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Alan Storr. A WW2 photo of the Author

RAAF WW2 FATALITIES BY CATEGORIES

CATEGORIES	RAAF FATALITIES	HOW ARRANGED
RAAF SQUADRONS SERVING IN RAF BOMBER COMMAND (Nos 455, 458, 460, 462, 463, 464, 466 and 467)	1509	BY SQNS IN DATE OF DEATH ORDER
RAAF FATALITIES SERVING IN UK IN 10 SQN RAAF	153	IN ALPHA NAME ORDER
<u>RAAF FATALITIES WHEN ATTACHED TO RAF SQNS</u>		
RAF SQNS 1 - 50 Vols 1 and 2	603	BY BATCHES THEN BY SQNS IN ALPHA NAME ORDER
RAF SQNS 51 – 100	525	
RAF SQNS 101 – 150	495	
RAF SQNS 151 – 200	310	
RAF SQNS 201 – 300	297	
RAF SQNS 353 – 695 Plus Other Forces	687	
RAF OPERATIONAL TRAINING UNITS	573	BY UNITS IN ALPHA NAME ORDER
RAF CONVERSION UNITS	498	VARIOUS
NO KNOWN GRAVE	1423	OFFICERS/ AIRMEN IN NAME ORDER
RAAF FATALITIES IN RAF BEAUFORT SQNS & UNITS	39	BY UNITS
TOTAL RAAF FATALITIES BY CATEGORIES LISTED ABOVE	7112	
AUST ENLISTED IN THE RAF	26	

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REFERENCE SOURCES :

Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Print Outs.

AWM 237 (65) RAAF WW2 Fatalities by Squadrons

AWM 237 (63) Airmen and (64) Officers : Register of Deaths and Burials of RAAF Personnel who died on service 1939-1947

AWM 65 () Citations held by Australian War Memorial

(NAA) National Australian Archives at East Block, Canberra :: Series A705 RAAF WW2 Casualty files. Series A9300 and A9301 RAAF Members WW2 Service records files.

Micro Film No 463 OAFH) Office of RAAF Air Force History.

Veteran Affairs Nominal Roll 1939-1947 RAAF members .

Commonwealth War Graves records.

RAAF WW2 POW Files held at the Australian War Memorial : File Ref Series A54 File 779/3/129, Parts 1 to 30.

W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Volumes 1939 to 1947.

Michael Maton : DFC's for Australians in World War 2

Ian Tavender : DFM Registers for WW2 Volumes 1 and 2.

SECOND WORLD WAR OVERVIEW : ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

The Royal Australian Air Force was expanding when war broke out, having 12 Squadrons formed, or in the process of forming. Most were located in Australia, but Australian airmen would end up serving in every theatres of war.

At the outbreak of war, 10 Squadron RAAF was in Britain collecting Sunderland flying boats purchased by the RAAF. The squadron was offered to Britain to serve as part of the Royal Air Force Coastal Command, flying anti-submarine patrols over the Atlantic Ocean for the duration of the war. 11 Squadron was stationed at Port Moresby with Catalina flying boats, flying long-range reconnaissance patrols over northern Australia and north of Papua New Guinea. In 1940, 3 Squadron was posted to the Middle East as an army co-operation squadron with the Australian Imperial Force, but became a fighter squadron.

Plans had been made to raise and send more squadrons overseas but the Australian Government then signed up to the Empire Air Training Scheme (EATS), under which the Royal Australian, New Zealand and Canadian Air Forces would train aircrews to be loaned to the Royal Air Force. Most would serve in British squadrons, though some would be posted to 'Article XV', or '400-series' squadrons. These squadrons were raised by the RAF but with their nationality officially recognised – for instance 460 Squadron RAAF, to which the famous Lancaster G for George at the Australian War Memorial belonged. Many aircrews who survived their tours of duty returned to Australia to serve in RAAF Squadrons as instructors.

Training of EATS recruits took place in Australia, Canada, Rhodesia and Britain. By war's end almost 40,000 Australians had been sent overseas under this scheme, serving in Europe, the Middle East, Burma and other places. Many men in Australia and overseas died in training accidents. Many who graduated from courses flew with Bomber Command, which had the highest operational loss rate of any British Commonwealth force in the war. The RAAF also sent ground crews to serve in most of the Article XV squadrons (as well as 3 and 10 Squadrons), most serving up to four years service overseas. Hundreds of RAAF members became prisoners of war in Germany and Italy, as well as a smaller number in the Far East.

The majority of RAAF personnel remained in Australia. The massive expansion of the forces required extensive administration, training, supply and maintenance services, and there was also a strong commitment to 'home defence', so many men and most women who volunteered for the RAAF never got a chance to serve overseas. To assist in meeting the demand for manpower within Australia, the RAAF formed the Women's Australian Auxiliary Air Force in 1941, recruiting women to serve in administrative roles and to perform routine maintenance on aircraft, serving alongside men, in non-operational units (mostly training establishments) in Australia.

In 1940, the RAAF sent three squadrons to Malaya; in 1941 these were joined by an Article XV squadron, 453, raised at Bankstown, New South Wales, along with some EATS graduates posted to British squadrons. They were the first to see action against Japanese forces. About 200 RAAF men, mostly ground staff, were taken prisoner by the Japanese. By the end of 1942, RAAF squadrons also had seen extensive operational service in northern Australia, the Netherlands East Indies and Papua New

Guinea. Other squadrons flew anti-submarine patrols over the shipping lanes around Australia. .

The majority of RAAF personnel who saw active service served in these campaigns against Japan. A few had previously served in Europe or the Middle East. Along with flying squadrons, RAAF members served in various supporting units including headquarters, supply depots, communications flights, medical aerial evacuation units, radar stations and airfield construction squadrons – some of the latter two types of units serving in the Philippines in 1945 with American forces. The RAAF also played a part in the repatriation of prisoners of war at the end of the war. The only RAAF servicewomen to see active service were members of the RAAF Nursing Service.

Source : Veteran's Affairs World War 2 Nominal Roll

Note : There were **11,061** RAAF fatalities in World War 2..
(Australian War Memorial Fact Sheet No 19 refers).*

comprising

5,117 fatalities in RAAF members attached to RAF (primarily) or in some instances other Air Forces (Source : Count of fatalities in AWM 237 (62) Register of Deaths.

and

5,944 fatalities in RAAF Squadrons and support units..

* **Source** AWM 148 Roll of Honour cards, RAAF, Second World War.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

425819 Flight Sergeant ADAMS, John Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/262 Micro Film No 463, OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 378, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 292
Radio call sign:	SR – O
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV292 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 2133 hours on the night of
12/13th August 1944, detailed to carry out ABC duties on Braunschweig, Germany.
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416728 Flt Lt Tugwell, L O Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Clay, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 415440 FO Pead, G (Navigator)
RAAF 423762 FO Johnstone G J M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425819 Flt Sgt J S Adams, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF FO Selenyi, R V (Navigator) (Specialist Operator ABC Equipment)
RAAF 430128 Flt Sgt T A Hopkins, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 428466 Flt Sgt R W Butler, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ The aircraft was shot down by ack-
ack fire and crashed at about 2 o’clock in the morning of 13th August 1944 at Brochum,”
which is 3kms east of Lemforde, Germany.

All the crew of eight were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery,
Germany.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

429902 Flight Sergeant ARTHUR, Cecil Glen

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/106 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 112,.
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 558
Radio call sign:	SR – Q
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME558 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 1900 hours on the night of 15/16th March 1944, detailed to carry out ABC duties at Stuttgart, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Clegg, R GM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J F Ennis, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt V J Pickford, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E A Cunningham, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt L R Melbourne, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt J R Bull, (Air Gunner)(Specialist ABC Equipment Operator)
RAAF 429902 Flt Sgt C G Arthur, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Litherth (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team late reported “the aircraft burst into flames presumably as a result of enemy action and crashed at Hilsenheim, which is 22 miles south west of Strasbourg, France.” All the crew of eight were killed.

Seven are buried in the Mussig Churchyard, Locality Bas-Rhin, France. Mussig is a village and commune 45kms SSW of Strasbourg and 7kms south east of Selestar, a town on the Strasbourg-Colmar road.

Sgt Ennis is buried in the Choley War Cemetery, Locality Meurthye-et-Moselle, France.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

405803 Flight Sergeant BANKS, Ivan William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/202 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 109,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 373
Radio call sign:	SR – K
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED373 took off from RAF Ludford Magna on the night of 25/26th June 1943, detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 405803 Flt Sgt I W Banks, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt N S Mold, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt H J Todd, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt T G Brook, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J H W Snowdon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G V Branson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Pugh, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed into the sea off the Dutch coast, but close to shore near Zandvoort.. All the crew baled out but only Sgt Brook who was the first to leave was carried on shore by the wind and he became a POW.

Of the other crew 5 bodies were washed ashore, and they are buried in the Amsterdam New Eastern Cemetery, Locality Noord-Holland, Netherlands.

Sgt Pugh has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

419026 Flight Lieutenant BOYD, Robert Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 58,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 863
Radio call sign:	SR – K
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME863 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 1557 hours on the night of 1/2nd February 1945, detailed to bomb Ludwigshafen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 419026 Flt Lt Boyd, R D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J McA Johnston, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt K R Moore, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D H Widdows, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432903 Flt Sgt E T Summerson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF FO Fenske, K G (Navigator) (Specialist equipment operator)
RAF Sgt J O'Donnell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J W Hodder, (Rear Gunner)

ME863 collided in the air with another Lancaster and both aircraft crashed at 1906 hours near Sorneville (Neurthe-et-Moselle), 18kms ENE of Nancy, France.

All the crew of eight were killed.

Seven of them are buried in the Choloy War Cemetery, Locality Meurthe-le-Moselle, France. Choloy is a village 28kms west of Nancy and 5kms west of Toul a town on the N4 road Paris to Nancy.

Flt Sgt Summerson is buried in the Sorneville Community Cemetery, Locality Meurthe-et-Moselle, France. Sorneville is a village and commune 18kms north east of Nancy and 3kms south of Moncel –sur-Stelle a village on the road Nancy to Chateau Salins and Sarreguemines, France. Flt Sgt Summerson is the only WW2 fatality to be buried there.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409503 Flight Sergeant BULLEN, Noel Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/243 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 284, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 328
Radio call sign:	SR – S
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED328 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 2027 hours on the night of 23/24th August 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416601 Flt Sgt R C Naffin, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt6 D M Ellis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409503 Flt Sgt N J Bullen (Navigator)
RAAF 415104 Flt Sgt D J Tresidder, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J A Currey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Phillips, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 415273 Flt Sgt E J Phillips, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Lanke, approx 20 miles north east of Berlin and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

406638 Flying Officer BUTCHER, Raymond Edward Norton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/24/314 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 225, Volume 1942 .

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3815
Radio call sign:	SR -
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3815 took off from RAF Stradishall on the night of 21/22nd September 1942, detailed to carry out a gardening mining operation. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Paterson, V R DFC Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Mitchell; C H (Observer)
RNZAF Sgt G L Otter, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Flt Sgt E J Rowe, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406683 FO Butcher, R E N (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was attacked by a night fighter at 4000feet before reaching the target area and crashed. Three of the crew were killed and PO Mitchell and Sgt Otter were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Aabenraa Cemetery, Denmark. Aabenraa is a town south east of Jutland and about 25kms north of the German border.

PO Mitchell later reported "the aircraft was raked from the rear to the front in a sudden attack by the enemy on the night of 21st September. Butcher's position in the aircraft would have made him particularly vulnerable to the enemy fire at the time of the attack. The plane was washed ashore near Arnum, Denmark."

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

428466 Flight Sergeant BUTLER, Roy Wallace

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/262 Micro Film No 463, OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 378, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 292
Radio call sign:	SR – O
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV292 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 2133 hours on the night of
12/13th August 1944, detailed to carry out ABC duties on Braunschweig, Germany.
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416728 Flt Lt Tugwell, L O Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Clay, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 415440 FO Pead, G (Navigator)
RAAF 423762 FO Johnstone G J M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425819 Flt Sgt J S Adams, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Selenyi, R V (Navigator) (Specialist Operator ABC Equipment)
RAAF 430128 Flt Sgt T A Hopkins, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 428466 Flt Sgt R W Butler, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0010 hours on 13th August
1944 at Brockum, 3kms east of Lemforde, Germany.

All the crew of eight were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery,
Germany.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

10169 Sergeant CARR, John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/17 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 24,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 443
Radio call sign:	SR – B
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED443 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 1700 hours on the night of 21/22nd January 1943, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF Sgt P T W Wiltshire, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 10169 Sgt J Carr, (Fitter 11E/Flight Engineer)
RNZAF FO Kibble, K S (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G J Smale, (Air Bomber)
RNZAF Flt Sgt J S Durward, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E J Chapman, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt M I Sharpley, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Dortmund, Germany and all the crew were killed.
They are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordr-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

419981 Warrant Officer COLLINS, Lawrence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/822 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 49, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM472
Radio call sign:	SR – V2
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM472 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 1748 hours on the night of 16/17th January 1945, detailed to bomb a synthetic oil plant at Brux, western Czechoslovakia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO McGonigle, F D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J R McDowell, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 429068 Flt Sgt J E Knight, (Navigator)
RAAF 429458 PO Hart, R W L (Navigator)
RAAF 419981 WO L Collins, (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF PO Armour, J K (Navigator) (Specialist equipment operator)
RAF Sgt R J Beckett, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Conroy, (Rear Gunner)

One of the crew from a squadron aircraft on the same mission reported seeing a chute descending 4000 feet below them when in the target area.

Seven of the crew were killed when LM472 crashed and Flt Sgt Knight was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

Flt Sgt Knight later reported “ the aircraft was set on fire by another aircraft. The Captain ordered put on chutes which was acknowledged. The Wireless Operator was burnt but walked OK. No one baled out. The Captain then ordered abandon A/c and it exploded immediately after. The fire had started at 17,000 feet and the A/c exploded at 10,000 feet. The Captain was flying the aircraft under difficulty as the fire had spread over the starboard wing, the two starboard engines, and the cabin next to the Navigator’s and WOP’s positions. The aircraft crashed about 10 miles south east of Flauven. I was blown out of the aircraft by the explosion and was captured seven hours later by civilians.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404089 Pilot Officer CRICHTON, David Leckey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/132 Nicro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 133, Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8860
Radio call sign:	SR -
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z8860 took off from RAF Oakington at 2112 hours on the night of 30/31st August 1941, detailed to bomb Hmaburg, Germany. The aircraft crashed at Rampton, 7 miles north west of Cambridge, UK, and one of the crew Sgt Barlow was killed in the crash and four were injured. PO Crichton however died of his injuries on the 1st September 1941.

Crew:

RAF PO Reynolds, (Captain (Pilot))
RAAF 404089 PO Crichton, D L (Observer)
RAF Sgt L A Nauze, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt O W Barlow, (Front Gunner)
RAF Sgt Myers, (Rear Gunner)

Remarks by the Group Commander on a Court of Inquiry stated "I concur in the findings. The take off was delayed for some time by showers of rain, and in the past aircraft have taken off successfully after having their engines running for more than half an hour."

PO Crichton is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.
Sgt Barlow is buried in the St Assaph Church Cemetery, Flintshire, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414339 Pilot Officer DALZIEL, James Samuel Kevin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/160 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 309,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 659
Radio call sign:	SR - T
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED659 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 1936 hours on the night of 3/4th September 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF WO D A Tucker, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L Hobson, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 414339 PO Dalziel, J S K (Observer)
RAF Sgt D Hopkins, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G Cheadle, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt J Clark, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 420715 Flt Sgt J L R Stubbings, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “ the aircraft was hit by flak and exploded in mid air over the Gatow airfield, approx 24 miles south west of Stettin, Germany.” All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Berlin.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

427989 Flight Sergeant EVEREST, Edward James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/121 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 474, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NF 936
Radio call sign:	SR – F
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF936 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 1709 hours on the night of 4/5th November 1944, detailed to carry out ABC (Air Borne Cigar) duties at Bochum, Germany Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Edwards, T J V Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt K H Williams, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt C Terriere, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt P J J Byrne, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 427989 Flt Sgt E J Everest, (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF FO Zimring, B (Navigator Bomb Aimer) (Specialist Equipment Operator)
RAF Sgt R S Stapley, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E W Quick, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Bochum presumably as a result of enemy action, and all the eight crew on board were killed. They are buried in the Rheichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

434248 Flight Sergeant GERRAGHTY, George Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/329 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 441, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 758
Radio call sign:	SR – A
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL758 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 1706 hours on the night of 5/6th October 1944, detailed to carry out ABC duties at Saarbrücken, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Mason, A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Boutle, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 434999 Flt Sgt L K Robson, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt W M Thomas, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 434248 Flt Sgt G F Gerraghty, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF FO Kon W E M (Navigator Bomb Aimer) (Specialist Equipment Operator)
RAF Sgt F S Crowther, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G G Clark, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Trembleur (Liege), 8kms ENE of Herstal and 20kms north west of Charleville, France and all the crew were killed.

Seven of those killed are buried in the Hotton War Cemetery, Locality Hotton Luxembourg. Hotton is located south of Liege (Belgium) on the N86.

Sgt Crowther has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

429948 Flight Sergeant HACKETT, Michael John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/566 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 206, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 275
Radio call sign:	SR – X2
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV275 took off from RAF Ludford Magna on the night of 3/4th May 1944, detailed to carry specialist ABC duties over the target of military camp installations at Mailly-le-Camp, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Baker, G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D H Cro, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J E Steward, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt S W Ainsworth, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 413135 WO D H McNaught, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Blair, G A (Specialist Equipment Operator)
RAAF 429948 Flt Sgt M J Hackett, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A J Ridgway, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by batteries sighted in the north east area of the camp and crashed 1km south west of Poivres (Aube), 20kms NNE of Arlis-sur-Aube, and 40 miles south east of Reims, France.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Poivres Churchyard, Locality Aube, France. Poivres is 5kms north east of Mailly-le-Camp.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

434251 Flight Sergeant HARRIS, John Osborne

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/604 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 246, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 459
Radio call sign:	SR – K
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM459 took off from RAF Ludford Magna on the night of 27/28th May 1944, detailed to carryout special ABC duties in support of the raid on military camp installations at Bourg-Leopold Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Allen, T A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Benson, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF WO11 J Friedt, (Navigator)
RAF FO Newens, R J (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt K J Power, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 434251 Flt Sgt J O Harris, (Wireless Air Gunner) (Specialist Equipment Operator)
RAF Sgt R J Evans, (Md Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G Reid (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Sommelsdijk in Zuid Holland on the island of Overflakkee and in the north west outskirts of Middleharnis.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Sommelsdijk General Cemetery, Locality Zuid-Holland, Netherlands.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

429458 Pilot Officer HART, Rochester Warren Lee

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/822 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 49, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM472
Radio call sign:	SR – V2
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM472 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 1748 hours on the night of 16/17th January 1945, detailed to bomb a synthetic oil plant at Brux, western Czechoslovakia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO McGonigle, F D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J R McDowell, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 429068 Flt Sgt J E Knight, (Navigator)
RAAF 429458 PO Hart, R W L (Navigator)
RAAF 419981 WO L Collins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Armour, J K (Navigator) (Specialist equipment operator)
RAF Sgt R J Beckett, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Conroy, (Rear Gunner)

Seven of the crew were killed when the aircraft crashed and Flt Sgt Knight was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

411906 Flight Sergeant HAYES, John Henry Terence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/158 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 157, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4919
Radio call sign:	SR – A
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4919 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor on the night of 23/24th May 1943 detailed to bomb Dortmund, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 411906 Flt Sgt J H T Hayes, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W R Cook, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt P G Eames, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J Park, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J W C Evans, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt O H Sibson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt L G Smith, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0233 hours at Bergen (Limburg) a small town on the east bank of the Maas river and about 4kms inside Holland from the border with Germany.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. The town of Nijmegen is located south of Arnhem and the cemetery is in the south west part of the town.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

434787 Flight Sergeant HENDREN, Keith Roberts

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/982 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 58,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 256
Radio call sign:	SR – P
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB256 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 1550 hours on the night of 1/2nd February 1945, detailed to carry out specialist ABC duties in support of a raid on Ludwigshafen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Clark, R J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G W Higginson, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 434787 Flt Sgt K R Hendren, (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt J M M McGinn, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt L R Ironmonger, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Kenny, J (Navigator) (Specialist Equipment Operator)
RAF Sgt N C Gordon, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R R Etherton, (Rear Gunner)

Captured German documents revealed that the aircraft was shot down at approx 8.30pm on 1st February 1945, and crashed 3miles east of Mundemhein-Gartenstadt, in the district of Ludwigshafen. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich, Germany.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

416674 Flight Sergeant HILL, Frederick Lewis Ian

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 210,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 318
Radio call sign:	SR – Y
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM318 took off from RAF Ludford Magna on the night of 25/26th June 1943 detailed to bomb Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt G Hay, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W A Bush, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt F MacLeay, (Navigator)
RAAF 409241 Flt Sgt H K Smith, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt B L Scott, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 416674 Flt Sgt F L I Hill, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt T D Millns, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Ermen, 4kms SSE of Ludwigshafen, a large town north of the Ruhr, Germany.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

430128 Flight Sergeant HOPKINS, Thomas Alan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/262 Micro Film No 463, OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 378, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 292
Radio call sign:	SR – O
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV292 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 2133 hours on the night of
12/13th August 1944, detailed to carry out ABC duties on Braunschweig, Germany.
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416728 Flt Lt Tugwell, L O Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Clay, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 415440 FO Pead, G (Navigator)
RAAF 423762 FO Johnstone G J M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425819 Flt Sgt J S Adams, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Selenyi, R V (Navigator) (Specialist Operator ABC Equipment)
RAAF 430128 Flt Sgt T A Hopkins, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 428466 Flt Sgt R W Butler, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0010 hours on 13th August
1944 at Brockum, 3kms east of Lemforde, Germany.

All the crew of eight were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery,
Germany.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

423762 Flying Officer JOHNSTONE, Geoffrey James Munro

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/262 Micro Film No 463, OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 378, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
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RAAF 416728 Flt Lt Tugwell, L O Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Clay, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 415440 FO Pead, G (Navigator)
RAAF 423762 FO Johnstone G J M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425819 Flt Sgt J S Adams, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Selenyi, R V (Navigator) (Specialist Operator ABC Equipment)
RAAF 430128 Flt Sgt T A Hopkins, (Mid Upper Gunner)
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Germany.

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437425 Flight Sergeant KRIEG, Carl Victor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/23/65 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAf Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, PAGE 311, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 301
Radio call sign:	SR – Y
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV301 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 2219 hours on the night of 30/1st July 1944, detailed to carry out specialist ABC duties in support of a mission to bomb railway facilities at Vierson, France

Crew:

RAF PO Brown, J N Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W offard, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Cuthbertson, W R (Navigator)
RAAF 417887 Flt Sgt J Pritchard, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt T Lyth, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 437425 Flt Sgt C V Krieg (Wireless Operator Air)(Specialist Equipment Operator)
RCAF Sgt D Urquhart, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt A T Couch (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down and crashed at L'Autiere in the commune of Langon, 12 miles east of Vierson. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Langon Communal Cemetery. Vierson is a village and commune 50kms east of Blois.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

435083 Flight Sergeant LADLEY, John Kevin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/587 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NF 954
Radio call sign:	SR -
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF954 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 1553 hours on the night of 11th November 1944 detailed to bomb Dortmund, Germany. The aircraft was hit by flak over the target at 1900 hours, and as a result the special duties operator Flt Sgt Ladley was fatally injured and the rear gunner Flt Sgt Davies received slight wounds. The rest of the crew were uninjured and the aircraft landed safely back at base.

Crew:

RCAF FO Ireland, D G H Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt H J Black, (Flight Engineer)
 RCAF Flt Sgt R E Hine, (Navigator)
 RCAF Flt Sgt F Coulson, (Air Bomber)
 RCAF PO Munro, J C (Wireless Operator)
 RAAF 435083 Flt Sgt J K Ladley, (wireless Operator Air) (Special Equipment Operator)
 RCAF Flt Sgt G E Deatherage, (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RCAF Flt Sgt E A J Davies, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Ladley is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Lincolnshire, UK The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

9027 Pilot Officer LIERSCH, Rex Vinitius

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/188 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 336, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA965
Radio call sign:	SR - K2
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA965 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 1937 hours on the night of 27/28th September 1943, detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany.. When homebound the aircraft was shot down at 1.20pm by a night fighter intruder aircraft and crashed approx one mile south east of Wickenby airfield, Lincolnshire, UK. The eight crew on board were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Skipper, D W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P L Hands, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt T C Kerr, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J D Gulliver, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P Meredith, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W J Phillips, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S Harris, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 9027 PO Liersch R V (Flight Engineer)

PO Skipper and PO Liersch are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

Sgt Hands is buried in the Great Barington (St Mary) Church Cemetery, Gloucestershire, UK

Sgt Kerr is buried in the Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery, London, UK.

