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## LANE KILLS FIVE CHILDREN

### CRASHED ON SMALL FARM-HOUSE

Five children, aged from 1 to 9 years, were killed when an aircraft on a night flight crashed into a little house, a small farmhouse near Ambleside, Northumberland. One of the crew was saved. The farmhouse is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Rowell, of Pilgrim. Among the children were Sybil Robson (9), Eddie (8), Marjorie (5), William Matlock (3), and Sheila (1). They were in bed at the time of the crash, which occurred at about 10 p.m. The father and mother and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rowell, of Pilgrim, Agnate, were injured, but not seriously.

The survivor of the crew said that the aircraft had been experiencing trouble, but the pilot managed to keep it in the air until he was safely away. Not other than the engine misfired, and crashed and tumbled into the farmhouse.

The man saved gave his life to the courage, and heroism, of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rowell, who ran out and pulled him from the plane through the man's widow who was on fire. He rolled him on the ground and put the fire out.

With the children's deaths Mr. and Mrs. Robson have lost the whole of their family.

Mr. James Rowell told a Press Association reporter last night: "We heard a 'plane flying very low. I thought it must be ours, and we all knew it would hit the door. The house collapsed above our heads, and looking upward, we saw the sky. Mrs. Robson shouted 'Is this my poor babies!' and tried to make her way towards the window, which had been blown away. The children's partly charred bodies were laid across the floor."

Mr. and Mrs. Robson could have been killed had the plane crashed lower, but had not been visited by the Rowells. Mr. Rowell said: "We are the luckiest people in the world to live today. The walls are 6-inches thick, and the walls in the part of the house are more than six feet high now."

PLANE CRASHES

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**ASHED ON SMALL FARM-HOUSE**

children, aged from 1 to 5 were killed when an aircraft on today came swooped into the small farm-house near Abergavenny. One man in the crew was killed. The farmhouse is occupied by Mr. William Bowen.

children were sleeping in house at 10.30 p.m. William and Sheila (1) Bowen were at the time following a and the father and mother and sons, Mr. and Mrs. J. Powell of Ambleside were injured, but not

survivor of the crew said that plane had been experiencing trouble, but the pilot managed to land it safely. It was a violent overcast, but after that was unable to continue and crashed into farmhouse.

Mr. Bowen saved his life to another. And immediately of Mr. who turned out and pulled him the plane though the man's were on fire. He got him ground and then got on to the children's bed the Mr. and Bowen travelled the whole of family.

James Powell told a Press Association reporter this night: "We a mine flying very low. I said, "Look out" and we all three lots on the floor. The house stood above our heads and looked as though it was about to fall. Mr. Bowen tried to get us to make her way towards stairs which had been broken. The children, partly, could were later recovered, and Mrs. Bowen would have to bed when the plane crashed but had not been visited by Mr. Bowen. He has five married people in the world to be today. The chairs we were sitting were smashed, and the walls part of the house are still high now."

**MISSSES**

28 STERLING AT EF 112 SELF DPS CREW Ballagee - Birnich - set in sea

S Taylor

F J Davies

1ST PILOT OR PASSENGER (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)

TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD  
5.6% of sorties were lost  
over Germany during Nov '43

Journey for NOVEMBER 1943

HQRT : 8 Flight 219 (AMC) Squadron

DATE : 1-12-43

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After November no further Stirling raids  
were made on Germany

BIRCH

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42 Halifax

JULY

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\* DPS CREW

Gardening, Baltic. Off Lubeck.

SELF

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To base. Hack over Yorkshire

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Air test

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Flight + load test. 1100 lbs. 18220'

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Fighter affiliation (Hurricane)

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DPS CREW

Initial test of a/c

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Air test.

GRAND TOTAL (Cols. 11 to 20) - Hull - Newcastle - Leeds - Base  
1823 Hrs 15 Min. TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD

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