

# DEAD IN PLANE CRASH

**K. Raisbeck, a Former London Policeman, Met Tragic End When RAF Plane Dashed to Earth on Hansen Farm South of Town Monday.**

**NOSE-DIVED 2500 FEET.**

**Motor Buried Itself in Ground Ten Feet and Body Badly Broken. Several Saw Fatal Plunge and Heard the Crash. From Miami Base.**

K. Raisbeck, 26, a former policeman in London, England, was instantly killed in a plane crash four miles south of Oswego at 10:00 Monday morning. Raisbeck was a British cadet at the RAF training school at Miami, Oklahoma.

The crash was one of the worst that has happened in this immediate community. Those who saw the tragedy think that the plane headed nose downward with its motor rearing full blast, at an altitude of about 2500 feet. It landed in a field of soy beans, and when it hit ground, there was a loud explosion which was heard by many people here in town, and apparently exploded from the impact.

The motor buried itself in the ground to a depth of 10 feet, taking the greater part of the pilot into the ground with it. Some pieces of flesh and clothing were scattered in the field near where the plane hit, which was on the farm owned by Mrs. Elsie Hansen and which is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Mosler and family. The RAF base at Miami was notified immediately by Undersheriff W. H. Dienst and Dr.

Miami was notified immediately by Undersheriff W. H. Dienst and Dr. D. B. Fordyce, who were early at the scene of the accident, also by Mr. Mosler, who was working in the field when the plane fell.

Officials soon came and roped off the farm and started the work of removing the engine and the body of the unfortunate cadet. The pilot's body was taken out at 10:00 Monday night, and the motor a short time later. A derrick on a crash truck was used for this purpose.

A number of people witnessed the plane's fall. One of them was Cleo Mosler, who occupies the farm. Another was James Tullis, a farmer in the community. He said that he saw the plane flying in a north-easterly direction and it appeared to be in distress then. He saw it make a nose dive for the ground. Claude Brown, another farmer working in a field on the C. B. Fritz farm across the Labette Creek from the Hansen farm, also saw the plane when it headed for disaster and heard the explosion when it hit. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Bryant, who live in that community, were picking blackberries about a mile distant and they saw it fall. Ling Dudgeon of this city, who was doing some pipe line work in that community for The American Gas Company, was driving in a truck. He didn't see it fall, but heard it and picked up a neighbor and hurried to the scene of the accident. They had some trouble in locating just where the plane had fallen, but were the first to reach the spot. The wings of the plane were about all that remained in the proximity to the place where it entered the ground.

The body was taken back to Miami late Monday night in an ambulance, and funeral services were held there Wednesday, and burial was made in the GAR cemetery in Miami.

Tuesday morning while the work of recovering the plane and body was going on, another RAF plane appeared over the scene and did several acrobatic stunts. This is presumed to be a sort of airman's salute from one flyer to a fallen comrade.