

PLANE IN FLAMES

R.A.A.F. Pilot Killed

SYDNEY, Tuesday. — An R.A.A.F. pilot was killed and his Beaufighter plane completely wrecked this afternoon when the machine crashed and burst into flames near Richmond, N.S.W.

The victim was Warrant-Officer Harold Roy Stevens, of Kingston-road, Camperdown.

Warrant-Officer Stevens was undertaking a single-engine trial. The plane took off from Richmond air force aerodrome at 3.40 p.m. to test the port-side engine. Within ten minutes the engine failed, and the plane nosedived and crashed, immediately bursting into flames.

The pilot had no chance of escaping, and his body was found at the controls with a charred parachute on his back.

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