Sgt Gulliver is buried in the Basildon (St Bartholomew) Churchyard, Berkshire, UK

Sgt Meredith is buried in the Hewerth (St Mary) Churchyard, Durham, UK.

Sgt Phillips is buried in the Barking (Rippleside) Cemetery, Essex, UK.

Sgt Harris is buried in the St Helens Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

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413135 Warrant Officer McNAUGHT, Donald Hubert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/566 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 206, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 275
Radio call sign:	SR – X2
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV275 took off from RAF Ludford Magna on the night of 3/4th May 1944, detailed to carry specialist ABC duties over the target of military camp installations at Mailly-le-Camp, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Baker, G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D H Cro, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J E Steward, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt S W Ainsworth, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 413135 WO D H McNaught, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Blair, G A (Specialist Equipment Operator)
RAAF 429948 Flt Sgt M J Hackett, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A J Ridgway, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by batteries sighted in the north east area of the camp and crashed 1km south west of Poivres (Aube), 20kms NNE of Arlis-sur-Aube, France.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Poivres Churchyard, Locality Aube, France. Poivres is 5kms north east of Mailly-le-Camp.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

416594 Flight Sergeant MENZIES, Colin Kerr

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 113, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 379
Radio call sign:	SR – F
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED379 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 2121 hours on the night of 16/17th April 1943, detailed to carry out a raid on Plzen. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416594 Flt Sgt C K Menzies, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H A Upton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt H Evans, (Navigator)
RAAF 408888 FO Taylor, T M (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt L Green, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J H Fitch, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Monks, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Green was a POW.
Those killed are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

14818 Sergeant MILLIGAN, Douglas Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/144/251 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 273,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4782
Radio call sign:	SR - J
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4782 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor on the night of 8/9th December 1942, detailed to carry out a gardening mission and lay mines in the Great Belt area. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF Sgt F P D Quinn, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 14818 Sgt D A Milligan, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Sgt W E Currier, (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt E C McLean, (Air Bomber)
RCAF Sgt D F MacDonald, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R F Johncock, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R O S Lucas, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed at 2030 hours near Novrup, 4kms east of Esbjerg, Denmark. Three of the crew were killed and four were POW's.

Sgt's Quinn, Milligan and Flt Sgt McLean are buried in the Esbjerg (Fourfelt) Cemetery, Denmark. Esbjerg is a major port on the west coast of Jutland.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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416601 Flight Sergeant NAFFIN, Robert Clarence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/243 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 284, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 328
Radio call sign:	SR – S
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED328 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 2027 hours on the night of 23/24th August 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416601 Flt Sgt R C Naffin, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt6 D M Ellis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409503 Flt Sgt N J Bullen (Navigator)
RAAF 415104 Flt Sgt D J Tresidder, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J A Currey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Phillips, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 415273 Flt Sgt E J Phillips, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Lanke, 6kms west of Biesenthal, Germany., and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
422348 Flight Sergeant NAPIER, William Conrad DFM

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/114 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 194, Volume 1944,

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 860
Radio call sign:	SR – I
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL860 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 2120 hours on the night of 26/27th April 1944, detailed to carry out a raid on Schweinfuert, Germany. . Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Rowe, P F DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A S Hollands, DFM (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R A Pearson, DFM (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt C H Cannon, DFM (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt R M Patmore, DFM (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 422348 Flt Sgt W C Napier, DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt N V Creighton, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt I I Donovan, DFM (Rear Gunner)

The crew of eight, all of whom had been decorated, were killed, and they are buried in the Viroflay New Communal Cemetery, Locality Yvelines, France. Viroflay is a small town 4kms east of Versailles.

Citation: The Citation for the award of DFM to Flt St Napier of 101 Sqn RAF is as follows :Flt Sgt Napier is an Australian who has completed 23 operational sorties comprising 158.50 hours and has always displayed a constant spirit of determination and endeavour worthy of the highest praise. This NCO has been employed on special duties with this squadron in the course of which it has become necessary for him to fly with several different Captains and crews. His keenness and cooperation has been an inspiration to all with whom he has come in contact and the very best results have been achieved by his technical skill and ability. With 12 attacks on Berlin to his credit, Flt Sgt Napier has set a fine example by his courage and resourcefulness in action and it is considered that his devotion to duty is fully deserving of recognition by the award of the DFM. 25th April 1944 (Award w.e.f. this date)

Remarks by Station Commander : “ Flt Sgt Napier is a special duties operator of dauntless courage and dogged determination. He concentrates on his exacting task with sublime disregard for danger. His reports, often obtained during periods of intense enemy opposition, have been of an exceptionally high order. His unassuming manner conceals courage and skill of a high order. I recommend that his splendid achievement be marked by the award of the DFM.”

Remarks by Base Commander : “ Flt Sgt Napier has proved himself a man of marked devotion to duty, high courage and determination throughout his operational tour. I recommend that his praiseworthy record should be rewarded by the award of the DFM.”

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426998 Flight Sergeant NEWMAN, John Bede

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/19/46 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 149, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LL 861
Radio call sign: SR – H
Unit: ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL 861 of 101 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Ludford Magna, Market
Raisen, Lincolnshire, at 2211 hours on 30 March 1944 to carry out a bombing operation
against Nurnberg. The aircraft was due back at Base at 0545 hours on 31 March, but
nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 420950 PO Irving, D J, Captain, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Phillips, F (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412542 WO King, S G R (Navigator)
RAAF 427016 Flt Sgt Noske, J A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 413771 Flt Sgt Huggett, N G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 426999 Flt Sgt Newman, J B (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 410934 Flt Sgt Adam, W J (Rear Gunner)
RCAF FO Litchfield, R F (Special Duties, Air Bomber)

In 1949 it was established from an examination of German documents that the aircraft
crashed at Lauterbach, 11kms north east of Eisenbach, Germany, in the province of
Thuringe, and all the crew of eight had lost their lives..

Flt Sgt Noske and Flt Sgt Newman are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War
Cemetery, Germany.

The other six crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on
the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

427016 Flight Sergeant NOSKE, John Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/19/46 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 149, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LL 861
Radio call sign: SR – H
Unit: ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL 861 of 101 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Ludford Magna, Market
Raisen, Lincolnshire, at 2211 hours on 30 March 1944 to carry out a bombing operation
against Nurnberg. The aircraft was due back at Base at 0545 hours on 31 March, but
nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 420950 PO Irving, D J, Captain, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Phillips, F (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412542 WO King, S G R (Navigator)
RAAF 427016 Flt Sgt Noske, J A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 413771 Flt Sgt Huggett, N G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 426999 Flt Sgt Newman, J B (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 410934 Flt Sgt Adam, W J (Rear Gunner)
RCAF FO Litchfield, R F (Special Duties, Air Bomber)

In 1949 it was established from an examination of German documents that the aircraft
crashed at Lauterbach, 11kms north east of Eisenbach, Germany, in the province of
Thuringe, and all the crew of eight had lost their lives.

Flt Sgt Noske and Flt Sgt Newman are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery,
Germany.

The other six crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on
the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415440 Flying Officer PEAD, Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/262 Micro Film No 463, OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 378, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 292
Radio call sign:	SR – O
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV292 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 2133 hours on the night of
12/13th August 1944, detailed to carry out ABC duties on Braunschweig, Germany.
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416728 Flt Lt Tugwell, L O Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Clay, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 415440 FO Pead, G (Navigator)
RAAF 423762 FO Johnstone G J M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425819 Flt Sgt J S Adams, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Selenyi, R V (Navigator) (Specialist Operator ABC Equipment)
RAAF 430128 Flt Sgt T A Hopkins, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 428466 Flt Sgt R W Butler, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0010 hours on 13th August
1944 at Brockum, 3kms east of Lemforde, Germany.

All the crew of eight were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery,
Germany.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415273 Flight Sergeant PHILLIPS, Everard John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/243 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 284, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 328
Radio call sign:	SR – S
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED328 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 2027 hours on the night of 23/24th August 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416601 Flt Sgt R C Naffin, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt6 D M Ellis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409503 Flt Sgt N J Bullen (Navigator)
RAAF 415104 Flt Sgt D J Tresidder, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J A Currey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Phillips, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 415273 Flt Sgt E J Phillips, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Lanke, 6kms west of Biesenthal, Germany., and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

417887 Flight Sergeant PRITCHARD, John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/23/65 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAf Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, PAGE 311, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 301
Radio call sign:	SR – Y
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV301 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 2219 hours on the night of 30/1st July 1944, detailed to carry out specialist ABC duties in support of a mission to bomb railway facilities at Vierson, France

Crew:

RAF PO Brown, J N Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W offard, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Cuthbertson, W R (Navigator)
RAAF 417887 Flt Sgt J Pritchard, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt T Lyth, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 437425 Flt Sgt C V Krieg (Wireless Air Gunner)(Specialist Equipment Operator)
RCAF Sgt D Urquhart, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt A T Couch (Rear Gunner)
The aircraft crashed near Langon (Loire-et-Cher), France, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Langon Communal Cemetery, Vierson. Langon is a village and commune some 50kms southeast of Blois.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

420270 Flight Sergeant RAYS, Ronald James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/61 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 331, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 977
Radio call sign:	SR - J
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA977 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 1819 hours on the night of 22/24th September 1943, detailed to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Turner, D S Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Tustin, A W H DFM (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J R Haworth, (Navigator)
RAAF 410415 Flt Sgt G H McGillivray, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R A Clothier, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Stafford, A O DFM (Wireless Air Gunner) (Specialist Equipment Operator)
RAAF 420270 Flt Sgt R J Rays, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt E J Cooper, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was damaged during enemy action and shortly afterwards exploded in the air. It crashed near the village of Crigy, Moselle, France, and six of the crew were killed while PO Tustin and Flt Sgt McGillivray were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Choloy War Cemetery, Locality Meurthe-et-Moselle, France. Choloy is a village 20 miles west of Nancy and 5kms west of Toul.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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415182 Flight Sergeant RILEY, John Richmond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/45 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 99, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	RD 608
Radio call sign:	SR – T
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster RD608 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor on the night of 9/10th
April 1943, detailed to carry out a raid on Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from
the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 401227 PO Nelson, E M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sg E V Newstead, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 411517 Flt Sgt R B A Pender, (Navigator)
RAAF 408098 Flt Sgt C W Shields, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411514 Flt Sgt R A Parnell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF 415182 Flt Sgt J R Riley, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt T A Bird, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak in the target area at 21,000 feet and it crashed.
Flt Sgt Riley and Sgt Bird were killed, and the other crew members were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp-Lintfort,
Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 2kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of
Wesel.

PO Nelson later reported "As a result of enemy action which we encountered on the night
of 9th April 1943, we were set on fire. I was unable to extinguish the flames and ordered
the crew to abandon the aircraft. I gave this order on the visual indicator as the inter com
was out of action. I saw everyone bale out with the exception of both Flt Sgt Riley and
Sgt Bird who should have abandoned the aircraft via the rear exit. I was told by German
authorities that these two had lost their lives. The aircraft was a mass of flames and I
abandoned it at 2,500 feet. I was shown personal items belonging to both the men which
showed no signs of being burnt, so my impression was that they must have baled out too
late."

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

412843 Flying Officer RITCHIE, Norman James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/44 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 99, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 618
Radio call sign:	SR – X Bar
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED618 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor on the night of 9/10th
April 1943, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF WO J D Steele, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Hence, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt M J Bennett, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D Gould, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412843 FO Ritchie, N J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt S Grundy, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W D G O'Brien, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research and Enquiry team later reported “ the aircraft collided with a
German aircraft above Doornspijk, Holland. There was a terrific explosion and wreckage
was scattered over a wide area.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Doornspijk General Cemetery,
Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. Doornspijk is a small village 25kms south west of
Zwolle astride the Zwolle-Amersfoort road. The seven crew are the only WW2 fatalities
in the cemetery.

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434999 Flight Sergeant ROBSON, Lionel Kenneth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/329 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 441, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 758
Radio call sign:	SR – A
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL758 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 1706 hours on the night of 5/6th October 1944, detailed to carry out ABC duties at Saarbrücken, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Mason, A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Boutle, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 434999 Flt Sgt L K Robson, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt W M Thomas, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 434248 Flt Sgt G F Gerraghty, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF FO Kon W E M (Navigator Bomb Aimer) (Specialist Equipment Operator)
RAF Sgt F S Crowther, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G G Clark, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Trembleur (Liege), 8kms ENE of Herstal, and all the crew were killed.

Seven of those killed are buried in the Hotton War Cemetery, Locality Hotton Luxembourg. Hotton is located south of Liege (Belgium) on the N86.

Sgt Crowther has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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409241 FlightSergeant SMITH, Henry Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 210,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 318
Radio call sign:	SR – Y
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM318 took off from RAF Ludford Magna on the night of 25/26th June1943 detailed to bomb Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt G Hay, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W A Bush, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt F MacLeay, (Navigator)
RAAF 409241 Flt Sgt H K Smith, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt B L Scott, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 416674 Flt Sgt F L I Hill, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt T D Millns, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Ermen,4kms SSE of Ludwigshafen, a large town north of the Ruhr, Germany.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Rheidswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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401680 Sergeant STEPHENSON, Leonard William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/163/509 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 120, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 897
Radio call sign:	SR -
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington BJ897 took off from RAF Stradishall at 2038 hours on the night of 16/17th
September 1942, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Grant, C H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A W Firth (Observer)
RAF PO Hill, R H (Observer)
RAAF 401680 Sgt L W Stephenson (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt R K Griffith, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Essen-Mulheim, and all the crew were killed.
Four of them are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve,
Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

PO Hill has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the
Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

420715 Flight Sergeant STUBBINGS, John Lloyd Russell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/160 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 309,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 659
Radio call sign:	SR - T
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED659 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 1936 hours on the night of 3/4th September 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF WO D A Tucker, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L Hobson, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 414339 PO Dalziel, J S K (Observer)
RAF Sgt D Hopkins, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G Cheadle, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt J Clark, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 420715 Flt Sgt J L R Stubbings, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Berlin.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

432903 Flight Sergeant SUMMERSON, Edward Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 58,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 863
Radio call sign:	SR – K
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME863 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 1557 hours on the night of 1/2nd February 1945, detailed to bomb Ludwigshafen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 419026 Flt Lt Boyd, R D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J McA Johnston, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt K R Moore, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D H Widdows, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432903 Flt Sgt E T Summerson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF FO Fenske, K G (Navigator) (Specialist equipment operator)
RAF Sgt J O'Donnell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J W Hodder, (Rear Gunner)

ME863 collided in the air with another Lancaster and both aircraft crashed at 1906 hours near Sorneville (Neurthe-et-Moselle), 18kms ENE of Nancy, France.

All the crew of eight were killed.

Seven of them are buried in the Choloy War Cemetery, Locality Meurthe-le-Moselle, France. Choloy is a village 28kms west of Nancy and 5kms west of Toul a town on the N4 road Paris to Nancy.

Flt Sgt Summerson is buried in the Sorneville Community Cemetery, Locality Meurthe-et-Moselle, France. Sorneville is a village and commune 18kms north east of Nancy and 3kms south of Moncel –sur-Stelle a village on the road Nancy to Chateau Salins and Sarreguemines, France. Flt Sgt Summerson is the only WW2 fatality to be buried there.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

408888 Flying Officer TAYLOR, Thomas Maxwell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 113, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 379
Radio call sign:	SR – F
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED379 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 2121 hours on the night of 16/17th April 1943, detailed to carry out a raid on Plzen. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416594 Flt Sgt C K Menzies, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H A Upton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt H Evans, (Navigator)
RAAF 408888 FO Taylor, T M (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt L Green, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J H Fitch, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Monks, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Green was a POW.
Those killed are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern,
Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

417604 Fligh Sergeant TRAEGER, Ernest Hugo

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/163 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 149, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 290
Radio call sign:	SR - X
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV290 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 2205 hours on the night of 30/31st March 1944, detailed to carry out specialist ABC duties in support of a sortie on Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. Seven aircraft from the Squadron were lost on this mission.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt E R Thomas, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D Addy, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF WO11 A N Rice, (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt I R McNay, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 417604 Flt Sgt E H Traeger, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 421550 Flt Sgt A H Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner) (Special Equipment Operator)
RAF Sgt D R Billson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R A J Collier, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0503 hours on 31st March near RAF Welford, Newbury, Berkshire, which at the time was being used by Dakotas of 435th Troop Carrier Group, USAAF, and all the crew were killed.

Flt Sgt Thomas, WO11 Rice and Flt Sgt McNay are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK

Sgt Addy is buried in the Hemsworth Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Flt Sgt's Traeger and Wilson are buried in the Oxford (Bottley) Cemetery, Oxfordshire, UK.

Sgt Billson is buried in the Birstall Cemetery, Leicestershire, UK

Sgt Collier is buried in the Sheerness (Isle of Sheppey) Cemetery, Kent, UK.

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415104 Flight Sergeant TRESSIDER, Douglas John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/243 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 284, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 328
Radio call sign:	SR – S
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED328 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 2027 hours on the night of 23/24th August 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416601 Flt Sgt R C Naffin, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt6 D M Ellis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409503 Flt Sgt N J Bullen (Navigator)
RAAF 415104 Flt Sgt D J Tresidder, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J A Currey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Phillips, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 415273 Flt Sgt E J Phillips, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Lanke, 6kms west of Biesenthal, Germany., and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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416728 Flight Lieutenant TUGWELL, Leonard Ormond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/262 Micro Film No 463, OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 378, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 292
Radio call sign:	SR – O
Unit:	ATTD101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV292 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 2133 hours on the night of
12/13th August 1944, detailed to carry out ABC duties on Braunschweig, Germany.
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416728 Flt Lt Tugwell, L O Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Clay, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 415440 FO Pead, G (Navigator)
RAAF 423762 FO Johnstone G J M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425819 Flt Sgt J S Adams, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Selenyi, R V (Navigator) (Specialist Operator ABC Equipment)
RAAF 430128 Flt Sgt T A Hopkins, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 428466 Flt Sgt R W Butler, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0010 hours on 13th August
1944 at Brockum, 3kms east of Lemforde, Germany.

All the crew of eight were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery,
Germany.

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421550 Flight Sergeant WILSON, Allen Howard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/163 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 149, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 290
Radio call sign:	SR - X
Unit:	ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV290 took off from RAF Ludford Magna at 2205 hours on the night of 30/31st March 1944, detailed to carry out specialist ABC duties in support of a sortie on Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. Seven aircraft from the Squadron were lost on this mission.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt E R Thomas, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D Addy, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF WO11 A N Rice, (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt I R McNay, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 417604 Flt Sgt E H Traeger, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 421550 Flt Sgt A H Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner) (Special Equipment Operator)
RAF Sgt D R Billson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R A J Collier, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0503 hours on 31st March near RAF Welford, Berkshire, which at the time was being used by Dakotas of 435th Troop Carrier Group, USAAF.

All the crew were killed.

Flt Sgt Thomas, WO11 Rice and Flt Sgt McNay are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK

Sgt Addy is buried in the Hemsworth Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Flt Sgt's Traeger and Wilson are buried in the Oxford (Bottley) Cemetery, Oxfordshire, UK.

Sgt Billson is buried in the Birstall Cemetery, Leicestershire, UK

Sgt Collier is buried in the Sheerness (Isle of Sheppey) Cemetery, Kent, UK.

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400010 Pilot Officer BELL-TOWERS, Wadya Wellesley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) AWM 54 778/3/121 Part 2 NAA : A705, 163/59/32
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley :
RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 118, Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	Z 6829
Radio call sign:	DY -
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Whitley Z6829 took off from RAF Topcliffe at 2218 hours on the night of 14/15th August 1941, detailed to carry out a raid on Hanover, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt G K Powell, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400233 Sgt F W Penn, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 400010 PO Bell-Towers, W W (Observer)
RAF Sgt R T Philp, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt L E D Lindsay, (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt T A Vermiglio, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0448 hours in the Waddenzee south of Terschelling. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt's Penn and Vermiglio were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Terschelling (West-Terschelling) General Cemetery, Locality Friesland, Netherlands. Terschelling one of the Frisian Islands lies off north coast of Holland, and West Terschelling is the main village on the island.

A later POW report by the then WO Penn stated “ The aircraft was attacked by an ME110. I was wounded in the first attack with four bullet wounds in the right foot. The second attack started a fire near the escape hatch and I extinguished it. The third attack destroyed all the controls and the Captain ordered bale out. I heard an acknowledgement from the Rear Gunner, but was told later he had baled out immediately. I don't know if he was hit. I baled out. The aircraft was on fire again and out of control making a diving turn to left. There were still four in the aircraft when I left – the Captain, Observer and 2 Wag's. The aircraft crashed at Texel Holland, and those four were still in the aircraft when it crashed. I was picked up by the Germans soon after I came down. I later met the Rear Gunner in a POW Camp.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

429099 Pilot Officer BINSTED, Jack

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/771 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 469, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 141
Radio call sign:	DY – U
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW141 took off from RAF Pocklington at 1633 hours on the night of 2/3rd
November 1944, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Redmond, J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F W Lightowler, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Lemmon R H (Navigator)
RAAF 428860 PO Picken, J A (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt W Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429099 PO Binstead, J (Air Gunner)
RAAF 429017 PO Pearmain, H J (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Bickerath presumably as a result of enemy action. Bickerath is
about 11 miles south east of Aachen close to the border of Belgium. .
Six of the crew were killed and PO Lemmon was a POW.

PO Picken is buried in the Hotton War Cemetery, Luxembourg. Hotton is located south
of Liege on the N86.

The five other crew members who lost their lives are buried in the Rheinberg War
Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms
north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415923 Flying Officer CAMERON,Anthony Carlyle

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300Barcode 5381332 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 475, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	ME 772
Radio call sign:	DY – Q
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax ME772 took off from RAF Pocklington at 1741 hours on the night of 4/5th
November 1944, detailed to bomb Bochum, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415923 FO Cameron, A C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T Jones, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Hudson,.R F (Navigator)
RAF FO Frobisher, M P (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Bolton, E (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J M Wilby, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E C M Swart (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Laudensberg, Germany, a village 4kms north west of Aachen.
and all the crew were killed.

Six of the crew are buried in the Hotton War Cemetery, Locality Hotton, Luxembourg.
Hotton is located south of Liege on the N86.

Sgt Swart is buried in the Ovberloon War Cemetery, Localty Noord-Brabant,
Netherlands.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

426774 Flight Sergeant CAMPBELL, Nigel Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/545

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 307, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 143
Radio call sign:	DY – O
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW143 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2157 hours on the night of 28/29th June 1944, detailed to bomb rail facilities at Blainville, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 426774 Flt Sgt N D Campbell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D E Leslie (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A D Eagle, (Navigator)
RCAF PO Wilson, J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419211 Flt Sgt N A Pardon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R L Leveington, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R W I Joyce (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Lyons-La-Forêt, France, and Flt Sgt Campbell, PO Wilson and Flt Sgt Pardon were killed with the others being POW's.

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported "The four POW's were taken to a house and hidden. On 7th August they were taken to Hacqueville and again hidden in a house. The next day they were taken by car said to belong to the Belgium resistance movement working from Paris, and appeared to have been betrayed. They were kept in Fresnes prison for a week and after that all trace of them was lost."

