



# *Military News*

*Milton Lilbourne*

## *TWO R.A.F. PILOTS KILLED; PLANE BURST INTO FLAMES*

Two R.A.F. pilots were killed at Milton Lilbourne, near Pewsey, Wilts., yesterday, when their machines collided in mid-air and, according to an eye witness, immediately burst into flames.

The victims were :-

Pilot Officer Griffith Owen Llewellyn

Sergeant John Cyril Hopkins

They were flying single-seater Bulldog machines belonging to No. 17 Fighter Squadron, Upavon. One pilot was burned beyond recognition. The other was killed after apparently having tried to escape by means of his parachute.

### **SAW SOMETHING DROP**

An eye witness said that when he saw the aeroplanes first before they crashed, they were not flying high. After they collided, they immediately burst into flames and he saw something drop from one of them. He could not say what it was, but it might have been one of the pilots.

After the machines had crashed to earth, only the tail of one could be recognized. Of the other there was only a wheel left. The wing of one machine was found some distance away.

This is the thirty-sixth R.A.F. fatal accident this year, resulting in fifty deaths. Last year the death toll in thirty-five accidents was fifty-three.

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