House Flattened in Bomber Crash

Four Die-But Farmer And Wife Escape

SHOCK FOR DERBYSHIRE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

WHEN a 90-ton four-engined jet bomber crashed on Friday afternoon on a charming 17th century farmhouse, the Lindleyham farm, near Sheffield, one of the largest and most picturesque of the area's historic homes, was completely destroyed. The crash occurred at 2:30 p.m. when the aircraft, en route to Germany, hit the house and exploded in flames.

The crash triggered a massive fire that engulfed the entire farmhouse, which was built in 1715. The house was occupied by the Burt family, who had lived there for over 50 years. The crash and the resulting fire killed four people, including Mr. and Mrs. Burley, and their three children.

New House BUT . . .

For Mr. and Mrs. Burley, the tragedy meant not only the loss of their home and all they possessed, but also the loss of their farm, which had been in the family for generations. The family had lived in the house for over 50 years and had many treasured memories associated with it.

The family had always been close-knit and had maintained a tight-knit community. The crash had left the community in shock and mourning. The local council had promised to help the family in any way possible.

Severely Shocked

Like her husband, Mrs. Burley was severely shocked and in addition to the emotional trauma, she also suffered a severe head injury. The doctors said she was in a critical condition and was expected to be kept in hospital for several weeks.

Hurt Through Window

Three others, including two children, died in the crash. The children were killed when the explosion caused massive damage to the house. The explosion was so intense that it caused a giant crater in the ground.

Pictured above is the scene of devastation on Saturday morning with part of the massive V-bomber sprawled across the heap of debris which was all that remained of the charming 17th century farmhouse. On the right is the house as it was, the bay window on the right of the front door, the one through which the blast came and was thrown on to the farm. The two women who died were in the part of the house on the far left of the picture.