

Three Airmen Killed When Planes Collide

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CRASH ON TRAINING FLIGHT

From Our Special Correspondent.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

An officer and two aircraftmen were killed to-day when two R.A.A.F. planes collided at Mt. Gambier, South Australia.

THE pilot of one machine landed it safely, and its four occupants were unhurt.

The other aircraft, crashed, and all three occupants were killed.

The victims were:—

Flight-Lieut. George Kenneth Peacock, 29, of Hereford, England.

Leading-Aircraftman L. L. Andrew, 26, single, of Queenstown, Tasmania.

Leading-Aircraftman E. O. Milford, single, of Moonta, S.A.

Out Of Rain Squall

One of the machines, emerging from a rain squall, struck the tail of the other with its port engine, causing it to crash.

Both aircraft were from a South Australian training school, and were on training flights.

Flight-Lieut. Peacock, who was awarded his flying badge in 1936, was an R.A.F. officer on loan to the R.A.A.F.

At the time of the crash he was attached to a South Australian training school.

Leading-Aircraftmen Andrew and Milford were air observer trainees.