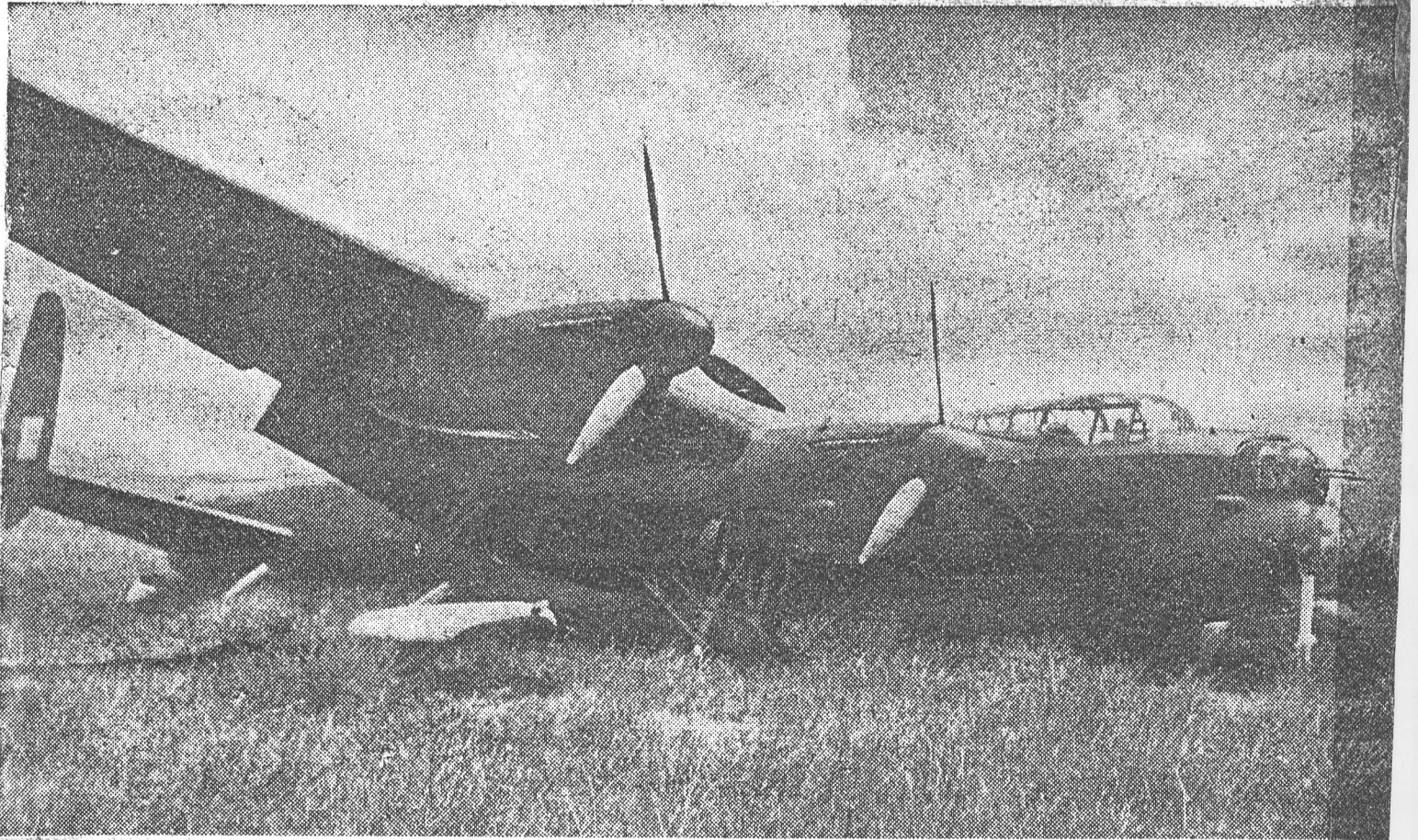


MISHAP TO LANCASTER BOMBER DURING LOAN TOUR



The Lancaster bomber which had been touring the eastern States in aid of the Fourth Liberty Loan photographed after it overshot a short runway at a northern New South Wales town. The Lancaster was damaged too badly for the tour to be continued. *was repaired & helped in the 1st Victoria*

GIANT BOMBER DAMAGED

Lancaster's Tour Abandoned

The Lancaster bomber, which has been touring on behalf of the Fourth Liberty Loan, was damaged in a landing mishap at a northern New South Wales town yesterday, and the remainder of the tour has been cancelled.

The Commonwealth Loans Director, Mr. Banfield, said last night that the damage to the plane would take longer to repair than the remaining period of the loan (which will close on November 9), and, therefore, it was not possible to proceed. The tour of Tasmania, Victoria, and New South Wales had been virtually completed, however, so that Queensland towns would be the only ones affected.

PLANE OVERSHOT SHORT LANDING RUNWAY

By a Special Correspondent in
the Lancaster.

The tour of the Lancaster in support of the Liberty Loan came to a sudden end when the aircraft overshot a short runway at a northern New South Wales town at 1 p.m. and was damaged too badly for the tour to be continued.

No member of the crew or of the Liberty Loan party travelling in the plane was injured, and most of them will go on to Brisbane by train today before returning to the south. It may be many weeks before the Lancaster can be repaired.

To-day, the Lancaster was to have undertaken the Queensland portion of its itinerary, going as far north as Cairns.

The accident occurred when the bomber, which needs a long runway for landing, was unable to lose speed in time.

Flight-Lieutenant Peter Isaacson, seeing a ditch in front of him, swung the great aircraft around in an effort to miss it, but the speed was still too great, and the bomber slipped over on to one wing, doing some damage to the outboard port engine and the undercarriage.

Crew and passengers were jolted rather violently, but all escaped with a few bruises.

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Lancaster Damaged, Passengers Bruised

The 27-ton Lancaster bomber was damaged while landing on a short runway at a northern New South Wales town yesterday.

None of its crew of eight was injured. Its six passengers were thrown from their seats and bruised.

They are: Captain George Holland, of Melbourne, director of the tour.

Flight-Lieutenant J. A. Cashmore, Holland's assistant.

Flight-Officer Betty Hannam, W.A.A.F. war loan speaker.

Flight-Lieutenant D. Robertson, editor of the R.A.A.F. paper, Wings.

Captain M. MacCallum, of the Army Journal, Salt.

Russell O. Atkinson, of Melbourne, publicity officer for the tour.

The Lancaster was being flown by Flight-Lieutenant Peter Isaacson, 22, D.F.C., A.F.C., D.F.M., who flew it from England and has piloted it on all its Australasian flights.

The Lancaster overshot the runway, crashed into a ditch, and collided with a fence.

The outboard port engine and undercarriage were damaged.

Loan Tour Off

It is likely that the bomber will have to be brought to Sydney for repair.

In accordance with its published itinerary, the Lancaster flew from Tamworth to a town farther north yesterday on its Liberty Loan tour.

The Commonwealth Loans Director (Mr. Banfield) said last night that the remainder of the Lancaster's tour—principally to Queensland towns—had been cancelled.

Mrs. R. Nielsen, who married the Lancaster's navigator (Flight-Lieutenant Nielson, D.F.M.) last Thursday, said last night:

"The suspense was dreadful until I learned nobody had been seriously injured."

Most of the occupants will go to Brisbane by train today before returning south.

Isaacson has flown the Lancaster about 50,000 miles, and made about 200 landings since he left England last May.

He flew from England to Australia, via Canada and the Pacific, in seven hops (72 flying hours), and landed at Sydney on June 4.

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