

WRECKED DAKOTA

Dutch Crew Unhurt

SIX MEN SET OUT FOR KATHERINE

Darwin, April 1.—An R.A.A.F. plane which flew over the wrecked Dutch navy Dakota east of Katherine Gorge yesterday picked up a message from the portable wireless set dropped by the plane that none of the seven Dutch occupants of the Dakota had been injured.

Earlier another plane had sighted a message pegged out on the ground in white calico that four Dutchmen had left for Katherine six days ago. If the men who left the plane have followed the Katherine River down they would have a fair chance of reaching Katherine to-morrow, but if they have set off across country on a compass course it could take weeks for them to arrive there. An overland rescue party which left Katherine yesterday morning did not expect to reach the crashed plane for about three days.