

PLANE CRASHES  
NEAR OSWEGO

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**A British Cadet Killed When the Trainer Plane Engine Was Buried 10 Feet in Field.**

A training plane from the Spartan school of aeronautics at Miami, Okla., crashed and exploded on the farm of Mrs. Elsie Hansen about 6½ miles southwest of Oswego Monday morning about 9 o'clock, killing the pilot the only occupant.

Farmers in the vicinity witnessing the maneuvers of the plane said it appeared to go into a vertical power dive with its motor roaring at full blast. It hit the ground in a soybean field northeast of a large prominent hill that stands alone on the flat country side and there was a loud explosion that sent a cloud of dust into the air. At the time no one was close to the spot where the plane crashed. Those hurrying there found bits of wreckage scattered over a wide area. The plane was so badly damaged that it was difficult to learn much about it. The engine was buried several feet in the ground with nose down. Witnesses estimated that the plane dived vertically 2500 feet after the pilot had been doing acrobatic flying.

Upon investigation it was learned that the plane was from Miami and authorities were notified and army officials were soon on the scene with workmen from the RAF school and brought with them an ambulance and a derrick on a crash truck. The pilot's mangled body was removed at

10 p. m. and the motor was taken out about midnight with a derrick which was down about ten feet. The farm on which the crash occurred is rented by Cleo Mosler.

The pilot was identified by authorities at the Spartan school as K. Raisbeck, 26, a British cadet and a former London policeman. Funeral services were held at Miami, Wednesday with burial in the G. A. R. cemetery there.

On Tuesday morning while spectators gathered around the hole, a trainer plane from the RAF school appeared directly overhead doing acrobatic maneuvers. It flew around several minutes apparently in a sort of airman's salute from one flier to his fallen comrade.