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DOUBLE PLANE TRAGEDY

ARCHERFIELD CRASH FURTHER EVIDENCE - ' At iNGyiRY

BRISBANE, Thursday:— The Coroner (Mr. J. LeaKyj to-day Continued the enquiry into the deaths of Esther Josephine Tully

and Jack Westerlake Barrett, whp. were killed when -planes collided. . In mid-air near Archeriicld/ on - June 19. Oliver Jack Shelley, , aircraftsman employed by Qantas Airways Ltd;, said he noticed the two planes about 800 feet up, and their closeness to each other kept- his attention; - Witness called: out to his wife and said, "Here's a collision." He did not think the words were out of :his mouth before the planes collided. ' They were about 15 to 20 feet apart when he first saw them, and he formed the opinion that they were about to collide. SAW PILOT FALLING Witness added that one plane hit the other at a point at the starboard elevator and carried under the fuselage; The wings and nose of the plane hit rose in the air, turned to the right and swung down wkrds towards the ground. The other plane continued on for about two chains and then came down at a steep angle. The p'ane that was struck first came down faster than the other plane. It turned over and was "practically upside-down; He saw an object leaving it and thought at the time v it wasv the engine falling, - but sincdhe-.'ht---c|nif-to the conclusion it > wds ' tbdtnady ' of Barrett. - V " " Thomas Leslie Amos, aircraft inspector at Archerfield;v'said? He examined the wreckage. '-Hfi cSirie tq'tfie conclusion that one1, 'machine ' had been hit side on by the othet fnachirie,J possibly in the centre of the fuselage. He would say that immediately after. , the impact v the - rear bulkhead of ; one, of the ipianes' -was cut awaand the pilot fell'bh't backwards. The > ihqtii/y ' was adjourned until Monday/ j