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Photograph showing the plaque which is on the memorial.



Pictured holding a model of an Avro Anson are (l to r) Mrs Jean Tysoe, Phyllis Tysoe and Mr Robert Tysoe.

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plaque will be a constant reminder to people of the sacrifices made by these five airmen in the service of their country.

