

DAKOTA DIVES INTO SEA

BRISBANE, Wednesday —
Two Australians and four Dutch airmen lost their lives when a Dakota twin-engined plane disappeared into the sea in flames a mile north-west of Point Look-Out, Stradbroke Island, at 2.40 p.m. to-day.

An aerial search of the locality revealed only a large patch of oil. There was no trace of wreckage.

Eye-witnesses say the plane fell to pieces in the air and nose-dived with flames and smoke streaming from it.

The victims were employed by the Netherlands East Indies Air Force and had taken up the plane on a normal test flight.

Rough seas and heavy rain prevented a search by a boat to-night. A police launch left the city to-day to commence a search in the morning.

The victims were: Victor Mole, married, of Annerley; Norman Dow, married, of Hamilton; C. B. Achadours, married, of West End; Lt. S. Mits Van Burgst, married, of Clayfield (the pilot); Sgt.-Major Rookmaker, married, of Toowong; Sgt. Major H. Bekemba, married, of Sandgate.