Those killed are buried in the Marissel French National Cemetery, Locality Oise, France. Marissel is an eastern suburb of Beauvais a cathedral town between Rouen and Compiègne.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

410450 Pilot Officer CARTER, James Marshall

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/805 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 49, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LM 179
Radio call sign:	DY – Y
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LM179 took off from RAF Pocklington at 1838 hours on the night of 16/17th
January 1945 detailed to bomb Magdeburg, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Jarand, A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E E Pope, (Flight Engineer)
RAF WO D Galbraith, (Navigator)
RCAF PO Davis, E L (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410450 PO Carter J M (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G C Telfer, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Wilson, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ the aircraft was attacked by a night
fighter. It circled the village of Wolfshagen Germany, twice and finally plunged to the
ground about one kilometre from the village.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415118 Flight Sergeant CHAPPELL, John Arnold

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/189 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 297, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 128
Radio call sign:	DY – M
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD128 took off from RAF Pocklington at 0025 hours on the night of 30/31st
August 1943, detailed to bomb Monchengladbach, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415118 Flt Sgt J A Chappell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Savukevitch (Flight Engineer) (He served as Sgt J Harris)
RAF Sgt G Lee, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt J J Jones, (Air Bomber)
RNZAF FO Smallfield, E I (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L G Smart, (Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt D Zanger, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the target area and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the
Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany.
Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.
The first four members of the crew are commemorated by a special Memorial tablet Type
C as the exact location of their graves is not known.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

424863 Flight Sergeant DUELL, James Baird

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/10/266 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 308, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MA 502
Radio call sign:	DY – S
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MA502 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2216 hours on the night of 28/29th
June 1944, detailed to bomb rail facilities at Blainville, France. .Nothing was heard from
the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 403422 PO Mulvaney, J G J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D G B Smith, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J A Miller, (Navigator)
RAAF 424863 Flt Sgt J B Duell, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 417545 Flt Sgt L K Whellum, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429808 FO Heath G S (Air Gunner)
RAAF 408416 Flt Sgt T W Bastick (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed 2kms north east of Ons-en-Bray (Oise) and 10kms west of Beauvais
France. Both Sgt Smith and Flt Sgt Duell were killed and Flt Sgt Whellum was a POW
while the other four crew members evaded capture.

Those killed are buried in the Marissel French National Cemetery, Locality Oise, France.
Marisselis is an eastern suburb of Beauvais, a cathedral town between Rouen and
Compiègne, France.

Flt Sgt Whellum later reported “the aircraft was attacked by a night fighter from under
and raked us across the wing and the engineer’s compartment. The engineer was killed
and the aircraft set on fire. The Captain ordered abandon aircraft and then the inter com
went dead. All the crew baled out except the Engineer, height about 17,000 feet. The
aircraft was turning in a large circle and losing height. The aircraft was on fire in the
engineers compartment and also under the wing. The aircraft crashed about 10 miles from
Beauvais. I evaded capture for about 2 months near Beauvais and tried to get to
Normandy, but was captured by the Gestapo in Paris. The Air Bomber who baled out was
drowned in a lake.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

418928 Flight Sergeant DUGGLEBY, Alan Milne

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/255 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 285, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 642
Radio call sign:	DY – U
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ642 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2312hours on the night of 16/17th
Jumke1944, detailed to bomb Strekrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Barr, A J McD Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Bender, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J F Tweed, (Navigator)
RAAF 418928 Flt Sgt A M Duggleby, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H J Wakeford, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Chapman, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F Bowman, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0200 hours near Steenderen,
9kms south of Zutphen. The aircraft exploded on impact and five of the crew were killed
and Sgt's Tweed and Chapman were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Steenderen General Cemetery, Locality Gelderland,
Netherlands. Steenderen is a village about 10 miles south of Zutphen and 4kms east of
the main Arnhem-Zutphen road.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

416561 Flight Sergeant FRASER, Albert Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/33 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 226, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	BB 249
Radio call sign:	DY – Z
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax BB249 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2311 hours on the night of 9/10th July 1943, detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416561 Flt Sgt A T Fraser, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W Morse, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt T E Stockton, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R N Brand, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J H G Mansell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt R F Glass, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Edwards, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0240 hours on 10th July 1943 at Eprave (Namur) 4kms south west of Rochefort, Belgium.
Four of the crew were killed and Sgt's Morse, Stockton and Edwards were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Florennes Communal Cemetery, Locality Florennes, Namur, Belgium. The cemetery is located 22kms south east of Charleroi on a road leading from the N5 linking Charleroi to Philippeville.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

423711 Pilot Officer GORDON, John Grieve

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/404 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 382, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 647
Radio call sign:	DY – R
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ647 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2150 hours on the night of 12/13th August 1944, detailed to bomb Russelsheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422825 Flt Lt Young, P E Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Walker, K L (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt J C Doughty, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Osborne, R R H (Navigator)
RAAF 428858 Flt Sgt G York (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J V Finney, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 423711 PO Gordon, J G (Air Gunner)
RAAF 423726 PO Harvey, A H (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ the aircraft was attacked by a night fighter and crashed near Rehborn railway station on 13th August 1944.” Rehborn is approx 21 miles north of Kaiserslautern, Germany.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403809 Sergeant HAIN, Noel Clive

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/534 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 174, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	R 9495
Radio call sign:	DY – L
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax R9495 took off from RAF Topcliffe at 2201 hours on the night of 5/6th August 1942, detailed to bomb Bochum, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt R S Tadman, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Colville, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt F A Frost, (Observer)
RAAF 403809 Sgt N C Hain, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt W G McKinnon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A S C Ellis, (Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt R Lupton, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Odenrode (Noord-Brabant), 14kms north of Eindhoven, Holland, and all the crew were killed.

Flt Sgt Tadman, Sgt's Colville, Frost, Hain and Ellis are buried in the Eindhoven (Woensal) Communal Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Eindhoven is located 31kms south east of s'Hertogenbosch and 14kms south west of Helmond.

Flt Sgt's McKinnon and Lupton are buried in the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. Groesbeek is 10kms south east of the town of Nijmegen and close to the German border.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

423726 Pilot Officer HARVEY, Alfred Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/404 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 382, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 647
Radio call sign:	DY – R
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ647 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2150 hours on the night of 12/13th
August 1944, detailed to bomb Russelsheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422825 Flt Lt Young, P E Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Walker, K L (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt J C Doughty, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Osborne, R R H (Navigator)
RAAF 428858 Flt Sgt G York (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J V Finney, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 423711 PO Gordon, J G (Air Gunner)
RAAF 423726 PO Harvey, A H (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality
Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and
13kms south of Wesel.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404246 Sergeant HOLLINGWORTH, Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/123/190 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 16, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	Z 9289
Radio call sign:	DY -
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Whitley Z9289 took off from RAF Dalton at 0424 hours on the 6th January 1942, detailed to bomb Brest. The aircraft turned back over Cherbourg when the starboard engine failed. When approx 12 miles south of Sheffield, the unserviceable engine caught fire and the Captain ordered bale out at 4000 feet. While trying to force land, the aircraft crashed at 1010 hours into a quarry at the rear of Creswell St, Dogmoor, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

Four of the crew baled out but Sgt Buchanan (RAF) who baled out was killed. The pilot Sgt Hollingworth also lost his life being in the aircraft when it crashed.

It was later established that the accident occurred because of failure of the exactor control to the starboard engine allowing the engine to over rev and eventually catching fire.

Crew:

RAAF 404246 Sgt A Hollingworth Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J T Hazeltine (uninjured)
RCAF Sgt E A Brain (uninjured)
RCAF Sgt A G Buchanan (killed)
RAF Sgt L Jackson (injured)

Both Sgt Hollingworth and Sgt Buchanan are buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery,
Doncaster, Yorkshire, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404104 Sergeant JAMES, John Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/126/46 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 65 Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	Z6489
Radio call sign:	DY -
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Whitley Z6489 took off from RAF Topcliffe at 2306 hours on the night of 12/13th June 1941 detailed to bomb Schwerte, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt J Chapman, (Pilot)
RAAF 404104 Sgt J F James, (Pilot)
RAF PO Dawson, R W (Observer)
RAF Sgt K R Winter, (
RAF Sgt J M B Tunnah, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Hall, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and it crashed at 0318 hours onto land belonging to Mr Akkers at Waalrte (Noord Brabant), 7kms south west of Eindhoven, Holland.

All the crew were killed and they are buried at the Eindhoven (Woensal) General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Eindhoven is located 31kms south east of s'Herogenbosch and 14kms south west of Helmond.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

405914 Pilot Officer JEKYLL, George Donaldson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/20/51 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 268, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LM 140
Radio call sign:	DY – M
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LM140 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2230 hours on the night of 8/9th June 1944, detailed to carry out a gardening mine laying mission. The aircraft crashed at 0355 hours after flying into trees at Home Farm, Seaton Ross, east of the village of Sigglesthorne and 3 miles WSW of Hornsea, Yorkshire, UK. It is possible that the Pilot may have lost control when trying to avoid a collision with a 460 Sqn aircraft.

Crew:

RAAF 405914 PO Jekyll, G D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt V B Florent, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Lillingham, D (Navigator)
RCAF FO Hillrich, V P (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R C Downs, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt T W Rodger, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Sgt J T Catterwell, (Rear Gunner)

An extract from a Court of Inquiry is as follows : “The aircraft had completed a successful night operation and was returning in the early hours of 9th June 1944. At 0346 hours LM140 was instructed by RAF Pocklington control to divert to Catfoss as weather at Pocklington was bad but do not fly below 1500 feet. The aircraft acknowledged the instruction. At 0355 LM140 struck trees whilst flying normally at a great speed in pulling out of a dive The cause of the accident was flying too low in bad weather. It was thought that the aircraft which gave every appearance of being pulled out of a dive may have been the result of sudden avoidance action by the Pilot when meeting another aircraft in the vicinity.”

All the crew were killed.

PO Jekyll, FO Hillrich and Sgt Rodger are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Sgt Florent is buried in the Pocklington Burial Ground, Yorkshire, UK.

FO Lillington is buried in the Ruislip (St Martin) Churchyard Extension, Middlesex, UK.

Sgt Downs is buried in the Huddersfield (Edgerton) General Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Sgt Catterwell is buried in the Panfield (St Mary) Churchyard, Essex, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

417855 Flight Sergeant LATHLEAN, Rex Tidswell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/10/277, 166/24/501 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 347, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: MZ 298
Radio call sign: DY – F
Unit: ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ 298 of 102 (Ceylon) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Pocklington on the night of 23/24th July 1944, detailed to attack a flying bomb site at Les Hautes Buisson. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420923 FO Donald, H W E, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 410443 Flt Sgt N Brand, (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 417855 Flt Sgt R T Lathlean (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437061 Flt Sgt R B Selth (Air Gunner)
RAAF 419962 Flt Sgt D A Rogers, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R V Skeates
RAF Sgt W J Cook

The only survivor Flt Sgt Selth later stated “the aircraft was apparently attacked by enemy aircraft when approx 30 miles from the English coast on the return journey. A number of flashes occurred along the port wing and a few seconds later both port engines caught fire. The pilot retained control for a while, then the machine went into a dive and the pilot ordered crew to abandon. The survivor believes there was an explosion as he next found himself in the air and parachute opened a few seconds before he reached the water. He was picked up about an hour later by a naval vessel which also recovered the bodies of Flt Sgt Lathlean and Flt Sgt Rogers.”

The bodies of FO Donald, Flt Sgt Brand, Sgt Skeates and Sgt Cook were not recovered and were recorded as lost at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

Both Flt Sgt's Lathlean and Rogers are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

426685 Pilot Officer McNAMARA, Michael Frederick John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/479 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 273, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 651
Radio call sign:	DY – Z
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ651 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2204 hours on the night of 11/12th June 1944, detailed to bomb communications at Massy-Palaiseau, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 426696 Flt Sgt R P Singleton, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H R Smith, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt S J Thomas, (Navigator)
RAAF 426685 PO McNamara, M F J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418571 Flt Sgt P A Robson, ((Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt N Lishman, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J D Francis, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ the aircraft crashed in flames on a hillside near Autheuil approx 8 miles north east of Everaux, Department of Eure, France.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Autheuil Communal Cemetery, Locality Eure, France. Autheuil is a village and commune 14kms north east of Everaux on the N316 road from Everaux to Gaillon and Les Andelys, France.

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415261 Flight Sergeant MILLER, William Anderson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/241 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 363, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 276
Radio call sign:	DY – Z
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD276 took off from RAF Pocklington on the night of 2/3rd October 1943, detailed to carry out a night training exercise. On return to base the aircraft overshot the runway and while trying to go round again it crashed at 0030 hours and burst into flames near Hayton, 5 miles north west of Market Weighton, Yorkshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 415261 Flt Sgt W A Miller, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J J McShane (Flight Engine)
RAF Sgt C T Lockwood, (Navigator)
RAF FO Hyatt, V L (Air Bomber)
RAF WO D W G Randall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T Smith, (Mid Gunner)
RCAF Sgt C R Garrick, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Miller, Sgt McShane and Sgt Garrick are buried in the Pocklington Burial Ground, Yorkshire, UK.

Sgt Lockwood is buried in the Gateswood (St Edmund) Churchyard, Durham, UK.

FO Hyatt is buried in the Bratton (St James) Churchyard, Wiltshire, UK.

WO Randall is buried in the Enfield (Hertford Road) Cemetery, Middlesex, UK.

Sgt Smith is buried in the Cockpen Old Cemetery, Midlothian, UK.

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404251 Sergeant MORRIS, John Kirkpatrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/145/211. Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 68, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	R 9488
Radio call sign:	DY -
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax R9488 took off from RAF Pocklington on 14th April 1942 to carry out an air test and crashed at 1246 hours near Baldersby, 6 miles north east of Ripon, Yorkshire, UK. It was believed that the crash was caused by rudder overbalance. Eye witnesses reported that the aircraft executed a series of left and right hand turns, before stalling and spinning in. All the eight on board were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Williams, H M Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404251 Sgt J K Morris, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Grimoldby, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt P L N Trehearn, (Observer)
RAF Sgt K O'Connelley, (1st Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt E H Sutton, (2nd Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt Lt H N Ross, (Air Gunner)
RAF LAC J Livesey, (Instrument Repairer)

Flt Lt Williams is buried in the Smeeth (St Mary) Churchyard, Kent, UK..

Sgt Morris is buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Sgt Grimoldby is buried in the Scunthorpe (Brumby and Frodingham) Cemetery, Lincolnshire, UK.

Sgt Trehearn is buried in the Rhyl Town Cemetery, Flintshire, UK.

Sgt O'Connelley was cremated in the Newcastle-upon-Tyne (West Road) Crematorium, Northumberland, UK.

Sgt Sutton is buried in the Ogmore and Garw (Pontycymmer) Cemetery, Glamorganshire, UK.

Flt Lt Ross was cremated in the Pontypridd Crematorium, Glamorganshire, UK.

LAC Livesey is buried in the Lower Darwen (St James) Churchyard, Lancashire, UK.

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26423 Flight Sergeant NIELSEN, Murray Wilson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/29/138 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 365, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NA 503
Radio call sign:	DY – U
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NA503 took off from RAF Pocklington at 0552 hours on 30th July 1944, detailed to attack enemy strong points in the Normandy battle area, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF PO J E LM Hulme, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G A Herber, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF Flt Sgt H R Riddle, (Navigator)
RNZAF PO L P Jarratt, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt C H Matthews, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF 26423 Flt Sgt M W Nielsen, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt F L Booker, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft hit some trees and crashed near Blockley, 3 miles north west of Moreton-in-Marsh airfield, Gloucestershire, and all on board were killed.

PO Hulme, Flt Sgt Riddle, PO Jarratt, and Flt Sgt Nielsen are buried in the Oxford (Bottley) Cemetery, Oxfordshire, UK.

Sgt Herbert is buried in the Warrington Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

Sgt Matthews is buried in the Mold Cemetery, Flintshire, UK.

Flt Sgt Booker is buried in the Wymering (SS Peter and Paul) Churchyard, Hampshire, UK.

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421850 Flight Sergeant O'HARE, Terence Patrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/132 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 440, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HR 867
Radio call sign:	DY – A
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HR867 took off from RAF Pocklington at 1650 hours on the night of 29/30th December 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 6145 PO Fraser A C Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Carlson, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Mundy, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Hesketh, H H (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R R McWhinnie, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R Day, (Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt St N L Pearce, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 421850 Flt Sgt T P O'Hare, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft when homebound at 17,000 feet was hit by ack ack and shot down and crashed on the outskirts of Rhinow, which is approx 48 miles north west of Berlin. Flt Sgt O'Hare was killed and the other crew members successfully baled out and were POW's. Flt Sgt O'Hare is buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

PO Fraser later reported "Before the final run up to the target the aircraft was hit by flak, and the port inner engine was out of operation. On the bombing run the aircraft was again hit by flak and the starboard outer was put out of operation and the nose of the aircraft was blown off. The aircraft was not in control and the abandon order was given about 30 minutes later and acknowledged by the crew. O'Hare was among the first to leave the aircraft and was alive when he baled out. I found out later from the Germans at Dulag Luft that he had been killed by bullet wounds."

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419211 Flight Sergeant PARDON, Noel Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/545

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 307, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 143
Radio call sign:	DY – O
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW143 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2157 hours on the night of 28/29th June 1944, detailed to bomb rail facilities at Blainville, France.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 426774 Flt Sgt N D Campbell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D E Leslie (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A D Eagle, (Navigator)
RCAF PO Wilson, J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419211 Flt Sgt N A Pardon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R L Leveington, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R W I Joyce (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Beauvais (Oise) France, and Flt Sgt Campbell, PO Wilson and Flt Sgt Pardon were killed with the others being POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Marissel French National Cemetery, Locality Oise, France. Marissel is an eastern suburb of Beauvais a cathedral town between Rouen and Compiègne.

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429017 Pilot Officer PEARMAIN, Henry John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/771 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 469, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 141
Radio call sign:	DY – U
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW141 took off from RAF Pocklington at 1633 hours on the night of 2/3rd
November 1944, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Redmond, J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F W Lightowler, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Lemmon R H (Navigator)
RAAF 428860 PO Picken, J A (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt W Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429099 PO Binstead, J (Air Gunner)
RAAF 429017 PO Pearmain, H J (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Hammersdorf close to the German-Belgium border.
Six of the crew were killed and PO Lemmon was a POW.

PO Picken is buried in the Hotton War Cemetery, Luxembourg. Hotton is located south
of Liege on the N86.

The five other crew members who lost their lives are buried in the Rheinberg War
Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms
north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

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408459 Flight Sargeant PETERSON, Kermit Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/251 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HK 188
Radio call sign:	DY -
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HK188 on 26th November 1943 was detailed to bomb the industrial area of Stuttgart, Germany. On the way into the target area it was attacked by an ME210 enemy night fighter on a heading of 083deg at 1930 hours in position 51.56N 09.18E. The Me210 was not sighted until 300 yards astern and down, it then moves to the starboard quarter and attacked from there. The first burst put the Mid Upper turret out of action (Flt Sgt Peterson).

The Rear Gunner opened fire on the fighter which broke to port and down and did not return. Flt Sgt Peterson had several head injuries and must have died instantly. The remainder of the crew were not injured and the machine returned safely to base although it was badly damaged.

Crew:

RAF FO Dick, W N A Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt M Bernbaum, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Pattrick, C S (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G Holmes, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Holden, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408459 Flt Sgt Peterson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF PO Henderson, G A (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Peterson is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Essex, UK.

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428860 Pilot Officer PICKEN, Jacques Andre

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/771 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 469, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 141
Radio call sign:	DY – U
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW141 took off from RAF Pocklington at 1633 hours on the night of 2/3rd
November 1944, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Redmond, J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F W Lightowler, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Lemmon R H (Navigator)
RAAF 428860 PO Picken, J A (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt W Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429099 PO Binstead, J (Air Gunner)
RAAF 429017 PO Pearmain, H J (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Hammersdorf close to the German-Belgium border.
Six of the crew were killed and PO Lemmon was a POW.

PO Picken is buried in the Hotton War Cemetery, Luxembourg. Hotton is located south
of Liege on the N86.

The five other crew members who lost their lives are buried in the Rheinberg War
Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms
north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

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409742 Pilot Officer POTTER, Leslie Clifford

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/185 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 307, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LM 159
Radio call sign:	DY – Q
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LM159 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2210 hours on the night of 28/29th June 1944, detailed to bomb railway facilities at Blainville, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Rogers, H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G E Frost, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt L Williams, (Navigator)
RCAF WO1 R J Wilson,.(Air Bomber)
RAF PO Messer, R J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J A Ligertwood, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 409742 PO Potter, L C (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Coeuvres-et-Valsery, (Aisne), 15kms WSW of Soissons, France. The aircraft exploded and six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Williams was a POW.

The six who lost their lives are buried in the Coeuvres-et-Valsery Communal Cemetery, Locality Aisne, France.

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10046 Pilot Officer QUILL, William Keeran

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/34/31 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 32, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NA 602
Radio call sign:	DY – Y
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NA602 took off from RAF Pocklington at 1652 hours on the night of 5/6th
January 1945, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

SAAF Capt Heiden, R W F Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P Morgan, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 10046 PO Quill, W K (Navigator)
RAF PO Boorman, E M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 428833 PO Valery, J F (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A I Johns, (Air Gunner)
RAF WO M J E Tyler, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R O Jones, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry Team later reported “captured German documents record
that the aircraft crashed at Frielingen, 8kms east of Wunstorf and 12kms north west of
Hanover.” Seven of the crew were killed and PO Boorman was a PO.

Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

PO Boorman later stated “ The aircraft crashed north east of Hanover. I was blown out of
the aircraft and all the others were killed”

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418571 Flight Sergeant ROBSON, Phillip Allan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/479 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 273, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 651
Radio call sign:	DY – Z
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ651 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2204 hours on the night of 11/12th
June 1944, detailed to bomb communications at Massy-Palaiseau, France. Nothing was
heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 426696 Flt Sgt R P Singleton, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H R Smith, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt S J Thomas, (Navigator)
RAAF 426685 PO McNamara, M F J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418571 Flt Sgt P A Robson, ((Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt N Lishman, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J D Francis, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ the aircraft crashed in flames on a
hillside near Autheuil approx 8 miles north east of Everaux, Department of Eure, France.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Autheuil Communal Cemetery,
Locality Eure, France. Autheuil is a village and commune 14kms north east of Everaux
on the N316 road from Everaux to Gaillon and Les Andelys, France.

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419962 Flight Sergeant ROGERS, David Anderson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/10/277, 166/24/501 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 347, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: MZ 298
Radio call sign: DY – F
Unit: ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ 298 of 102 (Ceylon) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Pocklington on the night of 23/24th July 1944, detailed to attack a flying bomb site at Les Hautes Buisson. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420923 FO Donald, H W E, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 410443 Flt Sgt N Brand, (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 417855 Flt Sgt R T Lathlean (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437061 Flt Sgt R B Selth (Air Gunner)
RAAF 419962 Flt Sgt D A Rogers, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R V Skeates
RAF Sgt W J Cook

The only survivor Flt Sgt Selth later stated “the aircraft was apparently attacked by enemy aircraft when approx 30 miles from the English coast on the return journey. A number of flashes occurred along the port wing and a few seconds later both port engines caught fire. The pilot retained control for a while, then the machine went into a dive and the pilot ordered crew to abandon. The survivor believes there was an explosion as he next found himself in the air and parachute opened a few seconds before he reached the water. He was picked up about an hour later by a naval vessel which also recovered the bodies of Flt Sgt Lathlean and Flt Sgt Rogers.”

The bodies of FO Donald, Flt Sgt Brand, Sgt Skeates and Sgt Cook were not recovered and were recorded as lost at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

Both Flt Sgt's Lathlean and Rogers are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK.

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426696 Fligh Sergeant SINGLETON, Russell Percival

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/479 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 273, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 651
Radio call sign:	DY – Z
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ651 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2204 hours on the night of 11/12th
June 1944, detailed to bomb communications at Massy-Palaiseau, France. Nothing was
heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 426696 Flt Sgt R P Singleton, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H R Smith, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt S J Thomas, (Navigator)
RAAF 426685 PO McNamara, M F J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418571 Flt Sgt P A Robson, ((Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt N Lishman, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J D Francis, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ the aircraft crashed in flames on a
hillside near Autheuil approx 8 miles north east of Everaux, Department of Eure, France.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Autheuil Communal Cemetery,
Locality Eure, France. Autheuil is a village and commune 14kms north east of Everaux
on the N316 road from Everaux to Gaillon and Les Andelys, France.

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425238 Pilot Officer STAPLETON, Alfred James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/429 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 77, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HX 155
Radio call sign:	DY – Q
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HX155 took off from RAF Pocklington at 1727 hours on the night of 15/16th February 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Kularatne, A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Whitaker, (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Sherlock, K W (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt W F Johnson, (Navigator)
RCAF PO Manser, W M M (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Downs, J A (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425238 PO Stapleton, A J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF FO Filmer, J M W (Rear Gunner)

It was considered that the aircraft was shot down into the sea off the German coast either on its way to or from the target,

All the crew lost their lives. The body of PO Stapleton was recovered from the sea on 22nd February 1944, and he is buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

All the others have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runjnymede, Surrey, UK.

