

MISSING AUSTER SEARCH

WRECKAGE ON MOUNTAIN

SYDNEY, Today. — Wreckage which could be that of a missing Auster plane, was seen this afternoon on a rugged mountain peak near Orange, about 160 miles west of Sydney.

Police sighted the object through powerful binoculars near the top of Mt. Canobolas.

A party of police and civilians left immediately to scale the peak.

Earlier today three of the pilot's brothers joined the search organisation.

The Auster disappeared during a flight from Bankstown to Orange on Saturday afternoon.

It was being piloted by Max Hazelton, 21, a pilot from near Orange.

Hazelton's brothers, Bill and Kerry, are in ground parties which left early today from Lithgow, Bathurst and Cullen Bullen.

Another brother, Jim, of Mackay, Queensland, an experienced pilot, flew to Sydney today. He has chartered a plane from Bankstown to join the search.

But heavy cloud has prevented him from taking off.

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Eight aircraft from the Orange Aero Club were unable to take off early today because of cloud and rain.

Two Dakotas left from Canberra and two Beaufighters from Richmond,

but low visibility hampered them.

Hazelton was last reported flying over Cullen Bullen with his engine spluttering on Saturday night.

Other reports claim unidentified planes were heard over Eugowra and over Mt. Canobolas, near Orange, on Saturday evening.

Late today "blanket" cloud prevented eight Orange Aero Club planes from taking off.

The peak of Mt. Cano-

The peak of Mt. Canobolas was shrouded by cloud and an aerial "sight" of the wreckage was impossible.

The ground party is carrying a stretcher and medical supplies.
