

Five Men Die In R.A.A.F. Crash

Five members of the RAAF were killed when a training plane from an Air Observers' School crashed 14 miles north-west of Ungarie late yesterday afternoon.

Cause of the accident is obscure, but it occurred during very bad flying weather.

Those killed were:—

Flight-Sergeant Robert Clark Wesley Smith (22), single, of Monreith, South Australia.

LAC Arthur Didrich Kendall (32), married, of Goodwood, Queensland.

LAC Henry Heath Fisher (21), married, of Abbotsford, N.S.W.

LAC John Alfred Spencer (24), single, of Croydon Park, N.S.W.

AC Roy Eric Farnsworth (20), single, of Concord, N.S.W.

Former Minister

Flight-Sergeant Smith was a minister of religion when he enlisted in August, 1940. He was educated at King's College, Kensington Park, Adelaide.

LAC Kendall, an orchardist, was educated at St. Aubin's School, England, and enlisted in September last.

LAC Fisher, a clerk, was educated at Fort-street Boys' High School. He enlisted in May, 1941.

LAC Spencer, a butcher in civil life, enlisted in August last. He was educated at Fort-street School.

Aircraftman Farnsworth was the son of Roy Farnsworth, and a nephew of Viv. and Bill Farnsworth, all three of whom were Rugby League internationals.

Formerly a clerk, he enlisted in the RAAF last March.

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Five Dead In Plane Crash

Five members of the R.A.A.F. were killed when a training plane from an air observers' school at Cootamundra crashed in bad weather 14 miles north-west of Ungarie.

THEY were: Flight-Sgt. Robert Clark Wesley Smith (22), single, Monreith, South Australia; L.A.C. Arthur Didrich Kendall (32), married, Goodwood, Queensland; L.A.C. Henry Heath Fisher (21), married, Abbotsford, N.S.W.; L.A.C. John Alfred Spencer (24), single, Croydon Park, N.S.W.; A.C. Roy Eric Farnsworth (20), single, Concord, N.S.W. Cause of the accident is not yet known.

Flight-Sergeant Smith was a minister of religion when he enlisted in August, 1940. He was educated at King's College, Kensington Park, Adelaide.

L.A.C. Kendall, orchardist, was educated at St. Aubin's School, England, and enlisted in September last.

L.A.C. Fisher, clerk, was educated at Fort Street Boys' High School. He enlisted in May, 1941.

L.A.C. Spencer, butcher, enlisted in August last and was educated at Fort Street Boys' High School. A.C. Farnsworth, clerk, enlisted in March last.

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FIVE KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

When a training plane crashed near Ungarie on Wednesday afternoon, five members of the R.A.A.F. were killed.

They were:—

Flight-Sergeant Robert Clark Wesley Smith, aged 22, single, formerly of Monreith (S.A.).

Leading-Aircraftman Arthur Didrich Kendall, 32, married, of Goodwood (Q.).

Leading-Aircraftman Henry Heath Fisher, 21, married, of Abbotsford (N.S.W.).

Leading-Aircraftman John Alfred Spencer, 24, single, of Croydon Park (N.S.W.).

Aircraftman Roy Eric Farnsworth, 20, single, of Concord (N.S.W.).

The plane was attached to an air observers' school. The cause of the accident is obscure, but it occurred in bad flying weather.

Flight-Sergeant Smith was formerly a minister of religion. He was educated at King's College, Kensington Park, Adelaide, and enlisted in the R.A.A.F. in August, 1940.

Leading-Aircraftman Kendall, formerly an orchardist, was educated at St. Aubin's School, England, and enlisted in September, 1941.

Leading-Aircraftman Fisher was educated at Fort Street School. He was a clerk before he enlisted in May, 1941.

Leading-Aircraftman Spencer was also educated at Fort Street School. He was a butcher before he enlisted in August, 1941. Aircraftman Farnsworth, formerly a clerk, enlisted in March, 1941. He was a son of Roy Farnsworth and a nephew of Viv. and Bill Farnsworth, all three of whom were Rugby League internationals.

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