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428833 Pilot Officer VALERY, Julien Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/34/31 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 32, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NA 602
Radio call sign:	DY – Y
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NA602 took off from RAF Pocklington at 1652 hours on the night of 5/6th
January 1945, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

SAAF Capt Heiden, R W F Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P Morgan, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 10046 PO Quill, W K (Navigator)
RAF PO Boorman, E M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 428833 PO Valery, J F (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A I Johns, (Air Gunner)
RAF WO M J E Tyler, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R O Jones, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry Team later reported “captured German documents record
that the aircraft crashed at Frielingen, 8kms east of Wunstorf and 12kms north west of
Hanover.” Seven of the crew were killed and PO Boorman was a PO.

Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

PO Boorman later stated “ The aircraft crashed north east of Hanover. I was blown out of
the aircraft and all the others were killed”

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406890 Warrant Officer WARD, Guydon Whitfield

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/290 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 264, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 369
Radio call sign:	DY – A
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD369 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2125 hours on the night of 10/11th
August 1943, detailed to bomb Nuremberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 406890 WO G W Ward, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Vivian, S R (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt J A Irving, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J A McLearn, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R E Chapman, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P Bostle, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R G Shaw, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt W H Davey, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry Team later reported “ The aircraft crashed at Ramsen
presumably as a result of enemy action.” Ramsen is 12 miles north east of
Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt’s McLearn and Bostle were POW’s.
Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort,
Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of
Wesel.

Both POW’s later reported that “WO Ward was still in the aircraft when they baled out,
and the Germans told them that he had been killed.” Sgt Bostle said that he had baled out
at 3000 feet.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

408557 Flying Officer WILLIAMS, Alexander Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/43/273 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 249, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	W 7883
Radio call sign:	DY – R
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax W7883 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2239 hours on the night of 29/30th July 1943, detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt T A Macquarie, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G P Woodroffe, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt C G Whiteley, (Navigator)
RAAF 408557 FO Williams, A F (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E E Wright, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J F A Trehearn, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R H Morgan, (Rear Gunner)

It was believed that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Todesfelde, 9kms south west of Bad Segeberg, Germany.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hamburg Cemetery, Germany. The War Cemetery in Hamburg is situated within a large civil cemetery known locally as the 'Ohlsdorf Cemetery'.

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428858 Pilot Officer YORK, George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/404 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 382, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 647
Radio call sign:	DY – R
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ647 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2150 hours on the night of 12/13th
August 1944, detailed to bomb Russelsheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422825 Flt Lt Young, P E Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Walker, K L (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt J C Doughty, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Osborne, R R H (Navigator)
RAAF 428858 Flt Sgt G York (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J V Finney, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 423711 PO Gordon, J G (Air Gunner)
RAAF 423726 PO Harvey, A H (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality
Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and
13kms south of Wesel.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

422825 Flight Lieutenant YOUNG, Philip Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/404 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 382, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 647
Radio call sign:	DY – R
Unit:	ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ647 took off from RAF Pocklington at 2150 hours on the night of 12/13th
August 1944, detailed to bomb Russelsheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422825 Flt Lt Young, P E Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Walker, K L (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt J C Doughty, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Osborne, R R H (Navigator)
RAAF 428858 Flt Sgt G York (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J V Finney, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 423711 PO Gordon, J G (Air Gunner)
RAAF 423726 PO Harvey, A H (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality
Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and
13kms south of Wesel.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT **RAF**
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

434097 Flight Sergeant ADCOCK, Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : 166/3/271 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 404, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 116
Radio call sign:	PM – D
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM116 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2111 hours on the night of 29/30th August 1944, detailed to bomb Stettin, Poland. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Nixon, W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W C Sadler, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Whitmore, C B (Navigator)
RAF Sgt T Barton, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 434097 Flt Sgt T Adcock, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt N G Sporrin, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt S W Allen, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ the aircraft crashed at Karup as a result of enemy action. Karup is approx 3 miles south west of Viborg, Denmark.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Kiel War Cemetery, Germany. Kiel is 83kms north of Hamburg.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404631 Flight Sergeant BEESLEY, Alex Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 203,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 1220
Radio call sign:	PM -
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W1220 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 0001 hours on the night of 4/5th September 1942, detailed to bomb Bremen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404934 Flt Sgt E L Davies, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J J Parish, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 408140 Flt Sgt S F Belbin, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J D Whitehead, (Air Bomber) (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404631 Flt Sgt A H Beesley, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403393 Sgt J G Crockett, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt S M Selway, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0339 at Jelsum (Friesland), 5kms NNW of Leeuwarden, Holland, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Leeuwarderadeel (Jelsum) Protestant Churchyard, Locality Friesland, Netherlands. The above 7 are the only WW2 airmen buried in the churchyard.

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408140 Flying Officer BELBIN, Sydney Frank

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 203,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 1220
Radio call sign:	PM -
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W1220 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 0001 hours on the night of 4/5th September 1942, detailed to bomb Bremen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404934 Flt Sgt E L Davies, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J J Parish, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 408140 Flt Sgt S F Belbin, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J D Whitehead, (Air Bomber) (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404631 Flt Sgt A H Beesley, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403393 Sgt J G Crockett, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt S M Selway, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0339 at Jelsum (Friesland), 5kms NNW of Leeuwarden, Holland, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Leeuwarderadeel (Jelsum) Protestant Churchyard, Locality Friesland, Netherlands. The above 7 are the only WW2 airmen buried in the churchyard.

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410115 Flight Sergeant BERNALDO, Jack

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/493 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 165, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 420
Radio call sign:	PM – G
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND420 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2118 hours on the night of 9/10th April 1944, detailed to carry out a gardening mine laying mission in the Baltic. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 401638 PO Nimmo, J A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J M Roberts, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422115 P O Bradley, T W (Navigator)
RAAF 410115 Flt Sgt J Bernaldo, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410792 PO Thornton, A T (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 418679 Flt Sgt J Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 427295 Flt Sgt K F Clohessy, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “the aircraft crashed near Brande, Denmark. The aircraft must have exploded in the air after the survivors baled out.”

Five of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt’s Smith and Clohessy were POW’s. Those killed are buried in the Esbjerg (Fourfelt) Cemetery, Denmark. Esbjerg is a major port on the west coast of Jutland.

Flt Sgt Clohessy later reported “The aircraft caught fire due to enemy action (probably a night fighter) on the return flight from operations. The Pilot gave the order to abandon the aircraft at about 20,000 feet. The order was not acknowledged by anyone. The plane was burning fiercely and losing height, but was still in flying attitude. I baled out at about 3000 feet. I saw no other member of the crew abandon the aircraft but the Rear Gunner had already gone. I don’t know if the others left the aircraft. I was injured in the right knee and captured by Danish police on 13th April.”

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413476 Flight Sergeant BIGGS, Ernest Roy

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/253 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 273, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 725
Radio call sign:	PM – P
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED725 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2130 hours on the night of 17/18th August 1943, detailed to bomb Peenemunde, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt P J O'Donnell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W H Greaves, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt C P Williams, (Navigator)
RAAF 414248 Flt Sgt M G Medhurst, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt P J Capon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 413476 Flt Sgt E R Biggs, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C N Lee, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down and crashed at Tarup on 18th August presumably as a result of enemy action. Tarup is approx 2 miles east of Flensburg. Twenty two aircraft from various squadrons were lost on this mission.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Kiel War Cemetery, Locality Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. Kiel lies 83kms north of Hamburg.

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406500 Flight Sergeant BIRMINGHAM, William John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/92/166 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 163, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 1218
Radio call sign:	PM -
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax W1218 took off on the 28th July 1942, detailed to carry out air to sea firing practice during which the pilot was instructed to carry out a normal petrol tank change during flight if necessary. During the exercise the aircraft stalled and spun in and crashed at Ludborough, 6 miles NNW of Louth, Lincolnshire. All the crew were killed.

A Court of Inquiry found that the cause of the accident was loss of control through stalling in a steep turn at a low altitude of 1000 feet.

.Crew:

RAF Sgt S W Stockford, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L J Storey, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 406500 Flt Sgt W J Birmingham, (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt S N Ryder, (Air Bomber)
RCAF Flt Sgt J L J Harnett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D C Cochrane, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt A F Pearson, (Rear Gunner)

Sgt Stockford, Sgt Birmingham and Flt Sgt Pearson are buried at the Mamby (St Mary) Churchyard, Lincolnshire, UK.

Sgt Cochrane is buried at the Long Ditton, (St Mary) Churchyard, Surrey, UK.

Sgt Storey is buried at the Hawkinge Cemetery, Kent, UK.

Flt Sgt Ryder is buried at the Liverpool (Anfield) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Flt Sgt Harnett is buried.

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412101 Flight Sergeant BOYD, Frank Lawrence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/20 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 24, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4335
Radio call sign:	PM – F
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4335 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1743 hours on the night of
21/22nd January 1943, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 406693 Flt Sgt E V Laing, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A M Willis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 411562 Flt Sgt K R Webber, (Navigator)
RAAF 411566 Flt Sgt D G Williams, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412101 Flt Sgt F L Boyd, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S C Brewer, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Taylor, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 1935 hours near Enschede
(Overijssel) Holland. All the crew were killed.

They are buried at the Enschede Eastern General Cemetery, Locality Overijssel,
Netherlands. Enschede is a large town in the Province of Overijssel in the north west part
of the Netherlands near the German border.

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416041 Warrant Officer BOYD, Ronald Howard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/521 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 207, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 905
Radio call sign:	PM – B
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND905 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2158 hours on the night of 3/4th
May 1944, detailed to bomb military camp installations at Mailly-Le-Camp, France..
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Swanston, H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D A Hadden (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Dane, E J (Navigator)
RAAF 416041 WO R H Boyd, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO J C Smith, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt G F Casey, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J R Rankin, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Villers-le-Chateau, France.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Villers-le-Chateau Churchyard,
Locality Marne, France. Villers-le-Chateau is a village and commune 8kms west of
Chalons-en-Champagne, France.

The above airmen are the only WW2 Commonwealth airmen buried in the churchyard.

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424729 Flight Sergeant BOYLE, Brian Phillip

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/466 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 150, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 736
Radio call sign:	PM – N
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB736 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2116 hours on the night of 30/31st March 1944, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Johnston, J G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W J Gwynne, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Ducharme, J J A (Navigator)
RAF FO Doyle, J C P (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G Thompson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F Fealy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 424729 Flt Sgt B P Boyle, (Rear Gunner)

On the outward flight the aircraft was hit by flak and crashed north east of Bilkheim at 1am on 31st March. The village of Bilkheim is 8kms SSW of Westerburg. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Fealy was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

Sgt Fealy later reported “ the aircraft was hit and communications between self and the rest of the crew was cut. As I made my way to the next communication point, the aircraft lurched and finally dived. It depended on my own initiative whether I should bale out, which I did through a hole in the bottom of the aircraft.. Estimated height was 5/8000 feet. I believe none of the others baled out.”

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422115 Pilot Officer BRADLEY, Thomas Wallace

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/493 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 165, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 420
Radio call sign:	PM – G
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND420 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2118 hours on the night of 9/10th April 1944, detailed to carry out a gardening mine laying mission in the Baltic. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 401638 PO Nimmo, J A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J M Roberts, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422115 P O Bradley, T W (Navigator)
RAAF 410115 Flt Sgt J Bernaldo, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410792 PO Thornton, A T (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 418679 Flt Sgt J Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 427295 Flt Sgt K F Clohessy, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “the aircraft crashed near Brande, Denmark. The aircraft must have exploded in the air after the survivors baled out.”

Five of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt’s Smith and Clohessy were POW’s. Those killed are buried in the Esbjerg (Fourfelt) Cemetery, Denmark. Esbjerg is a major port on the west coast of Jutland.

Flt Sgt Clohessy later reported “The aircraft caught fire due to enemy action (probably a night fighter) on the return flight from operations. The Pilot gave the order to abandon the aircraft at about 20,000 feet. The order was not acknowledged by anyone. The plane was burning fiercely and losing height, but was still in flying attitude. I baled out at about 3000 feet. I saw no other member of the crew abandon the aircraft but the Rear Gunner had already gone. I don’t know if the others left the aircraft. I was injured in the right knee and captured by Danish police on 13th April.”

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432109 Flight Sergeant BURGESS, Norman George Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/689 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 394, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 632
Radio call sign:	PM -
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND632 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2013 hours on the night of 25/26th August 1944, detailed to bomb Russelheim, Germany. During the mission which had been completed, the aircraft was badly shot up by enemy action and was attempting to return to base. The aircraft crashed and burst into flames while attempting to land at Ford airfield in Sussex, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF FO Westcott, L E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E Bull, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A P Tebbutt, (Navigator)
RAF FO Lewis, N J (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J A Cruickshanks, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 432109 Flt Sgt N G A Burges, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Voellner, (Rear Gunner)

FO Westcott, and Sgt's Cruickshanks and Voellner are buried in the Littlehampton Cemetery, Sussex, UK.

Sgt Bull is buried in the Hull Northern Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Sgt Tebbutt is buried in the Geddington (St Mary Magdalene) Churchyard, Northamptonshire, UK

FO Lewis is buried in the Llanover (St Bartholomew) Churchyard, Monmouthshire, UK.

Flt Sgt Burges is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK.

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406992 Flight Sergeant BUXTON, Alfred William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/269 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 319, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 153
Radio call sign:	PM – D
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB153 took off from RAF Wymeswold on 8th September 1943, detailed to carry out an air test. The aircraft at dived into the ground two miles from the airfield and exploded. The aircraft had appeared to be flying normally straight and level at approx 500 feet and there was no indication of any engine failure or trouble with the aircraft. Eye witnesses stated that the aircraft commenced a gentle turn to port but the nose dropped and it hit the ground with considerable force.

Crew :

RAAF 406992 Flt Sgt A W Buxton, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Leeming, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt N Kidd, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W S Whalley, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G Sweeney, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 409668 Fkt Sgt G A J Daldy, (Air Gunner)
ATC Cadet F Bond Age 14 years
ATC Cadet D J Fox Age 17 years
ATC Cadet E L Hall Age 17 years.

All on board the aircraft were killed in the crash.

Flt Sgt's Buxton and Daldy are buried in the Oxford (Bottley) Cemetery, Oxfordshire, UK.

Sgt Leeming is buried in the Manchester (Philips Park) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

Sgt Kidd is buried in the Kirkcaldy (Dysart) Cemetery, Fifeshire, UK,

Sgt Whalley is buried in the Burton-on-the-Wolds Church Cemetery, Leicestershire, UK.

Sgt Sweeney is buried in the Glasgow (St Kentigern's) Roman Catholic Cemetery, Glasgow, UK.

The three ATC Cadets are all from the 1180 Sqn ATC and they are buried in the Chapel-Le-Frith (St Thomas A'Beckett) Churchyard, Derby, UK.

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415115 Warrant Officer CAMPBELL, Hugh

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/270 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 424, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 658
Radio call sign:	PM -
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB658 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1630 hours on the night of 16/17th December 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 415115 WO H Campbell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P W Alderton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt M Hartley,(Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt D McGrath, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt T W Moore, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C O’Neill,(Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W H Chambers. (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “The aircraft was hit by ack-ack fire and exploded in mid air. It crashed on the edge of Teufelssee, a small lake in the Grunewald which is a large park on the western border of Berlin, and all the crew were killed.”

WO Campbell and Sgt’s Moore and Chambers are buried in the Berlin1939-1945 War cemetery, Germany.

The other four crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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408628 Pilot Officer COOPER, John Albert Basil

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/780 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 242, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 855
Radio call sign:	PM – A
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA855 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2157 hours on the night of 25/26th July 1943, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Carpenter, GR Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt K Archer, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt K C Tate, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 408628 PO Cooper, J A B (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J M Bucklitsch, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J L Brazil, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Thornton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G H Newbolt, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter at a height of 22,000 feet and crashed at 0046 hours on 26th July 1943 onto Cleefawitt Estate at Elsendorf, approx 14kms south east of Uden. Five of the crew were killed and Sqn Ldr Carpenter, and Sgt's Bucklitsch and Brazil were POW's.

Four of the crew are buried in the Eindhoven (Woensel) General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Sgt Newbolt is buried in the Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands.

Sqn Ldr Carpenter later reported " Due to enemy action we were forced to abandon the aircraft by chute. I was still at the controls and think that PO Cooper passed me to go forward to the escape hatch. I have seen nothing of FO Cooper since. I met Sgt Brazil and he told me that he followed Cooper to the escape hatch and found Cooper looking through the opening. As PO Cooper appeared to be hesitating Brazil pushed Cooper out as he considered conditions were becoming critical in the aircraft. Brazil then jumped and landed safely."

Sgt Brazil reported " Cooper left the aircraft immediately behind the Captain Sqn Ldr Carpenter and I followed him. He was wearing a chute. That was the last I saw of him." Sgt Bucklitsch reported " According to my Wireless Operator Cooper jumped from the aircraft after Sqn Ldr Carpenter and before Brazil. He was uninjured and wearing his chute."

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

405676 Flight Sergeant CRAMER, Patrick Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/92 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 120, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 614
Radio call sign:	PM – G
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED614 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2141 hours on the night of 20/21st
April 1943, detailed to bomb Stettin, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after
take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt G M Pettigrew, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Cooper, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt W D Ramsay, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt A I Mackay, (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Daley, A DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R G Elkins, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 405676 Flt Sgt P J Cramer, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0022 hours on 21st April at
Vester Vedsted, 7kms south west of Ribe, Denmark.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Esbjerg (Fourfelt) Cemetery,
Denmark. Esbjerg is a major port on the west coast of Jutland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403393 Sergeant CROCKETT, James Grant

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 203,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 1220
Radio call sign:	PM -
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W1220 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 0001 hours on the night of 4/5th September 1942, detailed to bomb Bremen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404934 Flt Sgt E L Davies, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J J Parish, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 408140 Flt Sgt S F Belbin, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J D Whitehead, (Air Bomber) (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404631 Flt Sgt A H Beesley, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403393 Sgt J G Crockett, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt S M Selway, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0339 at Jelsum (Friesland), 5kms NNW of Leeuwarden, Holland, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Leeuwarderadeel (Jelsum) Protestant Churchyard, Locality Friesland, Netherlands. The above 7 are the only WW2 airmen buried in the churchyard.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

432953 Pilot Officer CURTIN, Leo Patrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 660/7/432953, 1661/13/409 AWM 54 779/3/129 Part 24.
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley :
RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 93, Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	RA 515
Radio call sign:	PM – N
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster RA515 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1546 hours on the night of 23/24th February 1945, detailed to bomb Pforzheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Dobson, R F Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO E E Standing, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt A K Parker, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 432953 PO Curtin, L P (Navigator)
RAAF 420554 PO Fletcher, A N (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423585 PO Baillie, W J N (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Nolan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D J Reeves, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported : The aircraft crashed on a hill at Eutingen, which is approx 2 miles north east of Pforzheim.”

Seven of the crew were killed with PO Baillie becoming a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409668 Flight Sergeant DALDY, Gordon Alfred Jaffre

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/269 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 319, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 153
Radio call sign:	PM – D
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB153 took off from RAF Wymeswold on 8th September 1943, detailed to carry out an air test. The aircraft dived into the ground two miles from the airfield and exploded. Eye witnesses stated that the aircraft commenced a gentle turn to port but the nose dropped and the aircraft hit the ground with considerable force.

Crew :

RAAF 406992 Flt Sgt A W Buxton, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Leeming, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt N Kidd, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W S Whalley, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G Sweeney, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 409668 Fkt Sgt G A J Daldy, (Air Gunner)
ATC Cadet F Bond Age 14 years
ATC Cadet D J Fox Age 17 years
ATC Cadet E L Hall Age 17 years.

All on board the aircraft were killed in the crash.

Flt Sgt's Buxton and Daldy are buried in the Oxford (Bottley) Cemetery, Oxfordshire, UK.

Sgt Leeming is buried in the Manchester (Philips Park) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

Sgt Kidd is buried in the Kirkcaldy (Dysart) Cemetery, Fifeshire, UK,

Sgt Whalley is buried in the Burton-on-the-Wolds Church Cemetery, Leicestershire, UK.

Sgt Sweeney is buried in the Glasgow (St Kentigern's) Roman Catholic Cemetery, Glasgow, UK.

The three ATC Cadets are all from the 1180 Sqn ATC and they are buried in the Chapel-Le-Frith (St Thomas A'Beckett) Churchyard, Derby, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404934 Flight Sergeant DAVIES, Ernest Lewis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 203,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 1220
Radio call sign:	PM -
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W1220 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 0001 hours on the night of 4/5th September 1942, detailed to bomb Bremen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404934 Flt Sgt E L Davies, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J J Parish, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 408140 Flt Sgt S F Belbin, (Navigator))
RAF Sgt J D Whitehead,(Air Bomber) (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404631 Flt Sgt A H Beesley, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403393 Sgt J G Crockett, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt S M Selway,(Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0339 at Jelsum (Friesland), 5kms NNW of Leeuwarden, Holland, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Leeuwarderadeel (Jelsum) Protestant Churchyard, Locality Friesland, Netherlands. The above 7 are the only WW2 airmen buried in the churchyard.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
412501 Pilot Officer ELLIOTT, Stanley Brown

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/53 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 210, Volume 1943. AWM 54 779/3/129 part 16

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 528
Radio call sign:	PM – Z
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED528 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2242 hours on the night of 25/26th June 1943, detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 411886 PO Egan, S B Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J S Johnston, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412501 PO Elliott, S B (Navigator)
RAAF 412467 Flt Sgt W Miller, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Brown, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H A Horrell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C A Britton, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Bechtrup, 5kms north of Ludinghausen, Germany.

Four of the crew were killed and PO Egan Sgt Johnston and Flt Sgt Miller were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

PO Egan later stated "We were detailed to be in the first wave of the attack on the target. We were on ETA on the last leg of the run into the target but no flares had been dropped by the PFF at the specified time. I decided to do a circuit and was two thirds of the way around when I saw flares go down. There was no sign of flak or searchlights. The WOP was in the astro dome and reported seeing the flares. Almost immediately there was a heavy bump underneath us and both the port engines burst into flames and the aircraft started to turn to port. I could not correct the turn as the controls were useless. I ordered bale out and the Air Bomber reported that he could not open the escape hatch. The inter com must have gone dead as did not hear any more but saw the Engineer go forward into the nose. I then got out of my seat to warn the WOP and the Nav. I do not remember any more until I was falling through the air. The aircraft must have blown up in about 30 seconds at 19,000 feet. I did not see the aircraft after except for fire on the ground. We crashed in the village of Bechtrup near Ludinghausen. A German flak officer claimed to have shot us down with his first shell. I did not see any tracers from fighter guns at all. Miller was attacked by a fighter twice on the way down. It is possible that both gunners did not get out but were killed by the fighter. I can only presume that when the Nav and WOP heard the Bomb Aimer say the hatch was jammed they tried to get to the back door. They would not have had time to do that before the plane blew up."

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

420554 Pilot Officer FLETCHER, Alan Noel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 660/7/432953 166/13/409
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 93,
Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	RA 515
Radio call sign:	PM – N
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster RA515 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1546 hours on the night of 23/'24th February 1945, detailed to bomb Pforzheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Dobson, R F Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO E E Standing, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt A K Parker, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 432953 PO Curtin, L P (Navigator)
RAAF 420554 PO Fletcher, A N (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423585 PO Baillie, W J N (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Nolan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D J Reeves, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported : The aircraft crashed on a hill at Eutingen, which is approx 2 miles north east of Pforzheim.”

Seven of the crew were killed with PO Baillie becoming a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

418938 Flight Sergeant GAY, Clifford Samuel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/234 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 207, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 411
Radio call sign:	PM – J
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND411 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2208 hours on the night of 3/4th
May 1944, detailed to bomb military camp installations at Mailly-le-Camp, France.
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Holden, J E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Moore, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt T W Sykes, (Navigator)
RAAF 418938 Flt Sgt C S Gay, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R A Wilson, (Wireless Ai Gunner)
RCAF Sgt A A McCallim, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt G C Hoxford, (Rear Gunner)

It was thought that when the aircraft was homebound but north of its intended track, it was
shot down and crashed at Beauchery-St-Martin (Seine-et-Marne), 10kms north east of
Provins.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Beauchery Communal Cemetery,
Locality Seine-et-Marne. France.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

435168 Flight Sergeant GRICE, John William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/577 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 98 Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 272
Radio call sign:	PM – K
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD272 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1149 hours on the 1st March 1945, detailed to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Thomson, A S Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Brickman, F J (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt R C pain, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt W H Tromp, (Navigator)
RAF PO Peace, J M (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt A J Crampin, (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF Flt Sgt J L Rochester, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 435168 Flt Sgt J W Grice, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ The aircraft crashed and exploded on impact in the vicinity of Wieblingen-Plankstadt bridge on 1st march 1945. Wieblingen is approx 2 miles north west of Heidelberg.

