

### PILOT KILLED AT EVANS HEAD

### Plane on Fire After Crash

LISMORE, Monday.—Sergeant Pilot William Laws, 21, single, of Queensland, was fatally injured when a training aircraft which he was piloting crashed on to the aerodrome at Evans Head to-day and burst into flames.

The ground personnel dragged Laws from the wreckage.

Laws, who was alone, was returning from a training flight about noon, when the plane was seen to dive vertically, striking the ground 80 yards from the officers' mess.

Laws was taken to the aerodrome hospital, where he died at 3.15 p.m.

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### PILOT DIES IN BURNING PLANE

Sergeant-Pilot William Laws, 21, single, was fatally burned when the training plane he was piloting at Evans Head Training School yesterday crashed on the drome and burst into flames.

Members of the ground personnel dragged him from the burning wreckage.

Laws, who was alone, was returning to the drome from a training flight about noon, when the plane dived vertically to the ground.

Laws was rushed to the aerodrome hospital, where he died three hours later.

Laws, who came from Sarina, North Queensland, had completed brilliant first-year medicine and science courses at the Queensland University before he enlisted in the R.A.A.F. early this year.

His father, Mr. G. N. Laws, is a farmer. Mrs. Laws is matron of her own private hospital at Sarina.

Laws was educated at Mt. Carmel College, Charters Towers, the Christian Brothers' College at Mackay, and Nudgee College, Brisbane.

From Nudgee three years matriculated in science.

"Although he had a wonderful aptitude as a scientist, I willingly gave my consent to join the Air Force this year," his mother said last night.

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