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MAYO NORTH HERITAGE CENTRE



WAR TIME PLANE CRASH

On the 25th Oct. 1942 a Trans-Atlantic delivery aircraft to the RAF on route from Newfoundland attempted an emergency landing near Crossmolina, crashed, killing the pilot.

The plane a Boston Douglas 111ABZ200 (4232955) with a crew of 3 *came in to land* in what seemed to be a flat green field, but unfortunately it was a *shaking bog*.

Most of the components were salvaged but due to the ground conditions it was impossible to remove the wreckage. Many locals helped themselves to what could be removed and used to make implements for home or farm.

The pilot, Captain Nils Rasmussen a Norwegian was buried with military honours in the local Kilmurray Cemetery. His grave is well kept and visited by many who still remember this Wartime tragedy.

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