Seven of the crew were killed and Sgt Pain was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16 miles east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

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417639 Warrant Officer HERBERT, John Wallace Mills

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/923 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 521, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NG 420
Radio call sign:	PM – Q
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NG420 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1443 hours on the night of 24/25th December 1944, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 419548 FO McDonald, D I Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R H Holliday, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Hunt, K A I (Navigator)
RAF Sgt P K Ashcroft, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 417639 WO J W M Herbert, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt R W Baker, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Bone, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ NG420 was shot down by flak and crashed at 1900 hours near Sindorf about 20kms from Cologne. The aircraft burst into flames on impact and all the crew were killed.”

WO Herbert and Sgt Holliday are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality KampLintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

The other five crew members are buried in the Venray War Cemetery, Locality Limburg, Netherlands. Venray is located 40kms east of Eindhoven.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414239 Pilot Officer HINTON, Leonard John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 359, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 279
Radio call sign:	PM – E
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB279 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1730 hours on the night of 18/19th October 1943, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 414239 FO Hinton, L J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T F Stott, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt C H Leech, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt K J Offer, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt T H Davies, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt V B Hawkins, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt T Bell, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 2010 hours on the 18th October near Enichshagen, about 3kms north east of Nienberg, and all the crew were killed.

PO Hinton, and Sgt's Offer, Hawkins and Bell are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The Cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side of the road from Hamburg to Hanover.

The other three crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

436032 Flight Sergeant HOGG, Aubrey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/336 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 180, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 913
Radio call sign:	PM -
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL913 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2316 hours on the night of 22/23rd
April 1944, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany.

When returning to base after the mission the aircraft flew into a hill at 0455 hours in
Thorpe Hall, about 5 miles SSW of Helmsley, Yorkshire, UK. All the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAF PO Astbury, T E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Whittle, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt D Hopkins, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D A W Leftly, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A Jervis, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W B Graham, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 436032 Flt Sgt A Hogg, (Rear Gunner)

PO Astbury is buried in the Chester (Overleigh) Cemetery, Cheshire, UK.

Flt Sgt's Hopkins and Hogg are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire,
UK.

Sgt Whittle is buried in the Newchurch Churchyard, Lancashire, UK

Sgt Leftly is buried in the Leyton (St Mary) Churchyard, Essex, UK.

Sgt Jervis is buried in the St Pancras Cemetery, Middlesex, UK.

Sgt Graham is buried in the Buchanan Churchyard Extension, Stirlingshire, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

421221 Flight Sergeant IRELAND, Lawrence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/19/154 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 245, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 925
Radio call sign:	PM – C
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND925 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds on the night of 27/28th May 1944 detailed to bomb Aachen Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Leggett, T G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W A Edwards, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Beer, R H (Navigator)
RAF FO Wilks, A A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 421221 Flt Sgt L Ireland, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Gore, P C (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Jones, A V M (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by rail mounted flak guns, which set one wing on fire. The aircraft blew up near Eggenaarskapelle, 6kms south east of Veurne, Belgium.
Six of the crew were killed and PO Gore was a POW.

Five of the crew are buried in the Eggewaarskapelle Churchyard, Locality Veurne, West Vlanderren, Belgium The village of Eggewaarskapelle is 6kms south east of the town of Veurne. These 5 Commonwealth airmen are the only WW2 fatalities in the Churchyard.

FO Jones is buried in the Coxyde Military Cemetery, Locality Koksijde, West Vlanderren, Belgium.

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405154 Flight Sergeant JEFFERIES, John Massey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/127/94 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 284, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4820
Radio call sign:	PM – S
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4820 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1738 hours on the night of 21/22nd December 1942, detailed to bomb Munchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 406555 Sgt C E Bayliss, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G Nicholls, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 495154 Flt Sgt J M Jefferies, (Navigator)
RAF PO Faulk, I G A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 408736 Flt Sgt R I Robb, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Jeffreys, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G H Kitchen, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and exploded in the air. It crashed near Vavincourt situated approx 24 miles south west of Verdun.” Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Bayliss was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Vavincourt Communal Cemetery, Locality Meuse, France. Vavincourt is a village 6kms NNE of Bar-le-Duc.

Sgt Bayliss later reported “ The aircraft blew up after a night fighter attack. I escaped by chute . Captured on 26th January by German sentry after being in France for 5 weeks. All the others were killed.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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413390 Flight Sergeant KAY, Thomas Leslie Hobson

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/162 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 424, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 670
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB670 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds Brigg, Lincolnshire, at 1637 hours on the 16th December 1943, detailed to carry out an operational mission. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. At the time of take off the cloud base was 1000 feet. Soon after take off JB670 collided in mid air in cloud with an aircraft from 576 Sqn RAF flown by Flt Sgt Scott (RAF) and all on board both aircraft lost their lives.

Crew : JB670

RAF Flt Sgt V Richter, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F S Copping, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Jaques, C R (Navigator)
RAAF 413390 Flt Sgt T L H Kay, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P Coopman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F A Furrie, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C W Plampton, (Air Gunner)

Six of the crew are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery. Sgt Plampton is buried in the New Stevenston (St Patrick's) Roman Catholic Cemetery, UK

An enquiry into the Flying Accident reported "When JB670 took off there was a cloud base of 1000 feet and visibility was poor. At 1650 hours at a point 60deg to the runway and 4 miles distant, a cascade of what appeared to be burning incendiaries fell out of the cloud followed by a dull red glow and explosion. Subsequent investigation revealed that two aircraft had crashed at that point and there was every indication that they had collided in mid air in cloud.

It was considered that the accident should never have occurred and it was due to disobedience of instructions. All crews had been briefed that under no circumstances were they to circle below or in the cloud, but climb straight through the cloud after take off. The depth of the cloud was not more than 1500 feet.

Both these aircraft were seen to circle around immediately after takeoff 5 miles from the drome, start to climb through cloud roughly the reciprocal of their take off. Owing to the fact that there are no survivors it is impossible to state which aircraft initially caused the accident."

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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406693 Flight Sergeant LAING, Edward Vivian

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/20 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 24, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4335
Radio call sign:	PM – F
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4335 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1743 hours on the night of 21/22nd January 1943, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 406693 Flt Sgt E V Laing, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A M Willis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 411562 Flt Sgt K R Webber, (Navigator)
RAAF 411566 Flt Sgt D G Williams, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412101 Flt Sgt F L Boyd, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S C Brewer, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Taylor, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 1935 hours near Enschede (Overijssel) Holland. All the crew were killed.

They are buried at the Enschede Eastern General Cemetery, Locality Overijssel, Netherlands. Enschede is a large town in the Province of Overijssel in the north west part of the Netherlands near the German border.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402821 Pilot Officer LITTLE, Archie Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/138/97 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 145, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 611
Radio call sign:	PM – O
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington DV611 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2321 hours on the night of 2/3rd July 1942, detailed to bomb Bremen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 402821 PO Little, A T Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Davidner, D H (Observer)
RAF Sg T A Elliott, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J W Edwards, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt J V Chicoine, (Rear Gunner)

Four of the crew were killed and PO Davidner was a POW. He later reported “the aircraft was shot down on the morning of 3rd July and the other four crew members were killed.”

Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

424614 Flying Officer MATHIESON, Milton Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/715 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 38, Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NF 999
Radio call sign:	PM – T
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF999 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1821 hours on the night of 7/8th
January 1945, detailed to bomb Munich, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 424614 FO Mathieson, M A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E W Evans, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt H F Stephens, (Navigator)
RAF PO Dickerton, J W (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424606 PO Pollard, C T (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Sleep, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R A Marett, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality
Bad Tolz Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz a town 48kms
south of Munich.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

419584 Flying Officer McDONALD, Donald Ian

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/923 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 521, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NG 420
Radio call sign:	PM – Q
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NG420 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1443 hours on the night of 24/25th December 1944, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 419548 FO McDonald, D I Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R H Holliday, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Hunt, K A I (Navigator)
RAF Sgt P K Ashcroft, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 417639 WO J W M Herbert, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt R W Baker, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Bone, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ NG420 was shot down by flak and crashed at 1900 hours near Sindorf about 20kms from Cologne. The aircraft burst into flames on impact and all the crew were killed.”

WO Herbert and Sgt Holliday are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality KampLintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

The other five crew members are buried in the Venray War Cemetery, Locality Limburg, Netherlands. Venray is located 40kms east of Eindhoven.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

435018 Flight Sergeant McGINN, Keith Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film No 463 AFH

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 117, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NF 913
Radio call sign:	PM – H
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF913 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1702 hours on the night of 7/8th March 1945, detailed to bomb Dessau, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RCAF FO Saxe, S L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J J Bent, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Shatzky, M (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt T Lleavers, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 435018 Flt Sgt K C McGinn, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF WO2 A D Cruikshank, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt R C Snell, (Rear Gunner)

Four of the crew were killed and Sgt Bent, WO2 Cruikshank and Flt Sgt Snell were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordr-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414070 Pilot Officer NcMAHON, Michael

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/224 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 438, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 730
Radio call sign:	PM – P
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB730 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 0045 hours on the night of 23/24th December 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 414070 PO McMahon, M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R B Stocks, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J W Brewster, (Navigator)
RCAF FO MacDonald, A G (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A R Fleming, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G E Crawford, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt T Thompson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near the village of Obersain north of Koblenz, Germany.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality
Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and
13kms south of Wesel.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414248 Flight Sergeant MEDHURST, Malcolm Graeme

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/253 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 273, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 725
Radio call sign:	PM – P
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED725 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2130 hours on the night of 17/18th August 1943, detailed to bomb Peenemunde, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt P J O'Donnell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W H Greaves, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt C P Williams, (Navigator)
RAAF 414248 Flt Sgt M G Medhurst, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt P J Capon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 413476 Flt Sgt E R Biggs, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C N Lee, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down and crashed at Tarup on 18th August presumably as a result of enemy action.. Tarup is approx 2 miles east of Flensburg. Twenty-two aircraft from various squadrons were lost on this mission.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Kiel War Cemetery, Locality Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. Kiel lies 83kms north of Hamburg.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

401074 Flying Officer MOREY, Stanley Allan DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/153 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 336, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 221
Radio call sign:	PM – K
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV221 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1934 hours on the night of 27/28th September 1943, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Kennard, J H DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J E G Aston, DFM (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 401074 FO Morey, S A DFC (Navigator)
RAF FO Faulkner, R N (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Latham, T C DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Harrison, A DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Davidson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near the village of Mahlerten, 11kms west of Hildesheim, Germany.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to FO Morey is as follows :

FO Morey has completed numerous sorties over enemy territory as navigator. He has participated in attacks on most of the distant and heavily defended targets in Germany and Italy. On one occasion, after an attack on Bremen, his aircraft was badly damaged in an encounter with a night fighter. FO Morey's cool determination and skill thus enabled the Captain to fly the aircraft safely back to base. In January 1943, he again showed outstanding coolness and efficiency in extricating the aircraft from a dangerous situation over Essen. FO Morey has invariably displayed high courage and devotion to duty.
(London Gazette 17/8/1943 page 3683)

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

401638 Pilot Officer NIMMO, James Andrew Harold

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/493 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 165, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 420
Radio call sign:	PM – G
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND420 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2118 hours on the night of 9/10th April 1944, detailed to carry out a gardening mine laying mission in the Baltic. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 401638 PO Nimmo, J A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J M Roberts, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422115 P O Bradley, T W (Navigator)
RAAF 410115 Flt Sgt J Bernaldo, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410792 PO Thornton, A T (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 418679 Flt Sgt J Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 427295 Flt Sgt K F Clohessy, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “the aircraft crashed near Brande, Denmark. The aircraft must have exploded in the air after the survivors baled out.”

Five of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt’s Smith and Clohessy were POW’s. Those killed are buried in the Esbjerg (Fourfelt) Cemetery, Denmark. Esbjerg is a major port on the west coast of Jutland.

Flt Sgt Clohessy later reported “The aircraft caught fire due to enemy action (probably a night fighter) on the return flight from operations. The Pilot gave the order to abandon the aircraft at about 20,000 feet. The order was not acknowledged by anyone. The plane was burning fiercely and losing height, but was still in flying attitude. I baled out at about 3000 feet. I saw no other member of the crew abandon the aircraft but the Rear Gunner had already gone. I don’t know if the others left the aircraft. I was injured in the right knee and captured by Danish police on 13th April.”

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424606 Pilot Officer POLLARD, Clifford Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/715 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 38, Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NF 999
Radio call sign:	PM – T
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF999 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1821 hours on the night of 7/8th January 1945, detailed to bomb Munich, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 424614 FO Mathieson, M A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E W Evans, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt H F Stephens, (Navigator)
RAF PO Dickerton, J W (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424606 PO Pollard, C T (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Sleep, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R A Marett, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz a town 48kms south of Munich.

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433742 Flight Sergeant PORTER, Harvey James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/324 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 125, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 449
Radio call sign:	PM – T
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME449 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1743hours on the night of 12/13th
March 1945 detailed to lay mines in the Kattegat area Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Slater, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt K Foster (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 433608 FO Mitchell H A S (Navigator)
RAAF 433499 PO Bertie, M H (Air Bomber)
RAF WO T Fairclough, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 433742 Flt Sgt H J Porter, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Morris, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night and crashed at 2145 hours at Ostergaard,
Denmark, near Tarm on Jutlands west coast. Two of the crew were killed and the other
five members evaded capture.

Both Flt Sgt Porter and Sgt Morris are buried in the Tarm Isolated Graves, Denmark.
Tarm is a small town on the west coast of Jutland and about 48kms due north of Esbjerg.
The graves are about 2kms south east of the town on the road to Oddum.
Both these crew members were 20 years of age when they died and they are the only
WW2 Commonwealth airmen buried at Tarm Isolated Graves.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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428413 Pilot Officer RIMMINGTON, Dugald Geoffrey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/462 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 75, Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 682
Radio call sign:	PM – O
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM682 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2140 hours on the night of 13/14th February 1945, detailed to bomb Dresden, Germany on operation Thunderclap. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 428413 PO Rimmington, D G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G Turner, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt G R Gilfillan, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt E V Staples, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A H Pettman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W H Swan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
Raf Sgt F A Rushworth, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by ack-ack fire and crashed at Winterkasten, 12kms SE of Darmstadt, Germany, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayer, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

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408736 Flight Sergeant ROBB, Robert Ian

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/127/94 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 284, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4820
Radio call sign:	PM – S
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4820 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1738 hours on the night of 21/22nd December 1942, detailed to bomb Munchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 406555 Sgt C E Bayliss, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G Nicholls, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 495154 Flt Sgt J M Jefferies, (Navigator)
RAF PO Faulk, I G A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 408736 Flt Sgt R I Robb, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Jeffreys, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G H Kitchen, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and exploded in the air. It crashed near Vavincourt situated approx 24 miles south west of Verdun.” Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Bayliss was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Vavincourt Communal Cemetery, Locality Meuse, France. Vavincourt is a village 6kms NNE of Bar-le-Duc.

Sgt Bayliss later reported “ The aircraft blew up after a night fighter attack. I escaped by chute . Captured on 26th January by German sentry after being in France for 5 weeks. All the others were killed.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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401249 Flight Lieutenant ROSE, John Colin McIntosh DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,163/55/256 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 284, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4787
Radio call sign:	PM -
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4787 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1728 hours on the night of 21/22nd December 1942, detailed to bomb Munich, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 401249 Flt Lt Rose, J C McI DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F J Fisher, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt G T Hawkins, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt P L Donald, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt W E Ryan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E J Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt F Trimmer, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Maubeuge, France, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Maubeuge Centre Cemetery, Locality Nord, France. Maubeuge is a large town in the Department of the Nord, France.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to the then FO Rose of 103 Sqn is as follows
This Captain of aircraft has taken part in many operational sorties and has shown courage and determination to press home his attacks regardless of the difficulties and opposition encountered. On one occasion, when over enemy territory, his aircraft was attacked by a Junkers 88. By skilful tactics he evaded the attacker, at the same time manoeuvring his aircraft to enable his gunners to fire and severely damage the enemy aircraft. On two other occasions he has flown his aircraft back to base and successfully landed with one engine out of action. FO Rose's fine fighting spirit and personal example have been a constant source of inspiration to all his squadron.
(London Gazette 13/11/1942, page 4927)

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415830 Pilot Officer ROWE, Sydney Lawrence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/257 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 207, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 673
Radio call sign:	PM – I
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME673 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2148 hours on the night of 3/4th May 1944, detailed to bomb the military camp at Mailly-le-Camp, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 415830 PO Rowe, S L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J H Stallis, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt E G Housden, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt E A Metcalfe, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt K R Warden, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P A Staniland, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D J Coldicott, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the target area while awaiting bombing instructions, and crashed in the centre of Chalons-sur-Marne France. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Chalons-en-Champagne Easr Communal Cemetery, Locality Marne, France.

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404553 Pilot Officer SPOONER, Douglas Wilberforce DFM

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/163/288 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 145, Volume 1942.
The DFM Register for the Second World War by Ian Tavender, Volme 11.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1617
Radio call sign:	PM -
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington R1617 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2300 hours on the night of 2/3rd July 1942, detailed to bomb Bremen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 404553 PO Spooner, D W DFM Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Mayer, G E (Observer)
RCAF Sgt A L Spafford, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C V Webb, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt S Maites, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter about 1.30am on 3rd July 1942 and crashed at Vahren near Cloppenburg, north of Osnabruck, Germany.

Three of the crew were killed and PO Mayer and Flt Sgt Maites were POW's
Those killed are buried in the Sage War Cemetery, Locality Oldenburg, Niedersachsen, Germany. Sage is a village 24kms south of Oldenburg, a town 43kms west of Bremen.
PO Mayer later reported "We were attacked near Bremen by a night fighter at 12,000 feet. The aircraft was on fire and out of control. Spafford the WOP was in the astrodome and was hit and probably by fire from the night fighter. I was wounded but went forward to let Webb out of the front turret. I then baled out. I expected to be followed by Webb and Spooner who was getting out of his seat prior to leaving. Met Rear Gunner later but am uncertain about the other three."

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFM to the then Sgt Spooner is as follows
Sgt Spooner of 103 Sqn was second pilot of a Wellington bomber which took part in the attack on Wilhelmshaven on the night of 10th January 1942. During the run up to the target to bomb at a height of 15,000 feet, the aircraft was subject to intense flak. A second run was made amidst increased anti-aircraft fire. Just as the remaining bombs were dropped, a violent explosion shook the aircraft and a 4.5inch recce flare was forced through the rear end of the bomb compartment into the fuselage where it set fire to the fabric, the wooden floor and the rear bomb seat. The second pilot made his way to the back of the aircraft, which was now filled with acrid white smoke, and pluckily endeavoured to extinguish the flames, first with an extinguisher, which failed to function

properly, and then with his gloves. The Captain ordered the WOP to assist but he was unable to as he was suffocating and unable to help. It was only Sgt Spooner's presence of mind, in bringing the portable oxygen set to his aid, that enabled him to withstand the effects of the fumes. Still directly over Wilhelmshaven, in the dark sky, the burning aircraft made a perfect target. It was seen by the tail gunner of another aircraft to be picked up by about 30 searchlights and heavily engaged by enemy defences. At 10,000 feet the situation appeared so hopeless, the Captain ordered the crew to abandon the aircraft. To see that his crew had gone, the Captain, after setting the controls, made his way aft. Seeing a figure silhouetted against the flames and still endeavouring to extinguish them, he returned to his controls and steered a westerly course. The flare eventually burned its way through the floor and fell out of the aircraft. Sgt Spooner now having made the extinguisher to work, was able to subdue the flames with this and his gloves. Having extinguished the flames, he made his way forward, where he found the Captain still at the controls; to enable the latter to navigate, he took over from him and although suffering acutely from the effects of the fumes, flew the aircraft back to this country. He arrived with painfully inflamed eyes and in a state of partial collapse from reaction. His valour when heavily engaged by the enemy and in a burning aircraft not only achieved his objective of saving the aircraft from falling into enemy hands, but saved two pilots for the RAF. I strongly recommend him for the highest possible award for gallantry, the Victoria Cross." The above recommendation from the Squadron was strongly supported by the Station Commander

Remarks by the A.O.C. " In his complete disregard of his personal safety Sgt Spooner undoubtedly sowed pluck and determination of a very high order, thereby upholding the reputation of the Australians of being "Non-Quitters". I do not consider, however, that his act of gallantry reaches the very high standard required for as an award of the Victoria Cross. Strongly recommended for the immediate award of the DFM."

(DFM promulgated in the London Gazette of 27/1/1942, Air2/8464)

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401568 Pilot Officer STUBBS, Alexander William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/47 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 44, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 380
Radio call sign:	PM – F
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED380 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1859 hours on the night of 16/17th February 1943, detailed to bomb Lorient, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 403065 PO Young, J C H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D E Cardwell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt W R Neville, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J C Woodward, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 401568 PO Stubbs, A W (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt A J C Mason, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H C Ford, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Lorient and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Guidel Communal Cemetery, Locality Morbihan, France. Guidel is a village 60kms NNW of Vannes and 10kms north west of Lorient.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403844 Flight Sergeant TAYLOR, Donald Ward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/165/142 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 250, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	W1223
Radio call sign:	PM – U
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax W1223 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1844 hours on the night of 24/25th October 1942, detailed to bomb Milan, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt S A Claridge, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt B D Swain, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Wagstaff, E A (navigator)
RAF Sgt S V Goodhew, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403844 Flt Sgt D W Taylor, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K W McAuliffe, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt J Molesworth, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Moulin-Sous-Touvent, 18kms north east of Compiègne, France and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Moulin-Sous-Touvent Communal Cemetery, Locality Oise, France. Moulin-Sous-Touvent is a village and commune 60kms east of Beauvais and 18kms north east of Compiègne. The above seven crew members are the only WW2 Commonwealth airmen fatalities buried in the Cemetery.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

410271 Flying Officer THOM, Donald Seymour

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/175 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 404, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 527
Radio call sign:	PM – B
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB527 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1738 hours on the night of 26/27th November 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Pugh R E V DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P A Barnes, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 410271 FO Thom, D S (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G W Prescott, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A Mavromatis, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO King, M H (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Booth, G (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported” The aircraft was shot down and crashed at Ahrensfelde, some 14kms north east of Berlin.” All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

410792 Pilot Officer THORNTON, Arthur Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/493 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 165, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 420
Radio call sign:	PM – G
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND420 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2118 hours on the night of 9/10th April 1944, detailed to carry out a gardening mine laying mission in the Baltic. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 401638 PO Nimmo, J A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J M Roberts, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422115 P O Bradley, T W (Navigator)
RAAF 410115 Flt Sgt J Bernaldo, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410792 PO Thornton, A T (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 418679 Flt Sgt J Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 427295 Flt Sgt K F Clohessy, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “the aircraft crashed near Brande, Denmark. The aircraft must have exploded in the air after the survivors baled out.”

Five of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt’s Smith and Clohessy were POW’s. Those killed are buried in the Esbjerg (Fourfelt) Cemetery, Denmark. Esbjerg is a major port on the west coast of Jutland.

Flt Sgt Clohessy later reported “The aircraft caught fire due to enemy action (probably a night fighter) on the return flight from operations. The Pilot gave the order to abandon the aircraft at about 20,000 feet. The order was not acknowledged by anyone. The plane was burning fiercely and losing height, but was still in flying attitude. I baled out at about 3000 feet. I saw no other member of the crew abandon the aircraft but the Rear Gunner had already gone. I don’t know if the others left the aircraft. I was injured in the right knee and captured by Danish police on 13th April.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

405986 Pilot Officer VIVERS, Robert James Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/42/41 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 331, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 132
Radio call sign:	PM – H
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB132 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1900 hours on the night of 23/24th September 1943, detailed to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Finlay, D W DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt R H J Rowe, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J H McFarlane, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt I D Fletcher, DFM (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt W H MacDonald, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 405986 PO Vivers, R J F (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt W C C Gillespie, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ The aircraft was shot down and crashed at Bad Durkheim between 2200-2230 hours.”

Flt Sgt MacDonald and PO Vivers were killed and the others were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Wesfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefel;d and 13kms south of Wesel.

