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6 Men Killed In R.A.A.F. Plane Crash

SYDNEY, Thursday.—When a plane crashed soon after taking off from Moruya aerodrome this afternoon the six members of the R.A.A.F. crew were killed.

The plane, which arrived in Moruya yesterday, was about to make its return flight to its base operations station at Uranquinty, near Wagga.

According to eye-witnesses, the plane after leaving the aerodrome appeared to have difficulty in gaining height. It circled the town in a preliminary flight a few hundred feet in the air, and then went towards a paddock just outside the township. It just passed over the top of a cottage.

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The port wing and engine appeared to break away, and the plane then crashed to earth and careered across the paddock, finally striking a tree on the bank of a creek.

Parts of the plane, personal belongings of the crew, and a quantity of fresh fish which had been taken on board before taking off, were scattered about the paddock.

The six members of the crew were badly crushed, and died almost instantly.

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