

BOMBER CRASH

Crashing onto Bemerton Heath housing estate near Salisbury, an R.A.F. Brigand fighter-bomber destroyed four houses and damaged six others. Thirty-four people lost their homes in the disaster which cost the pilot and his photographer passenger their lives. Nine people were injured. The plane took off from Boscombe Down, eight miles away. Then, one engine cut out. The pilot tried to maintain height as he neared the estate (which contains more than 500 houses), but failed. A wing hit two oak trees and the plane burst into flames as it crashed.