

FOUR KILLED IN BEAUFORT CRASH

Four RAAF aircrew were killed when a Beaufort bomber crashed in wild country 25 miles from Moorooka during straffing exercises last night.

It is thought that the plane hit a tree when dive-bombing. It crashed into the ground.

The bomber was on a training flight, and was carrying out routine straffing exercises over Kreuger's Paddock, Newbeth, about 25 miles from Moorooka.

Two stockmen saw it dive and heard it crash.

So rough is the country in which the tragedy occurred that it took the men two hours to inform the police of the accident.

A party of police and Air Force personnel set out immediately from Moorooka, and, after travelling miles over rough roads and then four miles on foot over wild bush tracks, reached the scene of the accident.

About the same time a rumour that another plane in difficulties had crashed in the hilly country behind German Bridge, near Holland Park, caused police considerable concern.

The rumour proved to be false, the plane having landed at an aerodrome near Brisbane.

The Air Force has established a guard over the wrecked plane at Kreuger's Paddock and police and Air Force officials are searching the wreckage.

Names of the dead men, when the bodies are identified, will not be released until next-of-kin have been advised.

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