



## David Tribe Injured in Road Accident on way to Walgett

David Tribe (27), school-teacher of Walgett, was seriously injured in a road smash near Bathurst on January 31, while returning to duty after spending the Christmas vacation in Sydney.

He was taken to Bathurst Hospital with multiple injuries, including damage to neck vertebrae, broken ribs and severe lacerations to the face.

Miss Patricia Hall (23) of Sydney, who was a passenger in David's car, was also admitted to hospital with a suspected neck injury and lacerations to the head and hands.

David, who is widely known as a true friend of the Aborigine, was involved in a head-on collision with a car coming from Forbes, three miles on the Sydney side of Bathurst.

It had been raining and the road surface was slippery at the scene of the accident.

David, who gave up two weeks of his Christmas holidays as a volunteer aide at the Aborigine Welfare Board's Summer Camp for children of the outback, is expected to be off duty for some time.

### OUR PICTURE

**At this year's Summer Camp, David Tribe shows John Taylor (12) of Dubbo, Teddy Green (11) of Walgett and Greg Smith (12) of Wellington, how to hold the ball in bowling during a holiday cricket match**

Doctors have advised him to seek specialist medical attention in Sydney for the neck injury when he is fit to be discharged from Bathurst Hospital. The doctors will permit him to return to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Tribe 69 Kangaroo St., Manly, while he attends a specialist.

Miss Hall, whose recovery is expected to be quicker, was proceeding to Walgett to take up her first country assignment as a school teacher. She formerly taught in Sydney schools and is a talented pianist and singer.

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### *'Roos Rock Diet*

Kangaroos are in the news again, this time for eating road metal and asphalt.

Railway engineers in Queensland are quite worried about the damage they are doing as they chew metal from the culverts along the Townsville-Mt Isa line—even nibbling through the asphalt covering to get at the metal.

The engineers have concluded that the animals are suffering from a mineral deficiency caused by dry conditions in the Houghton Range district, and are now working on measures to repair the culvert edges and protect the metal from hungry roos.