

ACCIDENT TOLL

Road Deaths Rise in First 'Summer' Week End

Six persons were killed and more than thirty injured, several of them seriously, in road accidents at the week end.

Roads were thronged with cars as motorists took advantage of the first hot week end since last summer.

William Hertford, 4, of Ashley-street, Maidstone, was fatally injured when his parents' car collided head-on with a taxi in Ballarat-road, Footscray, early yesterday.

His father, John Hertford, 31, and his mother, Agnes Jean Hertford, 38, suffered cuts and abrasions. Two other sons, John, 9, and Colin, 1, were also treated for minor injuries.

Robert Bertram, 19, of Nepean Highway, Moorabbin, was killed instantly when his motor cycle struck the rear of a car at the corner of Carlisle-street and Brighton-road, St. Kilda, early yesterday.

His pillion passenger, Betty Marshall, 17, of Facer-avenue, Edith Vale, suffered a fractured skull and head lacerations. She was admitted to Prince Henry's Hospital.

Jack McCulloch, 28, of Quasyle-street, Wandin Yallock, was fatally injured when his motor cycle crashed on the road to Mount Evelyn on Saturday night.

Charles William Nicholls, 82, of Neerim-road, Caulfield, was killed instantly when he was

hit by a car at the corner of High-street and Waterloo-road, St. Kilda, on Saturday night.

Soldiers Killed

Two army privates, aged 19 and 21, were fatally injured when the motor cycle they were riding crashed into the back of a utility truck yesterday three miles from Seymour, on the Yea road.

One died in Puckapunyal Hospital, and the other on the way to Heidelberg Military Hospital.

The men were attending the school of tactics at Seymour military camp. The army is informing their relatives.

Neil Bailey, 18, of Eastern-road, South Melbourne, died in the Royal Melbourne Hospital on Saturday night from in-

juries he received when he was struck by a car at the corner Princes and Lygon streets, Arlton, on Tuesday.

Seven in Crash

Three persons were injured, one seriously, and four others had narrow escapes, when their car failed to take a bend on Lancefield road, two miles from Clarkfield, early yesterday.

The car ran off the road, continued for fifty yards over high ground, and then hit a fence and overturned.

The injured were:—Stephen Wilson, 26, of South-road, Preston, fractured skull; Ronald Green, 22, of Plenty-road, Preston, cuts and abrasions; Ian Black, 20, of Inverloch-reet, Preston, cuts and shock.

Wilson was admitted to the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Green and Black were treated and allowed to return home.

Jyril Edwin Maher, 48, of Bulla, was injured when his motor cycle hit a car in Bulla, on Saturday night. He was admitted to the Royal Melbourne Hospital with right leg fractured in three places.

SALE, Sunday.—Early yesterday two persons in a small car had amazing escapes from death when the car collided with a semi-trailer at the turn-off from the Princes Highway to Clydebank.

The car was wrecked and the trailer wheels pushed out of alignment.

Alfred M. Montague, chemist, of Sale, suffered a fractured skull and leg injuries. Flight Lieut. William Bennett, of the R.A.A.F., East Sale, suffered lacerations to the head. The truck driver, Frank Anderson, of Orboast, was uninjured.

34 N.S.W. Dead in 12 Days

Thirty-four persons were killed in road accidents in New South Wales in the first 12 days of this month.

Police say this record of road accidents is the worst in the State's history.

Five of them died on Saturday—two after a blazing lorry had showered burning petrol on them.

Anton Gottle, 84, of Bourke-street, Surrey Hills, was fatally injured when he was hit by a taxi and then thrown into the

path of a car in Bourke-street near his home.

Among those killed on Saturday, was one of the State's most brilliant athletes—L. A. McKeand, Olympic and Empire Games representative.

Many persons were also injured in road accidents. Several are in a serious condition.

McKeand competed in the hop, step and jump, and hurdles events at both the Olympic and Empire Games. He was a member of a firm of veterinary surgeons.

An unidentified woman was killed when a car struck her on the Pacific Highway, Killara.