

TRAGIC AIR CRASH.

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At long last this winter of 1953 / 1954 has brought us winter weather. The mild days of a delayed autumn, have changed to snow and ice and bitter winds with the coming of another year on the calendar; and with the snowstorms, has come an air disaster involving a transport plane of the Royal Air Force. On this wooded hillside of Aldbury in Hertfordshire, fourteen out of the plane's sixteen passengers and crew were killed instantly; the fifteenth died in hospital soon afterwards.

Crashing among the trees, parts of the transport buried themselves in the living timber. The aircraft had been returning— to Thorney Island in Hampshire, with the station's rugby team, who had combined this trip with a training flight.