

# DAKOTA CRASHES; 4 HURT

**AN R. A. A. F.  
Dakota crashed  
and burst into  
flames on take-off  
at Daly Waters, 400  
miles south of Dar-  
win, last night.**

Two of the crew and two passengers were seriously injured.

Fire crews had the flames out within two minutes — while the 13 passengers and four crew escaped through emergency hatches.

The Dakota's starboard undercarriage had collapsed as the plane gathered speed for take off.

**Its right wing dug into the runway "cartwheeling" the aircraft on the ground.**

The motors caught fire on impact, and all but 10 ft. of the tail section was damaged in the plaze.

The aircraft, from No. 86 Transport Wing at Amberly, Queensland, was bound for Darwin.

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## Fish by jet spelt "thanks"

SUN SPECIAL SERVICE

**DALY WATERS is 400 road miles from the sea and its sun-scorched Northern Territory creek hasn't run for months.**

But Daly Waters' people ate fresh fish yesterday — delicious barramundi, mouth-watering snapper — delivered by a man from Melbourne.

How so? It's a heart-warming story of gratitude.

Ten days ago, a R.A.A.F. Dakota carrying ground staff for No. 6 Squadron, crashed taking off from Daly Waters for Darwin.

*Daly Waters put on a good show. The airport fire crew had the flames out in two minutes.*

*Local women took good care of four badly injured R.A.A.F. men.*

One of the men asked Mrs. Harold West, a nurse and wife of the Fire Chief, what she would like most.

"A feed of fish," said Mrs. West.

This week, No. 6 Squadron ground staff chipped in, bought 40 lbs. of fish in Darwin and asked Squadron H.Q., politely, for a Canberra jet.

So the gift of fish was flown to Daly Waters by Squadron Leader Norman Nixon, of Middle Park.

It arrived 38 minutes later, still cold, from its Darwin ice-blocks.

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