

Pilot Trainee Killed When Plane Stalls

MELBOURNE, Sunday.—Flying solo in a twin-engined monoplane, an R.A.A.F. pilot trainee was killed when the machine crashed near Amberley aerodrome, Queensland, this afternoon.

The trainee was Leading-Aircraftman James Malcolm Alexander Stirling, 27, single, of Melbourne.

Engines of the plane appeared to cut out shortly after Stirling took off.

The plane stalled when it lost flying speed in an attempt to turn back to the aerodrome.

Stirling was born in Melbourne, where he enlisted in May, 1941.

Member of the Federal Public Service at the time of enlisting, Stirling held a Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree from the Melbourne University.

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TRAINEE KILLED IN QUEENSLAND

MELBOURNE, Sunday.—Leading Aircraftman James Malcolm Alexander Stirling, 27, a pilot trainee, was killed in an air accident near Amberley (Qld.) aerodrome this afternoon. This was officially announced by the Department of Air to-night.

He was flying solo in a twin-engined monoplane, the engines of which appeared to cut out soon after taking off, and the monoplane stalled when flying speed was lost during an attempt to turn back into the aerodrome. The primary cause of the accident has not been determined. L.A.C. Stirling, who was unmarried, was born in Melbourne, where he enlisted on May 22, 1941.

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