FO Finlay later reported “The aircraft was attacked by a night fighter 20 miles north west of Mannheim. I order bale out as the aircraft was burning badly. PO Vivers acknowledged the order and was seen to move in the fuselage. That was the last any of the crew saw of him. The Germans could not give me any information.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

411562 Flight Sergeant WEBBER, Keith Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/20 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 24, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4335
Radio call sign:	PM – F
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4335 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1743 hours on the night of
21/22nd January 1943, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 406693 Flt Sgt E V Laing, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A M Willis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 411562 Flt Sgt K R Webber, (Navigator)
RAAF 411566 Flt Sgt D G Williams, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412101 Flt Sgt F L Boyd, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S C Brewer, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Taylor, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 1935 hours near Enschede
(Overijssel) Holland. All the crew were killed.

They are buried at the Enschede Eastern General Cemetery, Locality Overijssel,
Netherlands. Enschede is a large town in the Province of Overijssel in the north west part
of the Netherlands near the German border.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

411566 Flight Sergeant WILLIAMS, Douglas George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/20 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 24, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4335
Radio call sign:	PM – F
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4335 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1743 hours on the night of 21/22nd January 1943, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 406693 Flt Sgt E V Laing, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A M Willis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 411562 Flt Sgt K R Webber, (Navigator)
RAAF 411566 Flt Sgt D G Williams, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412101 Flt Sgt F L Boyd, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S C Brewer, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Taylor, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 1935 hours near Enschede (Overijssel) Holland. All the crew were killed.

They are buried at the Enschede Eastern General Cemetery, Locality Overijssel, Netherlands. Enschede is a large town in the Province of Overijssel in the north west part of the Netherlands near the German border.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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402428 Sergeant WILLIAMS, Gregory Percival

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/178/186 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 133, Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1213
Radio call sign:	PM -
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington R1213 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2301 hours on the night of
29/30th August 1941, detailed to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Oldfield, W R Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402428 Sgt G P Williams, (2nd Pilot)
RCAF Sgt A H Figg, (Observer)
RAF Sgt H A Kelly (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Grassom, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Dunn (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was struck by lightning and crashed in the vicinity of Vlissingen (Zeeland),
Holland. Four of the crew were killed and PO Oldfield and Sgt Dunn were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Flushing (Vlissingen), Northern Cemetery, Locality
Zeeland, Netherlands. The port of Flushing is on the south coast of the island of
Walcherin in the Schelde Estuary.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

405140 Flight Sergeant WILSON, John William Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film No 463 AFH

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 268, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4339
Radio call sign:	PM – M
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4339 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 0127 hours on the night of 2/3rd December 1942, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Cumming, R M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Dyke, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt T T Wilkinson, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt A M Hamilton, (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Wallace, R (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 405140 Flt Sgt J W E Wilson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R G Stolz-Page, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403065 Pilot Officer YOUNG, John Carles Harvey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/47 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 44, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 380
Radio call sign:	PM – F
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED380 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 1859 hours on the night of 16/17th February 1943, detailed to bomb Lorient, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 403065 PO Young, J C H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D E Cardwell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt W R Neville, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J C Woodward, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 401568 PO Stubbs, A W (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt A J C Mason, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H C Ford, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Lorient and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Guidel Communal Cemetery, Locality Morbihan, France. Guidel is a village 60kms NNW of Vannes and 10kms north west of Lorient.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

426944 Flight Sergeant ZINGELMANN, Leonard William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/45/53 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 261, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NE 173
Radio call sign:	PM – E
Unit:	ATTD 103 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NE173 took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2140 hours on the night of 6/7th June 1944, detailed to bomb communications at Vire, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RCAF Flt Lt Way, W H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Jennings, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt D H Hollingsworth, (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt J D Gallagher, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt R H Cooper, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 426944 Flt Sgt L W Zingelmann, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J P Duns, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “the aircraft was shot down and crashed in the village of Maisonseule, near Coulonces, Western France, and all the crew were killed.”

Flt Lt Way, Sgt Jennings and Flt Sgt’s Cooper and Zingelmann are buried in the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery, Locality Calvados, France.

PO Hollingworth is buried in the Bayeux War Cemetery, Locality Calvados, France.

Flt Sgt Gallagher and Sgt Duns are buried in the Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, Revers, Locality Calvados, France.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414634 Flight Sergeant ANDERSON, Andrew Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166//3/177 Micro Film No 463 OAFH

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 334
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary :

Wellington LN334 crashed at 0450 hours on the 17th February 1944, two miles from Foggia Main drome, Italy. The aircraft dived into the ground while approaching the drome and all on board were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 414634 Flt Sgt A C Anderson, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 426027 Flt Sgt K J Bingham, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R S Scott, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H J Morgan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E E Betteridge, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Locality Carbonara, Italy.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

410430 Flight Sergeant ARMSTRONG, John Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/50 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	W 4530
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington W4530 of 104 Sqn on 24th August 1943 was involved in a collision with another aircraft during a night landing at Cairo West Landing Ground, Egypt, and all on board the W4530 were killed.

The other aircraft was Wellington Z8425 which had seven RAF on board six of whom were killed and the Air Gunner survived.

Crew :

RAAF 413754 Flt Sgt J R Flanagan, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt W Burges, (Observer)
 RAAF 414971 Flt Sgt P Tracey, (Air Bomber) *
 RAAF 410430 Flt Sgt J T Armstrong, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt F R Soames, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Wg Cdr Mitchell C H (HQ RAF ME) Pax
 * A member of No 22 Personnel Transit Centre, RAF Middle East..

Both aircraft were on authorised Target Illumination trials. They took off at approx 1900 hours on 24th August and the trials were completed at 2110 hours. Contrary to written orders the aircraft did not display navigation lights nor were they in R/T contact.

A Later report on a Flying Accident stated “ The aircraft landed at night without requesting permission to land or in any way communicated with aerodrome control. It landed immediately behind Z8425 which was still on the runway and a collision occurred. The interval between the two landings was such that it was impossible for the Controller I/C flare path to prevent this aircraft from landing.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

406283 Flight Sergeant BAILEY, Thomas Leon Ford

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/5 163/124/198 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8514
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	104 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z 8514 took off at 2115 hours on 30 September 1942 to bomb Tobruk, Libya. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 400621 Sgt H.C.Hunt, Captain (Pilot).
RAF PO Ramage, W.N., 2nd Pilot.
RCAF Sgt R.Sillis, Observer.
RAAF 406283 Flt Sgt T.L.F.Bailey, 1st Wireless Operator.
RAF Sgt J.W.Flint, 2nd Wireless Operator.
RAF Sgt J.J.Bowles, Air Gunner.

Following post war searches and investigations when no trace of the missing aircraft or crew was located, the search was abandoned in 1948.

All the crew have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. The Memorial forms the entrance to the El Alamein War Cemetery.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

426027 Flight Sergeant BINGHAM, Jevin Joffre

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166//3/177 Micro Film No 463 OAFH

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 334
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary :

Wellington LN334 crashed at 0450 hours on the 17th February 1944, two miles from Foggia Main drome, Italy. The aircraft dived into the ground while approaching the drome and all on board were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 414634 Flt Sgt A C Anderson, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 426027 Flt Sgt K J Bingham, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R S Scott, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H J Morgan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E E Betteridge, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Locality Carbonara, Italy.

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402323 Sergeant DENBY, Warren Steen

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/101/69 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 109, Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	W 5485
Radio call sign:	EP – J
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington W5485 took off from RAF Driffield at 2234 hours on the night of 5/6th
August 1941, detailed to bomb Karlsruhe, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Jones, B W M Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402323 Sgt W S Denby, (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Brant, H (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt R J David, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R N Barcroft, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G F Lister, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality
Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town
48kms south of Munich.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

419883 Flight Sergeant EMBERSON, Edwin Norton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/70 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 344
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HE344 when returning from operations on the night of 15/16th April 1944, collided in mid air with Wellington LP146 when circling the Foggia Main Drome, Italy, and HE344 crashed 2 miles west of the drome. All the crew were killed. All five of the RAF crew aboard LP146 were also killed..

Crew :

RAAF 425637 Flt Sgt F W Gissing, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt G B Hall, (Navigator)
 RAF Sgt R D Cunningham, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt J W R A Bunyan, (Wireless Operator Air)
 RAAF 419883 Flt Sgt E N Emberson, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is located on the outskirts of Bari in the Locality of Carbonara.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413754 Flight Sergeant FLANAGAN, John Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/50 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	W 4530
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington W4530 of 104 Sqn on 24th August 1943 was involved in a collision with another aircraft during a night landing at Cairo West Landing Ground, Egypt, and all on board the W4530 were killed.

The other aircraft was Wellington Z8425 which had seven RAF on board six of whom were killed and the Air Gunner survived.

Crew :

RAAF 413754 Flt Sgt J R Flanagan, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt W Burges, (Observer)
 RAAF 414971 Flt Sgt P Tracey, (Air Bomber) *
 RAAF 410430 Flt Sgt J T Armstrong, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt F R Soames, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Wg Cdr Mitchell C H (HQ RAF ME) Pax.
 • A member of No 22 Personnel Transit Centre, RAF Middle East

Both aircraft were on authorised Target Illumination trials. They took off at approx 1900 hours on 24th August and the trials were completed at 2110 hours. Contrary to written orders the aircraft did not display navigation lights nor were they in R/T contact.

A Later report on a Flying Accident stated “ The aircraft landed at night without requesting permission to land or in any way communicated with aerodrome control. It landed immediately behind Z8425 which was still on the runway and a collision occurred. The interval between the two landings was such that it was impossible for the Controller I/C flare path to prevent this aircraft from landing.”

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403579 Flight Sergeant GARLING, Leslie Gordon Stewart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/115/130 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8524
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z8524 flown by Sgt C S Maxfiedl (RAF) took off from Kabrit on operations on 11th August 1942. It was carrying a bomb load of 2000lbs, full standard tanks and a crew of six.

The CO of the Squadron later reported "On the pilot's first attempt to take off he pulled his throttles back about one third of the way along the runway and taxied back to dispersal. I felt the brakes and the starboard one was very hot. After cooling off another attempt was made and the aircraft swung off at the end of the runway with not sufficient speed. The tail wheel got badly hit on the vertical edge of the perimeter track and collapsed.

I saw both attempts to take off and in the second one I thought that the aircraft would have been airborne by the end of the runway, but cannot presume to criticise the pilot as he knew how it felt and decided to stop. If it had not stopped it would have crashed into the Great Bitter Lake "

In the crash the Navigator was injured and died in hospital on 12th August 1942: The Navigator had vacated the aircraft from the astrodome and in the subsequent fall from the aircraft had fractured his skull. He was found some 50 yards behind the aircraft. The 2nd Pilot had said " get clear of the flare path" and it was thought that the Navigator mistook this as saying "get clear of the aircraft" and as a result he died from his injuries sustained in the fall from the aircraft. None of the other members of the crew were injured.

Crew :

RAF Sgt C S Maxfiedl, Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 403579 Flt Sgt L G S Garling (Navigator)

No other crew details are available from the above RAAF Casualty file.

Flt Sgt Garling is buried in the Fayid War Cemetery, Egypt. Fayid is a small town 20kms south of Ismailia on the western shore of the Great Bitter lake.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

411892 Warrant Officer GERTY, Stanley Fitzherbert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/286 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 760
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN760 crashed two and a half miles north west of Foggia Main Drome, Italy at 2050 hours on 19th July 1944. All the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 411892 WO S F Gerty, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF WO S G M R Ross,(Navigator)
RAAF 418968 Flt Sgt H R Mann, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Woodward, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt R T Griffiths, (Air Gunner)

Those killed are buried at the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is on the outskirts of Bari in the District of Carbonara.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

425637 Flight Sergeant GISSING, Frederick William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/70 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 344
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HE344 when returning from operations on the night of 15/16th April 1944, collided in mid air with Wellington LP146 when circling the Foggia Main Drome, Italy, and HE344 crashed 2 miles west of the drome. All the crew were killed. All five of the RAF crew aboard LP146 were also killed..

Crew :

RAAF 425637 Flt Sgt F W Gissing, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt G B Hall, (Navigator)
 RAF Sgt R D Cunningham, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt J W R A Bunyan, (Wireless Operator Air)
 RAAF 419883 Flt Sgt E N Emberson, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is located on the outskirts of Bari in the Locality of Carbonara.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403336 Flying Officer HARLAND, Michael Anthony

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/107 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HK 688
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HK 688 took off at 1738 hours on 16/17th April 1943 to bomb Ste Marie du Zit Landing Ground, Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

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Crew :

RAF PO Pantino D B Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 403336 FO Harland, M A (2nd Pilot)
RCAF WO11 W J Watters, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt L Lewis, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF WO11 A R Twiss, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Enfidaville War Cemetery, Tunisia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402441 Sergeant HARPER, Colin Raymond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/422 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	W 5525
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington W5525 on the night of 12/13th April 1943 to bomb Essen, Germany..
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Protheroe, W M Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Elliott, G P (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 402441 Sgt C R Harper (Observer)
RAF Sgt F Swinburne, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R H Crews, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
Raf Sgt W M Mahaffy, (Tail Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402351 Flight Sergeant HARRIS, Herbert Hargraves

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/496 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z8655
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Welloington Z8655 took off from Kabrit landing ground at 0046 hours on 2nd July 1942 detailed to carry out air operation. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Retallack, G G captain (Pilot)
 RAAF 402351 Flt Sgt H H Harris, (2nd Pilot)
 RAF Sgt M A Brett, (Observer)
 RAF Sgt J S Kennedy, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt E W Bond, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt H Todd, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the El Alamein area and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Alamein is a village bypassed by the main road, approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

420946 Pilot Officer HOLMES, Edward James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/430 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MF 137
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington MF137 took off at 2101 hours on the night of 1/2nd July 1944, detailed to carry out mine laying on the Danube river between Pancevo and Groksi, Yugoslavia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 420946 PO Holmes, E J Captain (Pilot)
 RAF PO Kingerlee, K G (Navigator)
 RAF PO Morgan, E W (Air Bomber)
 RAF PO Wiggins, K N (Wireless Operator Air)
 RAAF 427933 Flt Sgt G G Parker, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed and exploded in the vicinity of Pancevo, Yugoslavia, near the north bank of the Danube. The aircraft was buried in a hole filled with water in a maize field. The only wreckage was part of the engine and pieces of aircraft fabric. All the crew were killed and they are buried Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia and Montenegro.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

427466 Pilot Officer JAMES, Selby Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/20/151 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 499
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LP499 took off on the night of 6/7th July 1944, detailed to bomb Feurgsbrunn drome near Vienna, Austria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 417233 WO J A McDonald, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Flt Lt Cruden, G S (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
 RAF Sgt G Pusey, (Wireless Operator Air)
 RAF FLt Sgt R Hamilton, (Air Gunner)
 RAAF 427466 PO James, S R (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ the aircraft was shot down on 6th July by a night fighter and crashed at Trestlgraben, approx 32 miles south west of Vienna. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Klagenfurt War Cemetery, Austria. Klagenfurt is the capital of the Austrian Province of Carinthia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

418968 Flight Sergeant MANN, Herbert Reuben

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/286 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 760
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN760 crashed two and a half miles north west of Foggia Main Drome, Italy at 2050 hours on 19th July 1944. All the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 411892 WO S F Gerty, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF WO S G M R Ross,(Navigator)
RAAF 418968 Flt Sgt H R Mann, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Woodward, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt R T Griffiths, (Air Gunner)

Those killed are buried at the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is on the outskirts of Bari in the District of Carbonara.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

417233 Warrant Officer McDONALD, John Arnold

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/20/151 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 499
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LP499 took off on the night of 6/7th July 1944, detailed to bomb Feurgsbrunn drome near Vienna, Austria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 417233 WO J A McDonald, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Cruden, G S (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt G Pusey, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF FLt Sgt R Hamilton, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 427466 PO James, S R (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ the aircraft was shot down on 6th July by a night fighter and crashed at Trestlgraben, approx 32 miles south west of Vienna. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Klagenfurt War Cemetery, Austria. Klagenfurt is the capital of the Austrian Province of Carinthia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

15835 Flight Sergeant MORRISSEY, David Hagan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/234 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 829
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HE129 at 1825 hours on 18th January 1944 to bomb the railway line from Ancona to Fano, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 417134 Flt Sgt W J Thomas, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF FO Bull, A G (Navigator)
 RAAF 15835 Flt Sgt D H Morrissey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt F R Hughes, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt S G Freman, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at San Marco, north of Manfredonia, Italy, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is on the outskirts of Bari in the province of Carbonara.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

427933 Flight Sergeant PARKER, Geoffrey Goodhand

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/430 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MF 137
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington MF137 took off at 2101 hours on the night of 1/2nd July 1944, detailed to carry out mine laying on the Danube river between Pancevo and Groksi, Yugoslavia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 420946 PO Holmes, E J Captain (Pilot)
 RAF PO Kingerlee, K G (Navigator)
 RAF PO Morgan, E W (Air Bomber)
 RAF PO Wiggins, K N (Wireless Operator Air)
 RAAF 427933 Flt Sgt G G Parker, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed and exploded in the vicinity of Pancevo, Yugoslavia, near the north bank of the Danube. The aircraft was buried in a hole filled with water in a maize field. The only wreckage was part of the engine and pieces of aircraft fabric. All the crew were killed and they are buried Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia and Montenegro.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402576 Sergeant PARSONS, Alfred Charles Kingsley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/57/157 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 17, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	W 5491
Radio call sign:	EP -
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington W5491 took off from RAF Driffield at 1150 hours on the 9th January 1942, on a training exercise, but crashed almost immediately due to incorrect flap settings. Sgt Sloggatt, and Flt Sgt Bult were killed and the other four were injured. However Sgt Parsons died of his injuries on 19th January 1942.

Crew :

RAAF 400604 Sgt W K Sloggatt, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Brown,
RAAF Sgt A C K Parsons
RAF Flt Sgt S R Bult, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO V E Tapp,
RAF Sgt Phillips,

The three who lost their lives are buried in the Driffield Cemetery, Yorkshire, Driffield is in the East Ridiing, 30 miles east of York, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

406461 Flight Sergeant PATERSON, Alistair Semple Burns

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/149/277 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z8590
Radio call sign:	PM -
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z8590 crashed at approx 1930 hours on 7th November 1942, near Jebel Chantar situated on the south west coast of Malta, south of the town of Siggieui near the entrance to Malta Harbour. All the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAF PO Morrison, S C (Pilot)
 RNZAF Flt Sgt L L A Craig, (Pilot)
 RNZAF Flt Sgt H H Earney, (Observer)
 RAAF 406461 Flt Sgt A S B Paterson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt OL Holmes, (Air Gunner)
 RNZAF Flt Sgt K L Donald, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Malta (Cappucini) Naval Cemetery, Malta. The cemetery is 2kms south east of Rinella, a bay and hamlet opposite Valletta across the mouth of the Grand Harbour.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400604 Sergeant SLOGGATT, William Kent

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/57/157 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 17, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	W 5491
Radio call sign:	EP -
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington W5491 took off from RAF Driffield at 1150 hours on the 9th January 1942, on a training exercise, but crashed almost immediately due to incorrect flap settings. Sgt Sloggatt, and Flt Sgt Bult were killed and the other four were injured. However Sgt Parsons died of his injuries on 19th January 1942.

Crew :

RAAF 400604 Sgt W K Sloggatt, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Brown, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF Sgt A C K Parsons (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt S R Bult, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO V E Tapp, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Phillip, (Rear Gunner)

The three who lost their lives are buried in the Driffield Cemetery, Yorkshire, Driffield is in the East Ridiing, 30 miles east of York, UK.

A report on the accident stated “the aircraft took off normally from its base and shortly after take off it dived steeply but levelled out near the ground and on landing struck a hedge and bank. From evidence stated there are no material facts which show the causes leading up to the accident. The only outstanding feature is that the flaps were not raised from time of take off to the time of the accident.”

The CO of the Squadron stated “The quick rate of climb followed by a dive suggests a stall or quick action to avoid an stall. It is impossible to arrive at a certain conclusion as to the cause of the accident.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

417134 Flight Sergeant THOMAS, William Jefferis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/234 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 829
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HE129 at 1825 hours on 18th January 1944 to bomb the railway line from Ancona to Fano, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 417134 Flt Sgt W J Thomas, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF FO Bull, A G (Navigator)
 RAAF 15835 Flt Sgt D H Morrissey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt F R Hughes, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt S G Freman, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at San Marco, north of Manfredonia, Italy, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is on the outskirts of Bari in the province of Carbonara.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414971 Flight Segeant TRACEY, Patrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/50 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	W 4530
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington W4530 of 104 Sqn on 24th August 1943 was involved in a collision with another aircraft during a night landing at Cairo West Landing Ground, Egypt, and all on board the W4530 were killed.

The other aircraft was Wellington Z8425 which had seven RAF on board six of whom were killed and the Air Gunner survived.

Crew :

RAAF 413754 Flt Sgt J R Flanagan, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt W Burges, (Observer)
 RAAF 414971 Flt Sgt P Tracey, (Air Bomber) *
 RAAF 410430 Flt Sgt J T Armstrong, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt F R Soames, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Wg Cdr Mitchell C H (HQ RAF ME) Pax
 * A member of No 22 Personnel transit Centre, RAF Middle East.

Both aircraft were on authorised Target Illumination trials. They took off at approx 1900 hours on 24th August and the trials were completed at 2110 hours. Contrary to written orders the aircraft did not display navigation lights nor were they in R/T contact.

A Later report on a Flying Accident stated “ The aircraft landed at night without requesting permission to land or in any way communicated with aerodrome control. It landed immediately behind Z8425 which was still on the runway and a collision occurred. The interval between the two landings was such that it was impossible for the Controller I/C flare path to prevent this aircraft from landing.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404648 Squadron Leader BLESSING, William Walter, DSO DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/.600 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 320, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	ML 946
Radio call sign:	GB – J
Unit:	ATTD 105 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito ML946 took off from RAF Bourn at 1946 hours on the 7th July 1944, detailed to be a primary target marker for an attack on Caen, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 404648 Sqn Ldr Blessing, W W DSO DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Burke, D T (Navigator)

When at 32,000 feet over Normandy Beach Head the aircraft was attacked by an enemy night fighter and shot down. PO Burke baled out and landed in allied held territory. Sqn Ldr Blessing was killed and is buried in the La Deliverande War Cemetery, Douvres, Locality Calvados, France. Douvres La Deliverande is a village 14kms north of Caen.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to the then Flt Lt Blessing is as follows
In March 1943, this officer of 105 Sqn flew the leading aircraft of a bomber force detailed to undertake a low level attack on railway workshops at Paderborn. These operations involving deep penetration into Germany in daylight demanded a high degree of efficiency. This sortie was executed exactly as planned and the success achieved was largely attributable to Flt Lt Blessing's fine leadership and great skill. This officer has taken part in seventeen sorties, all in daylight, invariably displaying great determination and efficiency. On two occasions he has flown his badly damaged aircraft back to base." (London Gazette 6/4/1943 page 1571)
He was awarded the DSO in 1943 and was killed in action on 7th July 1944.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400463 Flying Officer DOWNE, Geoffrey William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/28/112 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 184, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	DK 309
Radio call sign:	GB -
Unit:	ATTD 105 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DK309 took off from RAF Horsham St Faith at 1221 hours on the 15th August 1942, detailed to attack Mainz, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 400463 FO Downe, G W Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Groves, A W DFM (Observer)

The aircraft was shot down by an enemy aircraft and the two crew members were killed. They are buried at Gent City Cemetery, Locality Gent, Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium. The Cemetery is in the north west corner of the city.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

401623 Flying Officer GRAHAM, Charles Andre

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/34/238 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 260, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	DZ 320
Radio call sign:	GB -
Unit:	ATTD 105 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DZ320 took off from RAF Marham at 1208 hours on the 13th November 1942, detailed to attack the "Neumark" at Vlissingen, Holland. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 401623 FO Graham, C A Captain (Pilot)
RCAF FO Anderson, R F L (Observer)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed at 1240 hours near Oostkapelle, (Zeeland), Holland. Both the crew were killed and they are buried in the Flushing (Vlissingen) Northern Cemetery, Locality Zeeland, Netherlands. The port of Flushing is on the south coast of the island of Walcheren in the Schelde Estuary.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404658 Pilot Officer KELLY, Charles Dermett

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/132/205 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 186, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	W 4065
Radio call sign:	GB – N
Unit:	ATTD 105 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito W4065 took off from RAF Horsham St Faith at 1302 hours on the 19th August 1942, detailed to carry out an armed recce over Bremen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 404658 PO Kelly, C D Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Harniman, F J (Observer)

PO Kelly lost his life and PO Harniman was a POW.

