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

Eight R.A.A.F. men were killed when two aircraft collided in training exercises at a Central Queensland air station.

Four of the eight airmen came from New South Wales.

Those killed were:

Flying-Officer John Eric Gay, wireless-air-gunner, of Newcastle; Flight-Sergeant Ian James Dixon, wireless-air-gunner, of Neutral Bay; Flight-Sergeant Milton Charles Hardy, pilot, of Kingsford; Flight-Sergeant Richard McDougall Garland, wireless-air-gunner, of West Maitland.

Flight-Sergeant John Bertram Steed, pilot, of Bundaberg, Qld.; Flight-Sergeant Irwin Harold Smead, navigator, of Spotswood, Vic.; Pilot-Officer James Ian McKechnie, wireless-air-gunner, of Henley Beach, S.A.; Flight-Sergeant Ignatius William Willocks, navigator, of Richmond, Vic.

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