

# FOUR AIR STUDENTS DIE IN TWO CRASHES

## Bring Death Toll in Ontario to Eight in Two Days

Two mid-air collisions yesterday cost the lives of two Ontario R.C.A.F. student pilots and two young Australians training at Camp Borden. These crashes brought the death toll in Ontario in two days to eight.

Yesterday's casualties were: Leading Aircraftman Caldwell H. McCredie of Smith's Falls; Robert Davidson of Hamilton, and the two Australians, W. T. Hogan and N. A. Loginoff. McCredie would have graduated shortly; and Hogan would have received his wings Friday.

All trainees were flying Harvard trainers solo. McCredie and Davidson collided over Otterville, near St. Thomas, while the two Australians crashed together over Alliston, directly above a Camp Borden army unit engaged in tank manoeuvres. All are believed to have been killed instantly except one Australian who died on the way to hospital.

Leading Aircraftman Hogan, who lived at Manly, N.S.W., was the best friend of Leading Aircraftman A. H. Howarth, another R.A.A.F. trainee who was killed last week when the Harvard he was flying with a Toronto instructor, crashed through the ice into Lake Simcoe.

One of the two machines which collided over Otterville, crashed in the village. The other fell on the bank of a river close by. Leading Aircraftman Davidson was midway through his service flying course and was on a cross-country flight when the collision occurred. According to authorities at Dunnville S.F.T.S., where he was based, the young student was on his right course.

Leading Aircraftman McCredie was training at Aylmer. He attended Smith's Falls public schools and was graduated from the collegiate five years ago. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey McCredie.

Besides his parents, he is survived by one sister, Elaine, and one brother, Clayton.

The two Australians were practicing circuits and landings. One is believed to have made a short turn on the south end of the circuit, cut inside the other plane which the pilot of the first machine apparently did not see, and plowed into the rear, severing the tail. The planes plummeted to earth quarter of a mile apart.