

# Eight Airmen Are Killed In Ontario in Two Days

The deaths of two Australian fliers who collided in mid-air and crashed at Camp Borden, and that of Leading Aircraftman C. H. McCredie of Smiths Falls and another member of the R.C.A.F., whose name has not been revealed after a mid-air crash at Otterville yesterday brings to a total of eight the death toll in training planes during the past two days.

In the Camp Borden tragedy it is understood that the wings of the two planes being flown solo by the airmen touched and both planes plunged to the ground at about 4 p.m. One of the Australians was killed instantly; the other died on the way to hospital. Although cables have been sent to next of kin identities are withheld pending arrival of the cables.

The double tragedy at Otterville is understood to have had a similar cause, a mid-air collision, after which one of the planes crashed in flames near the Otter River and the other fell in a field near the village. McCredie was a student pilot stationed at Aylmer.

The cause of the crash of two air training planes over the village of Odessa, near Kingston, Monday evening, when three fliers lost their lives, was being probed at Kingston yesterday by Royal Canadian Air Force officials.

Pilot Officer Donald Beardall of Weston was killed in Trenton when two planes crashed on the landing field Monday. The pilot of the other aircraft was unhurt.

Pilot Officer Willard E. Madden, one of the fliers killed at Odessa, was the eldest son of Rev. F. Walter Madden, minister of Dunbarton United Church, and Mrs. Madden.

He was in his twenty-fifth year and enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in November, 1940. He received his wings at Camp Borden in August, 1941, and took a flying instructors course at Trenton. He then became attached to the R.A.F. School at Collins Bay as a flying instructor.

Surviving are two brothers, Ewart and Clifford, and a sister, Evelyn. The funeral service, with full military honors, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the chapel of Morley S. Bedford, 159 Eglinton Avenue West at Lascelles Boulevard. Flight Lieutenant Bruce Miller, of Manning Depot, will conduct the service and will be assisted by Rev. W. J. Johnston, minister of Eglinton United Church.

The other fliers killed at Odessa were later identified as Acting Leading Aircraftman C. A. Treble and Acting Leading Aircraftman W. H. Riddett, both from England. Both were pupil pilots and specific addresses were not announced.