

# 4 SURVIVED IN BOMBER CRASH Lincoln In Flames

Four members of the No. 10 G. R. Squadron R.A.A.F. miraculously escaped from a blazing Lincoln bomber which crashed at the Garbutt aerodrome yesterday afternoon.

The plane, which was a complete loss, crashed at 3.30 p.m., while engaged on forced landing exercises, but the four men were able to extricate themselves before help arrived.

Captain of the plane was Flight Lieutenant S. G. Godding, D.F.C., of Townsville. Other crew members were Flight Lieutenant L. H. Williams, Croydon (New South Wales), Sergeant K. F. Coghlan, Nundah, Brisbane, and Flight Sergeant B. C. Adams of Townsville.

All personnel suffered only minor injuries, although Flight Sergeant Adams was detained in the R.A.A.F. hospital last night under observation for shock and a probable fracture of the nose.

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The Lincoln, which was airborne at the time, plummeted to earth within the confines of the 'drome, but away from the main runways.

R.A.A.F. fire waggons were quickly on the spot, but the petrol tanks immediately caught fire, sending a dense pall of smoke high into the air.

Rescuers were amazed to see the crew members tumble from the burning wreckage and run to a safe distance.

The Townsville Fire Brigade was called to the scene, but on arrival the plane was found to be furiously ablaze and little could be done to assist the R.A.A.F. firefighters.

A R.A.A.F. spokesman said last night that at the time there was a cross wind blowing and conditions were gusty.

No. 10 G.R. Squadron is under the command of Wing Commander J. Handbury, A.F.C.

BRISBANE, March 12.—The crashed Lincoln was one of a number specially designed for long range reconnaissance. It was fitted with an extended nose, six feet longer than the standard Lincolns.

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