

BLAZING PLANE RESCUE

Sergeant's Award for Bravery

CANBERRA, Tuesday. — For bravery in attempting to save the pilot of a blazing aircraft which had crashed, Sergeant Maxwell Thomas Goode, R.A.A.F., of Moe, has been awarded the British Empire Medal.

Sergeant Goode was in charge of an ambulance at Coomalie Creek airstrip, 60 miles south of Darwin, on August 3, when a photographic reconnaissance Mosquito aircraft crashed and caught fire. He climbed over the blazing wing of the plane and dragged the pilot from the wreckage, extinguishing the pilot's burning clothes with his bare hands.

Sergeant Goode was burned on both hands and on the left arm. The pilot of the aircraft later died, despite Sergeant Goode's heroic rescue.

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