

MISSING

Passenger Plane

Fears Held for Its Safety

Twelve Aboard It

MELBOURNE, Friday. — Holyman Aerial Service's four engined liner, Miss Hobart, which left Launceston this morning with 10 passengers and two pilots, failed to arrive at Essendon aerodrome at noon, as scheduled.

The plane sent out the last radio near Wilson's Promontory. Since then nothing has been heard of her.

The pilot is Gilbert Jenkins. Captain V. Holyman is also believed to be aboard as co-pilot.

The passengers are: Rev. H. E. Warren, who recently led the police expedition to Arnhem Land, and was on his way to Sydney to take over the parish of St. Luke; Colin Jones, dentist, of Launceston, with Mrs. Jones and their infant child; H. Caldwell, carpenter, of Launceston; G. R. Gourlay, of Hobart; Miss K. Mercet, of Campbelltown, well-known rider of horses in show rings; Donald Drummond, employee of the Electrolytic Zinc Company, and Mrs. Drummond, and H. Quon, managing director of Quon's Limited, plumbers, of Launceston.

The last wire received from the plane stated that it was over Redondo Island, and all was well. The island is only eight miles from Wilson's Promontory, and officials of Holyman's are therefore practically certain that the plane is not down in the sea, but has made a forced landing somewhere in the wild unsettled country of Wilson's Promontory.

No trace of the missing plane was seen by the keepers of the Wilson's Promontory lighthouse to-day, although the head keeper (Mr. H. Dixon), said that the machine had been noticed on its regular flight. Speaking on the

that the machine had been noticed on its regular flight. Speaking on the long distance 'phone to-night Mr. Dixon said that conditions were cloudless and the visibility so good that if the machine passed anywhere near the lighthouse it could not have been missed.

Huart Aircraft's plane has been searching fruitlessly this afternoon over the rugged country around the promontory.

The Controller of Civil Aviation (Captain Johnston) said to-night that it was probable that the machine had had to descend somewhere along the 50-mile coastline, where there was practically no habitation, and that they had not yet been able to reach a telephone, which were very scarce in that district.

Two surveyors working on the roads near Wilson's Chalet, 15 miles north of the promontory lighthouse, stated that they heard a plane going over from the south about 10.30 a.m. at the time the Tasmanian mail plane usually flew over. The noise seemed to come from behind the hill and then to cease suddenly. They did not see it, but they were positive that it was a plane.