

# PILOT KILLED IN TEST FLIGHT CRASH

## R.A.A.F. Machine "Fell Like Rock"

An R.A.A.F. ace pilot was killed instantly when a plane he was test-flying crashed near Bankstown yesterday.

He was Flight-Lieutenant Elton Murray Ifould, 33, married, of Pymble, son of the Deputy-Director of War Organisation of Industry (Mr. W. H. Ifould).

Eye-witnesses said the plane "dropped like a rock," giving Ifould no chance to bail out.

The cause of yesterday's crash is unknown.

Flight-Lieut. Ifould has left a widow and two children, aged three and two. He had just become a test pilot after service with the R.A.A.F. in New Guinea.

Flying with the Fourth Wirraway Squadron, he won the U.S. Silver Star for co-operational work with U.S. forces at Buna and Sanananda.

### Mention In Despatches

Ifould flew low over palm trees and noted the position of enemy forces for the U.S. artillery.

He was mentioned in despatches on a number of occasions.

His brother, Lieutenant Frank Ifould, R.A.N., was killed in June, when the ship in which he was returning to Australia was torpedoed in the Indian Ocean.

Lieutenant Ifould, who had served three years with the Royal Navy, had been posted back to duty with the Australian Navy.

Another brother, Squadron-Leader Edward Ifould, D.F.C., has distinguished himself overseas.

### Funeral Of Flight-Lieut. Ifould

Funeral of Flight-Lieut. Murray Ifould, who fatally crashed while testing an aircraft yesterday, was held at North Sydney Crematorium today.

Members of his RAAF unit acted as pall-bearers. Air Force Chaplain H. M. Arrowsmith conducted the service.

Among those present were S Leader Edward Ifould, a brother, Wing-Commander F. Stevens, OC of his station, and members of the unit who had served in New Guinea with Ifould.

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### TEST PILOT'S FATAL FLIGHT

Flight-Lieut. Elton Murray Ifould (33), of Pymble, killed yesterday afternoon in an air crash near Sydney, took over his new post as a test pilot only a few days ago.

ACCORDING to an R.A.A.F. statement, Ifould was killed instantly when the aircraft he had tested crashed on landing.

Holder of the American Silver Star, awarded him for outstanding co-operation with the U.S. forces at Buna and Sanananda and also mentioned in despatches, Flight-Lieut. Ifould was a son of the Deputy-Director of War Organisation of Industry (Mr. W. H. Ifould).

He leaves a widow and two daughters aged three and two.

Lieut. Frank Ifould, R.A.N., a brother, was killed in the Indian Ocean last June on his way back to Australia after three years' service with the R.N.

Another brother, Squadron-Leader Edward Ifould, D.S.O., D.F.C. and bar, recently returned from service with the R.A.F. in Britain.

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### PILOT KILLED ON TEST FLIGHT

Flight-Lieutenant E. M. Ifould was killed when an aircraft he was testing crashed on landing near Sydney yesterday.

He was a son of the Deputy Director of the Department of W.O.I. Mr. W. H. Ifould.

Flight-Lieutenant Ifould had a brilliant record in New Guinea, where he served with the famous No. 4 Wirraway Squadron, which spotted at tree-top height for American artillery during the Sanananda-Buna campaign. He received the U.S. Silver Star and was mentioned in R.A.A.F. despatches for gallantry in this campaign.

After serving as a ferry pilot and an instructor, he became a test pilot in Sydney.

Flight-Lieutenant Ifould had two brothers, one of whom was recently killed in naval operations. The other, a squadron leader in the R.A.A.F., holds the D.S.O., D.S.C. and bar, and has been mentioned in despatches four times. He recently returned from service with the R.A.F. in Britain, where he was a navigator with the Pathfinder Squadron.

Flight-Lieutenant Ifould is survived by Mrs. Ifould and two young daughters.

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### Dead Pilot's Fine Service

Flight-Lieut. E. M. Ifould, who was killed when a plane he was testing crashed on landing near Sydney yesterday, had served with distinction with the famous No. 4 Wirraway Squadron in New Guinea.

He was awarded the US Silver Star for co-operational work during the Sanananda-Buna campaign.

On numerous occasions he was mentioned in RAAF despatches for gallantry.

He was a son of the NSW Director of War Organisation of Industry (Mr. W. H. Ifould), and leaves a widow and two young children.

The funeral will leave Kinsela's Parlors, Taylor-square, at 9 am tomorrow.

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