PO Kelly is buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side of the road from Hamburg to Hanover.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

408661 Flying Officer McCORMICK, George William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/45 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 52, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	DZ 472
Radio call sign:	GB – Z
Unit:	ATTD 105 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DZ472 took off from RAF Marham on the 27th February 1943, detailed to carry out a training exercise. The Pilot was authorised to do local flying at 30,000 feet. At 1525 hours following structural failure of the wing root, the aircraft crashed near Brick Kiln wood, Beachamwell, one mile south east of the Marham airfield, Norfolk, UK. The crew of two were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 408661 FO McCormick, G W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Wg Cdr Deacon, J W (Pilot)

FO McCormick is buried in the Marham Cemetery, Norfolk, UK. Marham is a parish and village 7kms NNW of Swaffham, UK.

Wg Cdr Deacon is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

406029 Pilot Officer NOSEDA, Arthur Raymond, DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/30/1

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 16, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	DZ 315
Radio call sign:	GB – L
Unit:	ATTD 105 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DZ315 took off from RAF Marham at 1615 hours on the 9th January 1943, detailed to bomb the marshalling yards at Rouen, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 406029 PO Noseda, A R DFC Captain (Pilot)

RAF Sgt J W Urquhart, (Navigator)

The aircraft was last seen at 1730 hours when it was hit in the target area (believed to be light flak), crashed in flames and exploded. Both the crew were killed. They are buried in the St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Locality Seine Maritime, France.

Citation:

The Citation for the award of DFC to the then WO Noseda of 105 Sqn is as follows :

“In December 1942, WO Noseda was pilot of one of the force of aircraft engaged in a low level daylight attack on a target in north west Germany. During the operation, which was executed at a height of 1000 feet, the leading aircraft was damaged by the intense anti-aircraft fire and lost speed owing to the failure of one of its engines. WO Noseda reduced the speed of his aircraft and escorted his leaders safely back to base. The Warrant Officer has completed many operational sorties and has displayed outstanding courage and determination.” (London Gazette 15/1/1943, page 330)

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402757 Flight Lieutenant SMITH, Robert Barnsley DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/477 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 164, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	ML921
Radio call sign:	GB – X
Unit:	ATTD 105 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito ML921 took off from RAF Bourn at 1453 hours on the 9th April 1944, detailed to carry out an air test. The aircraft swung out of control on takeoff and crashed into an obstruction. It was considered that the accident was due to considerable loss of power from the starboard engine or propeller, this loss occurring at or just before flying speed was reached. The Pilot was very experienced on this type of aircraft.

Flt Lt Smith was killed and Flt Lt Cadman who was injured, died of his injuries on 10th April 1944. .

Crew :

RAAF 402757 Flt Lt Smith, R B DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Cadman, P E (Navigator)

Both the crew are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK.
The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

Citation:

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Smith was a General Citation promulgated in the London Gazette of 19/5/1944, Page 2292.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402176 Flying Officer WEEKES, Frank Watson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/63/161 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 163, Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	DK 295
Radio call sign:	GB – P
Unit:	ATTD 105 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DK295 took off from RAF Horsham St Faith at 1740 hours on the 28th July 1942, as part of a force detailed to bomb the Krupps works at Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 402176 FO Weekes, F W Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Hurley, F A (Observer)

Both the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

428898 Flight Sergeant ALLBON, Douglas George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/231 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 500, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 281
Radio call sign:	ZN – J
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB281 took off from RAF Metherringham at 1630 hours on the night of 4/5th December 1944, detailed to bomb the railway yards at Heilbronn, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 410398 FO Thompson, H J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H S Sands, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 424199 WO N MacD Menzies, (Navigator)
RAAF 422174 Flt Sgt D E Hanscombe, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 428898 Flt Sgt D G Allbon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 433857 Flt Sgt G R McCallum, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 436141 Flt Sgt LP Burton (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Burton was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

In a later report Flt Sgt Burton stated “ the aircraft iced up, went out of control and crashed with the full crew on board between Stuttgart and Heilbronn The aircraft burnt when it crashed.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

405992 Flight Lieutenant BARLOW, John Colclough

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/731 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 443, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 214
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD214 took off from RAF Metherringham at 1745 hours on the night of 6/7th October 1944, detailed to bomb Bremen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Stewart, D Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 405992 Flt Lt Barlow, J C (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R P Barton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt G B Kirby, (Navigator)
RCAF PO Service, C J (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G S Grogan (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J A Fell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R J Paul, (Rear Gunner)

It was believed that the aircraft crashed into the sea and all the crew were killed.
Flt Lt Barlow and Sgt Paul are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau,
Niedrsachsen, Germany. The cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side of the
road from Hamburg to Hanover.

The other six members of the crew have no known grave and their names are
commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

434288 Flight Sergeant BEUTEL, William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/586 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 301, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 975
Radio call sign:	ZN – H
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL975 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2225 hours on the night of 24/25th June 1944, detailed to bomb a flying bomb site at Pommerval, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 422239 PO Wright, S M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W S McPhail, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt H McP Smith, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W R Knaggs, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424536 Flt Sgt L J McGregor, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A T Clark, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434288 Flt Sgt W Beutel, (Rear Gunner)

Five of the crew lost their lives and Sgt's McPhail and Knaggs evaded capture.
Those killed are buried in the St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Locality Seine
Maritime, France.

Sgt Knaggs later reported "After the release of the bombs, the aircraft was attacked without warning and hit in the main plane close to the fuselage. The Pilot ordered bale out. I did not hear any acknowledgement. The aircraft was under control when I baled out. I saw only one other chute which I believe was McPhail."

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

418790 Flight Sergeant BLACK, Stanlry Kevin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/559 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 261, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NE 150
Radio call sign:	ZN – H
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NE150 took off from RAF Metherringham at 0025 hours on the night of 6/7th June 1944, detailed to bomb a bridge in the Caen area at Constances, to prevent the enemy bringing up reinforcements. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Warren, M G M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F L Corner, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Drylie, J (Navigator)
RAAF 418790 Flt Sgt S K Black, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt N C Rooker, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt M H Wigham, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R L Puckett, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ The aircraft crashed about 10 miles from the village of St-Jean-De-Daye, in the vicinity of Calvados, Normandy.France. Five of the crew were killed and both FO Drylie and Flt Sgt Black evaded capture.

Flt Sgt Black made contact with American parachutists in the area and was with them for four days. However he was killed on 11th June 1944, when the group were attacked by the Germans.

The six who lost their lives are buried in the Bayeux War Cemetery, Locality Calvados, France. Bayeux is 24kms north west of Caen.

FP Drylie later reported “Our aircraft was badly hit by flak and the bomb aimer and self had time to bale out. Cannot say re the others as I was completely on my own when I reached the ground. Warren was not wounded and would have a fair chance of getting out.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

436142 Flight Sergeant BUTT, Warren Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/902 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 45, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 122
Radio call sign:	ZN – Y
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB122 took off from RAF Metherringham at 1610 hours on the night of 14/15th January 1945, detailed to bomb Merseberg oil refineries near Leuna, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 426234 FO McIntosh, D R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F A Kendall, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt R A Quiney, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R H Thomson, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436142 Flt Sgt W H Butt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G Fletcher, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D S Ford, (Rear Gunner)

When homebound, the aircraft flew into the ground at an acute angle and crashed at 2359 hours near Vignacourt, Somme, 16kms north west of Amiens. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the St Sever Cemetery Extension, Locality Seine-Maritime, France.

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437495 Flying Officer CASSIDY, Clyde Allen

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/785 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 30, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 617
Radio call sign:	ZN – B
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB617 took off from RAF Metherringham at 0025 hours on the night of 4/5yh January 1945, detailed to bomb the German garrison dominating the entrance to the Gironde river, Royan, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 205850 FO Scott, A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P A Lane, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 432632 FO Roberts, B T (Navigator)
RAAF 422982 FO Powell, V D (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437495 FO Cassidy, C A (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 433733 Flt Sgt C R Mangnall, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434485 Flt Sgt P W Walter, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “It was thought that the aircraft collided with another Lancaster PB695 and crashed.”

PB617 crashed at St-Palais-sur-Mer (Charente-Maritime), France, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the St-Palais-sur-Mer Cemetery, Locality Charente-Maritime, France. At-Palais-sur-Mer is a village and commune 5kms west of Royan on the north shore of the mouth of the Gironde estuary.

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404956 Flying Officer COATES, John Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/26/257 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 184, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5678
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5678 took off from RAF Coningsby at 0020 hours on the night of 15/16th
August 1942, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf. Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 404956 FO Coates, J E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T A Reid, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Maxwell, A (Observer)
RCAF Sgt J D O'L Cooney, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J A Williams, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C A Holmes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J D Dickie, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S Topham, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 3.25am on the 16th August 1942 at Dusseldorf-Oberkassel and all
the crew were killed. They are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality
Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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402458 Pilot Officer COLLINS, Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/433 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 194, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 601
Radio call sign:	ZN – V
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB601 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2130 hours on the night of 26/27th April 1944, detailed to bomb Schweinfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. The aircraft was one of 16 aircraft from the Squadron taking part in the raid.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Murcoch, A O'S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Bradley (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt L G A Izod, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt H D Clark, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt W F Evans, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 402458 PO Collins, F (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E A Hatch, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Rees, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed on French soil at Laneuville-a-Bayard (Haute-Marne) on the bank of the Marne, 10kms south east of St Dizier, France.

Seven of the crew were killed and Sgt Bradley was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Laneuville-a-Bayard Churchyard, Locality Haute-Marne, France. Laneuville-a-Bayard is a village and commune 40kms NNW of Chaumont and 10kms south east of St Dizier.

The above seven crew members are the only Commonwealth airmen WW2 fatalities buried in the Cemetery.

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425147 Flight Sergeant FRENCH, Gordon Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/82 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 264, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 195
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV195 took off from RAF Syerston at 2217 hours on the night of 10/11th
August 1943 detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 425147 Flt Sgt G A Harris, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G W Wilson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Cresswell, V (Navigator)
RAF FO Godley, A G W (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt S A R Rosenthal, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G Wright, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 425147 Flt Sgt G A French, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Furth a large conglomerate in the north- western suburbs of
Nuremburg about 7kms from the city centre.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Durnbach War cemetery, Locality Bad
Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms
south of Munich.

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407711 Sergeant GASKELL, Henry Elliott

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/115/128 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 172, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5604
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5604 took off from RAF Coningsby at 0055 hours on the night of 31/1st August 1942, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. R5604 was one of 21 aircraft from the Squadron on the mission and was carrying an 8000lb bomb.

Crew :

RAF WO P E Merralls, DFC DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 407711 Sgt H E Gaskell, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt K J Cooper, (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt A G Smith, DFM (
RAF Sgt E F Holme, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt B L Ellis-Buxton, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L T Grimshaw, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Lovenach, 9kms WNW of Cologne, Germany and all the crew were killed.

Five of the crew are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kiamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

Flt Sgt Smith and Sgt Grimshaw have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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423095 Flight Sergeant GAVIN, Howard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/272 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 290, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 570
Radio call sign:	ZN – Z
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM570 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2315 hours on the night of 21/22nd June 1944, detailed to bomb a synthetic oil plant (Buer) at Gelesenkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Bellingham, K G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sqn Ldr A J Loughborough (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J W Blanchard, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423095 Flt Sgt H Gavin, (Navigator)
RAAF 422764 Flt Sgt L Toomey, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A Goodacre, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S J Malaband, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt C E Scott, (Rear Gunner)

When outbound the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Rossum (Gelderland) a village on the bank of the Waal and west of Maas, 12kms south west of Tiel. All the crew were killed.

Seven of the crew are buried in the Uden War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Uden is a town on the main road between Eindhoven and Nijmegen. Sgt Scott is buried in the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands.

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425001 Flight Sergeant GILL, Joseph Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 16/15/211 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 150, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 566
Radio call sign:	ZN – C
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB566 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2227 hours on the night of 30/31st March 1944, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt T W J Hall, DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C M Beston, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422350 Flt Sgt R H Parker, (Navigator)
RAAF 425001 Flt Sgt J T Gill, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R D Dack, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G A Poole, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G S Robertson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and exploded near Berghausen, 11 miles west of Giessen, Germany. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Beston and Dack were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

Sgt's Beston and Dack later reported that they believed Flt Sgt Gill had been killed.

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422174 Flight Sergeant HANSCOMBE, Donald Edwin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/231 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 500, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 281
Radio call sign:	ZN – J
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB281 took off from RAF Metherringham at 1630 hours on the night of 4/5th December 1944, detailed to bomb the railway yards at Heilbronn, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 410398 FO Thompson, H J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H S Sands, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 424199 WO N MacD Menzies, (Navigator)
RAAF 422174 Flt Sgt D E Hanscombe, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 428898 Flt Sgt D G Allbon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 433857 Flt Sgt G R McCallum, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 436141 Flt Sgt LP Burton (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Burton was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

In a later report Flt Sgt Burton stated “ the aircraft iced up, went out of control and crashed with the full crew on board between Stuttgart and Heilbronn The aircraft burnt when it crashed.”

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412954 Pilot Officer HARRIS, Lloyd George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/82 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 264, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 195
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV195 took off from RAF Syerston at 2217 hours on the night of 10/11th
August 1943 detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 425147 Flt Sgt G A Harris, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G W Wilson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Cresswell, V (Navigator)
RAF FO Godley, A G W (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt S A R Rosenthal, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G Wright, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 425147 Flt Sgt G A French, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Furth a large conglomerate in the north- western suburbs of
Nuremburg about 7kms from the city centre.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Durnbach War cemetery, Locality Bad
Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms
south of Munich.

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412958 Pilot Officer HAY, John Edwin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/336 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 354, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4242
Radio call sign:	ZN – A
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4242 took off from RAF Syerston at 2310 hours on the night of 8/9th October 1943, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. The aircraft was one of eight aircraft from the Squadron taking part in the mission.

Crew :

RAAF 412958 PO Hay J E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R T G Lester, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R E Burgess, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt K Saunders, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J F Ellins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E G H Day, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H N Gustard, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Lichtenhorst, approx 15 miles north of Neustadt, Germany and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.
Sgt Lester at 18 year of age was among the youngest on bomber operations in 1943.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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403406 Sergeant HENDERSON, Edward Hamilton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/121/230 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 220, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5681
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5681 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2030 hours on the night of 16/17th September 1942, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Willams, W O Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J R Roberts, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Smith, F C G (Navigator)
RAAF 403406 Sgt E H Henderson, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt F T P Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P Witcomb, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt B W Williams, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “the aircraft crashed on 16th September at Lippramsdorf which is 30 miles south west of Munster, Germany.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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412967 Flight Sergeant JOHNSON, Leslie Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/45 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 224, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5573
Radio call sign:	ZN – B
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5573 took off from RAF Syerston at 2230 hours on the night of 8/9th July 1943, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RCAF Flt Sgt K H McL:ean, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S Leigh, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Flt Sgt D H McLeod, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R W L Muir, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R C Barrett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412967 Flt Sgt L R Johnson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Hannell, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was on its way back from Germany and crashed in flames 2kms west of Harze at 0200 hours on 9th July. All the crew were killed and they are buried at Heverlee War Cemetery, Locality Leuven, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium. The cemetery is located 30kms from Brussels and 3kms south of Leuven.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

426350 Flight Sergeant KELLY, Sydney Norris

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/251 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 235, Volume 1944. AWM 54 779/3/129 Part 25.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 790
Radio call sign:	ZN – U
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME790 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2235 hours on the night of 22/23rd May 1944, detailed to bomb Braunschweig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Houlden S J Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt W H Scott, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R H Cozens, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412328 WO C H Whyte, (Navigator)
RAAF 417215 WO K T Millikan, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425213 WO G H Pringle, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R C Hulme, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426350 Flt Sgt S N Kelly, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down at 0010 hours on 23/5/44 and exploded in the air. It crashed at Windhorst near Loning, 60 miles south west of Bremen. Seven of the crew were killed and WO Pringle was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality KampLintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

In a later statement WO Pringle (POW) reported “The aircraft was set on fire by flak and the bombs blew up. Height 14,000 feet. It was out of control at the time of the fire and explosion. The aircraft crashed 10 minutes before zero hour. I had minor injuries from the flak to the back and head. I was captured 5 minutes after landing. The Germans told me the others had been killed.”

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

412972 Pilot Officer KIRKLAND, Kenneth Herbert William

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/182 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 67, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND336
Radio call sign:	ZN – Q
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND336 took off from RAF Metherringham at 1719 hours on the night of 30/31st January 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 412872 P O Kirkland, K H W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W G Mann, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt K W Barry, (Navigator)
RAF FO Inston, T (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D Naylor, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R J Winfindale, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R J Charters, (Rear Gunner)

It was believed that the aircraft crashed into the North Sea. The body of PO Kirkland was washed ashore on the 5th March 1944 on Nordstrand on Vlieland in the Dutch Frisian Island chain. He is buried in the Vlieland General Cemetery, Locality Friesland, Netherlands. Vlieland is one of the Frisian Islands lying off the north coast of Holalnd.

Theo other six crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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408725 Flight Sergeant LIMBRICK, Frederick William George

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/63 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 97, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4156
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4156 took off from RAF Syerston at 2111 hours on the night of 8/9th April 1943, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO J L Irvine, Captain (Pilot)
Raf Sgt S Cordery, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt F A Smith, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt L J Tate, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 408725 Flt Sgt F W G Limbrick, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L J Hemus, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W G Harvey, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Bislick on 9th April 1943. Bislick is near the border of Holland approx 56 miles north west of Cologne.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

433733 Flight Sergeant MANGNALL, Charles Richard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/785 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 30, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 617
Radio call sign:	ZN – B
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB617 took off from RAF Metherringham at 0025 hours on the night of 4/5yh January 1945, detailed to bomb the German garrison dominating the entrance to the Gironde river, Royan, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 205850 FO Scott, A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P A Lane, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 432632 FO Roberts, B T (Navigator)
RAAF 422982 FO Powell, V D (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437495 FO Cassidy, C A (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 433733 Flt Sgt C R Mangnall, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434485 Flt Sgt P W Walter, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “It was thought that the aircraft collided with another Lancaster PB695 and crashed.”

PB617 crashed at St-Palais-sur-Mer (Charente-Maritime), France, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the St-Palais-sur-Mer Cemetery, Locality Charente-Maritime, France. At-Palais-sur-Mer is a village and commune 5kms west of Royan on the north shore of the mouth of the Gironde estuary.

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407719 Flying Officer MANSELL, Vincent William James

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/148 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 129, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	N 6084
Radio call sign:	OJ – C
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling N6084 took off from RAF Lakenheath on the night of 8/9th June 1942, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt H L Davis, Captain (Pilot)
RAF 407719 FO Mansell, V W J (Pilot)
RAF Sgt N Peake, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Phillips, E O (Observer)
RAF Sgt Whittle, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E F W Booth, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E ward, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Hessel, 7kms south east of Dorsten and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south-west of Kleve.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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407721 Sergeant MARSHMAN, John Kenneth

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5541201 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page153, Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5576
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster took off from RAF Coningsby on the 21st July 1942, detailed to carry out practice bombing sortie. It crashed almost immediately after take off due to failure of the port inner engine. Eye witnesses stated that the aircraft climbed slowly to about 200 feet, before stalling and crashing near the airfield. All ten on board were killed.

Crew :

RCAF PO Carlyle, W B Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Hanna, G R (Observer)
RAF Sgt A M Blyth, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 407721 Sgt J K Marshman, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R M Mathieson, (Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt A G Gibson, (Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt J E S Walker, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Teevin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF LAC H R Forster,
RAF AC1 G E Smith.

PO Carlyle, PO Hanna, Sgt Marshman, Sgt Mathieson, Flt Sgt Gibson and Flt Sgt Walker are buried in the Coningsby Cemetery, Lincolnshire, UK. Coningsby is 7 miles south west of Horncastle.

Sgt Blyth is buried in the Twickenham Cemetery, Middlesex, UK.

Sgt Teevin is buried in the Kirkcaldy (Dysart) Cemetery, Fifeshire, UK.

LAC Forster is buried in the Walkley (St Mary) Chuchyard Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

AC1 Smith is buried in the Southborough Cemetery, Kent, UK.

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433857 Flight Sergeant McCULLUM, George Roger

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/231 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 500, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 281
Radio call sign:	ZN – J
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB281 took off from RAF Metherringham at 1630 hours on the night of 4/5th December 1944, detailed to bomb the railway yards at Heilbronn, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 410398 FO Thompson, H J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H S Sands, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 424199 WO N MacD Menzies, (Navigator)
RAAF 422174 Flt Sgt D E Hanscombe, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 428898 Flt Sgt D G Allbon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 433857 Flt Sgt G R McCallum, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 436141 Flt Sgt LP Burton (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Burton was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

In a later report Flt Sgt Burton stated “ the aircraft iced up, went out of control and crashed with the full crew on board between Stuttgart and Heilbronn The aircraft burnt when it crashed.”

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403069 Pilot Officer McDONALD, Arthur Lennox

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/52 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 76, Volume 1943. AWM 54 779/3/129 Part 9.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R5749
Radio call sign:	ZN – G
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5749 took off from RAF Syerston at 1859 hours on the night of 12/13th
March 1943, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after
take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 403069 PO McDonald, A L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt K R J Young, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt H S F Bishell, (Navigator)
RAAF 404815 Sgt R N Lindsay, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt B J Eckett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R C C Owen, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt E B Clampitt, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down in the target area. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Lindsay
was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve,
Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

In 1945 the then Flt Lt Lindsay made the following statement : “the aircraft exploded at
20,000 feet after the bombing run was completed. It was hit by flak about 5 minutes
previously when passing over Dorsten, and there were no outward signs of damage after
a quick check by the Engineer and the Pilot. I was the only one hit and that was in the
legs. After the bomb run everything seemed alright then there was a bright yellow flash in
my face and the next thing I can recall was sailing through the air. I pulled my chute cord
and landed in Essen where I was picked up by the Germans. They told me the others had
been killed in the crash.”

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424536 Flight Sergeant McGREGOR, Leslie James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/586 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 301, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 975
Radio call sign:	ZN – H
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL975 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2225 hours on the night of 24/25th June 1944, detailed to bomb a flying bomb site at Pommerval, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 422239 PO Wright, S M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W S McPhail, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt H McP Smith, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W R Knaggs, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424536 Flt Sgt L J McGregor, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A T Clark, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434288 Flt Sgt W Beutel, (Rear Gunner)

Five of the crew lost their lives and Sgt's McPhail and Knaggs evaded capture.
Those killed are buried in the St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Locality Seine
Maritime, France.

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426234 Flying Officer McINTOSH, Donald Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/902 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 45, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 122
Radio call sign:	ZN – Y
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB122 took off from RAF Metherringham at 1610 hours on the night of 14/15th January 1945, detailed to bomb Merseberg oil refineries near Leuna, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 426234 FO McIntosh, D R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F A Kendall, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt R A Quiney, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R H Thomson, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436142 Flt Sgt W H Butt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G Fletcher, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D S Ford, (Rear Gunner)

When homebound, the aircraft flew into the ground at an acute angle and crashed at 2359 hours near Vignacourt, Somme, 16kms north west of Amiens. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the St Sever Cemetery Extension, Locality Seine-Maritime, France.

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401244 Sergeant McPHERSON, Ray Douglas

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/141/710 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 212, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5638
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5638 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2045 hours on the night of 10/11th
September 1942, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF Sgt A G Smith, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Nicolle, J F (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Russell, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Sgt W M Andrews, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 401244 Sgt R D McPherson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A PO Jamieson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G G Chalmers, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at the Bahnhof in Dusseldorf, and all the crew were killed.
They are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-
Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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424199 Warrant Officer MENZIES, Neil MacDonald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/231 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 500, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 281
Radio call sign:	ZN – J
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB281 took off from RAF Metherringham at 1630 hours on the night of 4/5th
December 1944, detailed to bomb the railway yards at Heilbronn, Germany. Nothing was
heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 410398 FO Thompson, H J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H S Sands, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 424199 WO N MacD Menzies, (Navigator)
RAAF 422174 Flt Sgt D E Hanscombe, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 428898 Flt Sgt D G Allbon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 433857 Flt Sgt G R McCallum, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 436141 Flt Sgt LP Burton (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Burton was a POW. Those killed are buried in the
Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern Germany. Durnbach is a village
16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

In a later report Flt Sgt Burton stated “ the aircraft iced up, went out of control and
crashed with the full crew on board between Stuttgart and Heilbronn The aircraft burnt
when it crashed.”

