

PLANE CRASHES INTO BAY

Two Airmen Killed

MELBOURNE, Thursday.—Two R.A.A.F. pilots were killed when a single-engined trainer dived into Port Phillip Bay, two miles south-east of Point Cook, yesterday afternoon, the Department of Air announced to-day.

They were Pilot-Officer M. A. C. Olive, 24, married, formerly of Goomeri, Queensland; and Pilot-Officer E. M. Beaumont, 21, married, formerly of Dromana, Victoria.

The department said the cause of the accident, which occurred during a reconnaissance training flight, was obscure.

The two pilots had practically identical Air Force careers. They were Empire Air Scheme trainees, posted to Laverton on the same day, and both were granted commissions on January 12, 1942.

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A7-74 Cirrus Moth: crashed at Point Cook 29 January 1942 - Empire Air Training Scheme students, Pilot Officer M A O Olive and Pilot Officer R M Beaumont both killed