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417215 Warrant Officer MILLIKAN, Kenneth Thomas

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/251 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 235, Volume 1944. AWM 54 779/3/129 Part 25.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 790
Radio call sign:	ZN – U
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME790 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2235 hours on the night of 22/23rd May 1944, detailed to bomb Braunschweig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Houlden S J Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt W H Scott, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R H Cozens, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412328 WO C H Whyte, (Navigator)
RAAF 417215 WO K T Millikan, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425213 WO G H Pringle, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R C Hulme, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426350 Flt Sgt S N Kelly, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down at 0010 hours on 23/5/44 and exploded in the air. It crashed at Windhorst near Loning, 60 miles south west of Bremen. Seven of the crew were killed and WO Pringle was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality KampLintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

In a later statement WO Pringle (POW) reported “The aircraft was set on fire by flak and the bombs blew up. Height 14,000 feet. It was out of control at the time of the fire and explosion. The aircraft crashed 10 minutes before zero hour. I had minor injuries from the flak to the back and head. I was captured 5 minutes after landing. The Germans told me the others had been killed.”

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421073 Pilot Officer MOXEY, Wilfred George

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/270 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 150, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 585
Radio call sign:	ZN – J
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND585 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2215 hours on the night of 30/31st March 1944, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 421073 PO Moxey, W G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E H Woods, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt F Thompson, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C A W Matthews, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H W Richardson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J A Harris, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J P Mackilligin, (Rear Gunner)

While making for base the aircraft drifted north of its track and was believed to have been shot down by a night fighter. It crashed at the Belgian village of Villiers-Deux-Eglise (Namur), 4kms WSW of Philippeville, and 20 miles south west of Namur.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hotton War Cemetery, Locality Hotton Luxembourg, Belgium. Hotton is south of Liege on the N86.

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434189 Flying Officer O'LEARY, Patrick Joseph

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/219 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 324, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 144
Radio call sign:	ZN – P
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB144 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2220 hours on the night of 7/8th
July 1944, detailed to bomb a flying bomb storage depot at St Leu xd'Esserant . France.
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Marshall, T O DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Howell, G R (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 32311 FO Thompson, Ian James (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E G Banks, (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Zeffertt, L C (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Adams-Langley, J A (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434189 FO O'Leary, P J (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed at 0130 hours bursting into flames at La Fusee ,
near Ste-Genevieve (Oise), 18kms SSE Beauvais All the crew were killed.
Sqn Ldr Marshall, PO Howell, FO Thompson and Sgt Banks are buried in the Marissel
French National Cemetery, Locality Oise, France. Marissel is an eastern suburb of
Beauvais.a Cathedral town between Rouen and Compiegne.
FO Zeffertt, FO Adams-Langley and FO O'Leary are buried in the St-Genevieve
Communal Cemetery Locality Oise, France. St-Genevieve is a village and commune 10
miles south east of Beauvais.

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422350 Flight Sergeant PARKER, Ronald Henry George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 16/15/211 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 150, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 566
Radio call sign:	ZN – C
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB566 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2227 hours on the night of 30/31st March 1944, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt T W J Hall, DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C M Beston, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422350 Flt Sgt R H Parker, (Navigator)
RAAF 425001 Flt Sgt J T Gill, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R D Dack, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G A Poole, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G S Robertson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and exploded near Berghausen, 32kms north east of Siegen. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Beston and Dack were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

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418170 Flying Officer PEMBERTON, Lloyd Lewis

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/325 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 361, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 778
Radio call sign:	ZN – O
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME778 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2215 hours on the night of 28/29th July 1944, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 418170 FO Pemberton, LL Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Peace, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J Newlands, (Navigator)
RAF FO Clarkson, A (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J H Morrison, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J A J M McGhie, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt I Bowley, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0155 near Durmershein, a town 9kms NNE of Rastatt and on the railway leading to Karlsruhe, Germany.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16km,s east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

422982 Flying Officer POWELL, Vernon Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/785 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 30, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 617
Radio call sign:	ZN – B
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB617 took off from RAF Metherringham at 0025 hours on the night of 4/5yh January 1945, detailed to bomb the German garrison dominating the entrance to the Gironde river, Royan, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 205850 FO Scott, A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P A Lane, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 432632 FO Roberts, B T (Navigator)
RAAF 422982 FO Powell, V D (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437495 FO Cassidy, C A (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 433733 Flt Sgt C R Mangnall, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434485 Flt Sgt P W Walter, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “It was thought that the aircraft collided with another Lancaster PB695 and crashed.”

PB617 crashed at St-Palais-sur-Mer (Charente-Maritime), France, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the St-Palais-sur-Mer Cemetery, Locality Charente-Maritime, France. At-Palais-sur-Mer is a village and commune 5kms west of Royan on the north shore of the mouth of the Gironde estuary.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

432632 Flying Officer ROBERTS, Bruce Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/785 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 30, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 617
Radio call sign:	ZN – B
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB617 took off from RAF Metherringham at 0025 hours on the night of 4/5yh January 1945, detailed to bomb the German garrison dominating the entrance to the Gironde river, Royan, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 205850 FO Scott, A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P A Lane, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 432632 FO Roberts, B T (Navigator)
RAAF 422982 FO Powell, V D (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437495 FO Cassidy, C A (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 433733 Flt Sgt C R Mangnall, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434485 Flt Sgt P W Walter, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “It was thought that the aircraft collided with another Lancaster PB695 and crashed.”

PB617 crashed at St-Palais-sur-Mer (Charente-Maritime), France, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the St-Palais-sur-Mer Cemetery, Locality Charente-Maritime, France. At-Palais-sur-Mer is a village and commune 5kms west of Royan on the north shore of the mouth of the Gironde estuary.

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409597 Flying Officer ROPER, Leslie Walter

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/108, Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 309, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 385
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED385 took off from RAF Syerston at 1930 hours on the night of 3/4th
September 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take
off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 409597 FO Roper, L W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt K E Bright, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A S Carscadden (Navigator)
RCAF WO11 K D Wellwood, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H Fisher, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt E A cannon, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R C Woolnough, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “the aircraft was hit by ack-ack fire
and crashed in a forest near Burgdorf 12 miles north east of Hanover.” All the crew were
killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

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410096 Pilot Officer ROSSER, Edward Walters

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/225 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page124, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 648
Radio call sign:	ZN – B
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB648 took off from RAF Metherringham at 1845 hours on the night of 22/23rd March 1944, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF PO Rosser, E W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E C E Harris, (Floight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt D White, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt N J Goss, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E G Sears, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H D Steele, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J E Charock, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “ On the night of 22/23rd March 1944 at approx 2300 hours a heavy bomber was observed approaching from a southerly direction its engines on fire, above the river Main near Sommerhof Park. The aircraft exploded and wreckage was scattered over both sides of the river Local residents thought that the main parts of the fuselage and the engines fell into the river which is 150 metres wide and 5 metres deep with very strong under currents.”

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Charock was a POW.
PO Rosser, Sgt Goss and Sgt Steele are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

Sgt Harris, Flt Sgt White and Sgt Steele have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

205850 Flying Officer SCOTT, Andrew Hawkins

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/785 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 30, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 617
Radio call sign:	ZN – B
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB617 took off from RAF Metherringham at 0025 hours on the night of 4/5yh January 1945, detailed to bomb the German garrison dominating the entrance to the Gironde river, Royan, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 205850 FO Scott, A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P A Lane, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 432632 FO Roberts, B T (Navigator)
RAAF 422982 FO Powell, V D (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437495 FO Cassidy, C A (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 433733 Flt Sgt C R Mangnall, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434485 Flt Sgt P W Walter, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “It was thought that the aircraft collided with another Lancaster PB695 and crashed.”

PB617 crashed at St-Palais-sur-Mer (Charente-Maritime), France, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the St-Palais-sur-Mer Cemetery, Locality Charente-Maritime, France. At-Palais-sur-Mer is a village and commune 5kms west of Royan on the north shore of the mouth of the Gironde estuary.

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425810 Sergeant SHERIDAN, James Patrick

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/202 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 314, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4922
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4922 took off from RAF Syerston at 1950 hours on the night of 5/6th
September 1943, detailed to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 412735 PO Taylor, J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P Roberts, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO McCleave, G R (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J G Clarke, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G H R Bell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Purdy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 425810 Sgt J P Sheridan, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in or near the Rhine at Ludwigshafen, and all the crew were killed.
They are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany.
Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

Sgt Sheridan's body was washed ashore in the Ludwigshafen area between the 6th and 8th
September 1943.

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401244 Sergeant SMITH, Alfred Geoffrey

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/141/710 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 212, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5638
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5638 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2045 hours on the night of 10/11th September 1942, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF Sgt A G Smith, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Nicolle, J F (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Russel, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 4012244 Sgt R D McPherson, (
RCAF Sgt W M Andrews, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A PO Jamieson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G G Chalmers, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at the Bahnhof in Dusseldorf, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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412735 Pilot Officer TAYLOR, John

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/202 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 314, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4922
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4922 took off from RAF Syerston at 1950 hours on the night of 5/6th
September 1943, detailed to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 412735 PO Taylor, J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P Roberts, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO McCleave, G R (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J G Clarke, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G H R Bell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Purdy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 425810 Sgt J P Sheridan, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in or near the Rhine at Ludwigshafen, and all the crew were killed.
They are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany.
Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

Sgt Sheridan's body was washed ashore in the Ludwigshafen area between the 6th and 8th
September 1943.

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410398 Flying Officer THOMPSON, Harold John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/231 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 500, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 281
Radio call sign:	ZN – J
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB281 took off from RAF Metherringham at 1630 hours on the night of 4/5th December 1944, detailed to bomb the railway yards at Heilbronn, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 410398 FO Thompson, H J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H S Sands, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 424199 WO N MacD Menzies, (Navigator)
RAAF 422174 Flt Sgt D E Hanscombe, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 428898 Flt Sgt D G Allbon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 433857 Flt Sgt G R McCallum, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 436141 Flt Sgt LP Burton (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Burton was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

In a later report Flt Sgt Burton stated “ the aircraft iced up, went out of control and crashed with the full crew on board between Stuttgart and Heilbronn The aircraft burnt when it crashed.”

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32311 Flying Officer THOMPSON, Ian James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/219 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 324, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 144
Radio call sign:	ZN – P
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB144 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2220 hours on the night of 7/8th July 1944, detailed to bomb a flying bomb storage depot at St Leu x d'Esserant . France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Marshall, T O DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Howell, G R (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 32311 FO Thompson, Ian James (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E G Banks, (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Zeffertt, L C (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Adams-Langley, J A (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434189 FO O'Leary, P J (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed at 0130 hours bursting into flames, near Ste-Genevieve (Oise), 18kms SSE Beauvais and all the crew were killed.

Sqn Ldr Marshall, PO Howell, FO Thompson and Sgt Banks are buried in the Marissel French National Cemetery, Locality Oise, France. Marissel is an eastern suburb of Beauvais, a Cathedral town between Rouen and Compiègne.

FO Zeffertt, FO Adams-Langley and FO O'Leary are buried in the St-Genevieve Communal Cemetery Locality Oise, France. St-Genevieve is a village and commune 10 miles south east of Beauvais.

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422764 Flight Sergeant TOOMEY, Leo

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/272 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 290, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 570
Radio call sign:	ZN – Z
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM570 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2315 hours on the night of 21/22nd June 1944, detailed to bomb a synthetic oil plant (Buer) at Gelesenkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Bellingham, K G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sqn Ldr A J Loughborough (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J W Blanchard, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423095 Flt Sgt H Gavin, (Navigator)
RAAF 422764 Flt Sgt L Toomey, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A Goodacre, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S J Malaband, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt C E Scott, (Rear Gunner)

When outbound the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Rossum (Gelderland) a village on the bank of the Waal and west of Maas, 12kms south west of Tiel. All the crew were killed.

Seven of the crew are buried in the Uden War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Uden is a town on the main road between Eindhoven and Nijmegen. Sgt Scott is buried in the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands.

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434485 Flight Sergeant WALTER, Percy William Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/785 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 30, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 617
Radio call sign:	ZN – B
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB617 took off from RAF Metherringham at 0025 hours on the night of 4/5yh January 1945, detailed to bomb the German garrison dominating the entrance to the Gironde river, Royan, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 205850 FO Scott, A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P A Lane, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 432632 FO Roberts, B T (Navigator)
RAAF 422982 FO Powell, V D (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437495 FO Cassidy, C A (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 433733 Flt Sgt C R Mangnall, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434485 Flt Sgt P W Walter, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “It was thought that the aircraft collided with another Lancaster PB695 and crashed.”

PB617 crashed at St-Palais-sur-Mer (Charente-Maritime), France, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the St-Palais-sur-Mer Cemetery, Locality Charente-Maritime, France. At-Palais-sur-Mer is a village and commune 5kms west of Royan on the north shore of the mouth of the Gironde estuary.

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410765 Pilot Officer WARREN, Kenneth Rowe

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/658 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 213, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 870
Radio call sign:	ZN – S
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND870 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2200 hours on the night of 7/8th May 1944, detailed to bomb an ammunition dump at Sacbris, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 410765 PO Warren, K R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Shipley, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt W Currie, (Navigator)
RAF FO Guile, J (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt C Sewell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W R Kennedy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Long, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at St Doulchard (Cher), 2kms north west of Bourges, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the St Doulchard Communal Cemetery, Locality Cher, France. St Doulchard is a village and commune 2kms north west of Bourges, France.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415456 Flight Sergeant WATT, Maxwell Birdwood

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/240 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 210,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4256
Radio call sign:	ZN – V
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4256 took off from RAF Syerston at 2345 hours on the night of 25/26th June 1943, detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt S G White, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E C Crook, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Enright, G W B (Navigator)
RCAF PO Craigie, J E D (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J F Bates, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E T Harding, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 415456 Flt Sgt M B Watt, (Air Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team operating in Holland stated : “ The aircraft was hit by ack-ack fire and crashed a short distance north of Wieringen on 26th June 1943, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Wieringen (Hippolytushoef) General Cemetery, Netherlands. Hippolytushoef a village in the commune of Wieringen is 18kms ESE of Den Helder and 46kms NNE of Alkmaar.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

422330 Flight Sergeant WEAVER, Frank

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/333 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 317, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 819
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED819 took off from RAF Syerston at 1950 hours on the night of 6/7th
September 1943, detailed to bomb Munich, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Large, R D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D Smith (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Favier, R E (Navigator)
RAF FO Neathway, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D W Savoy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 422330 Flt Sgt F Weaver, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt T G Goodwin, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Grunwald, 13kms SSW from the centre of Munich and all the
crew were killed. They are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz,
Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of
Munich.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409807 Warrant Officer WHEELER, Lindsay William

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/865 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 430, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB347
Radio call sign:	ZN – G
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB347 took off from RAF Metherringham at 1910 hours on the night of 19/20th September 1944, detailed to bomb Rheydt. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Brindley, A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Litterick, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Lloyd, J W (Navigator)
RAF FO Ayres, K J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 409807 WO L W Wheeler, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P B Feltham, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R J Chatwin, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “ the aircraft exploded in the air and crashed at 2315 hours at Elempt a town some 24 miles south west of Dusseldorf. Six of the crew were killed and FO Ayres was a POW.”

Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

412328 Warrant Officer WHYTE, Cecil Harold

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/251 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 235, Volume 1944. AWM 54 779/3/129 Part 25.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 790
Radio call sign:	ZN – U
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME790 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2235 hours on the night of 22/23rd May 1944, detailed to bomb Braunschweig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Houlden S J Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt W H Scott, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R H Cozens, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412328 WO C H Whyte, (Navigator)
RAAF 417215 WO K T Millikan, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425213 WO G H Pringle, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R C Hulme, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426350 Flt Sgt S N Kelly, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down at 0010 hours on 23/5/44 and exploded in the air. It crashed at Windhorst near Loning, 60 miles south west of Bremen. Seven of the crew were killed and WO Pringle was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality KampLintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

In a later statement WO Pringle (POW) reported “The aircraft was set on fire by flak and the bombs blew up. Height 14,000 feet. It was out of control at the time of the fire and explosion. The aircraft crashed 10 minutes before zero hour. I had minor injuries from the flak to the back and head. I was captured 5 minutes after landing. The Germans told me the others had been killed.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

426208 Flight Sergeant WOodd, George William

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/128 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 213 Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 292
Radio call sign:	ZN – R
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB292 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2210 hours on the night of 7/8th
May 1944, detailed to bomb an ammunition dump at Salbriz, France. Nothing was heard
from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Bartlett, C A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt B D West, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt R A F Loretan, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt E C Fry, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H G Pratt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R G Williams, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426208 Sgt G W Woodd (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “ the aircraft exploded when hit and
crashed at Ouzouer-Le-Doyen, 26kms north east of Vendome, France.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Orleans Main Cemetery, France.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415567 Pilot Officer WOODHAMS, Jack Sainsbury

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/129 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 217, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 851
Radio call sign:	ZN – H
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND851 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2225 hours on the night of 9/10th May 1944, detailed to attack the Gnome and Rhone works at Genneville, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 415567 PO Woodhams, J S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W L A Restell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt E Shepherd, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E O James, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E Anthony, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R F Toland, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt R J Smith, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “ The aircraft crashed and exploded near Chateau Les Rufflets, in the community of Harcourt, France.”

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt James was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Evreux Communal Cemetery, France, Evreux is a town in the Department of Eure about 115kms north west of Paris.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

422329 Pilot Officer WRIGHT, Stanley Mountford

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/586 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 301, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 975
Radio call sign:	ZN – H
Unit:	ATTD 106 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL975 took off from RAF Metherringham at 2225 hours on the night of 24/25th June 1944, detailed to bomb a flying bomb site at Pommerval, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 422239 PO Wright, S M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W S McPhail, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt H McP Smith, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W R Knaggs, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424536 Flt Sgt L J McGregor, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A T Clark, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434288 Flt Sgt W Beutel, (Rear Gunner)

Five of the crew lost their lives and Sgt's McPhail and Knaggs evaded capture.
Those killed are buried in the St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Locality Seine
Maritime, France.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402272 Sergeant BRENTON, Edward Harry

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5533778 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 107 SQN RAF

Summary:

Sgt Brenton (Observer) was killed on 16th October 1941 at Kirkop during air operations in the Middle East. He is buried in the Malta (Cappucini) Naval Cemetery, Malta.

No other details are available as Archives do not hold a relevant RAAF Casualty file.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

407269 Flying Officer CRONIN, John Michael

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/35 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 107 SQN RAF

Summary:

A Mosquito aircraft flown by FO Cronin crashed on 2nd May 1944, at Littleworth Common, Buckinghamshire UK, when on a practice night cross country exercise. The aircraft took off at 2230 hours and crashed approx 20 minutes later. The weather at the time was good with bright moon and 7/10ths cloud at 1500/2000 feet with no great depth. Visibility 3/4miles. The aircraft was tested that afternoon and was serviceable. Both the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 407269 FO Cronin, J M Captain (Pilot)

RAF FO Baillie, J A (Navigator)

FO Cronin is buried in the East Finchley Cemetery and St Marleybone Crematorium, UK.

FO Baillie is buried in the Richmond Cemetery, Surrey, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

406032 Sergeant HOKINSON, William Arthur

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/123/163 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	PV 5961
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 107SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim PV5961 crashed at 0820 hours on 8th November 1941 when attacking an enemy convoy in position 35.20N 19.45E. All the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 406032 Sgt W A Hopkinson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt I Hamilton, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J Gibson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. The Cemetery is a few kms south east of Athens.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
412021 Pilot Officer McCONNELL, Bryan Aphonsus DFM

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/151 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Boston
Serial number:	BZ 387
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 107 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 6th January 1944, BZ387 participated in a Squadron medium altitude attack on a target in Northern France. 107 Sqn was the lead squadron of the Wing, and BZ387 was leading Box No 2 of the Squadron. As the aircraft crossed the enemy coast inwards, heavy flak enemy fire concentrated on No 2 Box.

The CO of 107 Sqn considered that BZ387 was hit at this stage. However 'L for Love' continued her position in Box No 2 all the way to the target and back to base. Following the break up L for Love was seen to circuit the drome with the right propeller feathered and that was the first indication of trouble with the aircraft. It appeared likely that the controls were damaged as BZ387 commenced to turn slowly to starboard, the rate of bank increased, the live engine took charge, the aircraft winged over and nosed down going into a dive and hit the ground. All the crew were killed.

Crew :

USAAF 1st Lt Truxler, A G Captain (Pilot)

RAF PO D H Skipp, (Navigator Bombaimer)

RAF Flt Sgt A J Naisbit, (Wireless Operator Air)

RAAF 412021 PO McConnell, B A DFM (Air Gunner)

PO Skipp is buried in the Hertford Corporation Cemetery, Hertford, UK.

Flt Sgt Naisbit is buried in the Stainton (SS Peter and Paul) Churchyard, UK

PO McConnell is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, UK. The cemetery is 30 miles from London.

Commonwealth War Grave records do not reveal where Lt Truxler (USAAF) is buried.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFM to the then Sgt McConnell of 464 RAAF Sqn is as follows :

"On 13th June 1943, Sgt McConnell was detailed to fly as turret gunner in No 4 position in the second box of six Venturas which were to carry out a "Ramrod" operation against the viaduct at St Brieuc. When flying at low level across the sea towards the target, Sgt McConnell's aircraft (pilot – FO W D Parsons RAAF) was attacked by an FW190 which dived through 5/10ths cloud at 1,500 feet almost astern. Sgt McConnell at once opened fire but almost immediately a shell struck the turret rendering the guns unserviceable and wounding McConnell in both hands and blowing him completely out of the turret onto the floor of the aircraft. Undeterred, he at once climbed back into the turret and gave his pilot such concise and well timed orders that four further determined attacks were completely evaded. This airman showed great courage and determination, and it is was

greatly due to his efforts that the aircraft, although badly damaged, successfully made base. Strongly recommended.”

Remarks by AOC “ I strongly endorse this recommendation. Sgt McConnell showed great courage and determination in spite of the fact that he had been wounded. I consider he deserves the immediate award of the DFM.”

The award was promulgated in London Gazette 9/7/1943, Air2/4974

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

412832 Flying Officer ROSS, Hector Scott Keable

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/299 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	NS 886
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 107 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito NS886 took off at 2320 hours on the night of 4/5th July 1944 to carry out an offensive patrol on enemy road movements in the Orleans-Tours area. The weather was very good with bright moonlight and thin stratus cloud varying between 1000/3000 feet. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 412832 FO Ross, H S K Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Green, J R (Navigator Bomb Aimer)

The crew of two were killed and they are buried in the Bayeux War Cemetery, France. Bayeux is a town in Normandy some 24kms north west of Caen.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402456 Flight Sergeant ARNOLD, Gordon Arthur

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/88/125 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 108 SQN RAF

Summary:

A Wellington aircraft flown by Flt Sgt Metcalfe (RAF) was detailed on 6th July 1942 to carry out an operational sortie over the battle area in the vicinity of El Daba. The aircraft had completed the mission and was about to leave when it was attacked by German aircraft. During the engagement Flt Sgt Arnold (Wireless Air Gunner) was severely wounded. The pilot succeeded in shaking off the enemy aircraft by diving to the ground and pulling out at the last moment, and bringing the aircraft back to Ibu Sueir.

The Captain and the Rear Gunner rendered first aid assistance to Flt Sgt Arnold but he died shortly after being lifted out of the aircraft. He is buried in the Fayid War Cemetery, Egypt. Fayid is a small town 20kms south of Ismailia on the western shore of the Great Bitter Lake which is at the mid point of the Suez Canal.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt J Metcalfe, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt A M Treherne, (2nd Pilot)
 RAF Sgt A Cohen, (Observer)
 RAF Sgt Anderson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 402456 Flt Sgt G A Arnold, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt Cross, (Air Gunner)

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414207 Flight Sergeant DANIELL, Charles Henry McKenzie

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/213 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	KV 929
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 108 SQN RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter KV929 was returning from a night flying test on the 13th December 1943 and was attempting to land at RAF Luqa, Malta with the starboard aircREW feathered. It also appeared that the selection of the undercarriage in the down position was late and that the Pilot being uncertain whether the carriage had locked, attempted to orbit again. The aircraft swung to starboard after passing over the end of the runway and crashed .It was found that the flaps were not in the down position. Both the crew were injured but Flt Sgt Daniell died of his injuries on 14th December 1943..

Crew :

RAAF 414207 Flt Sgt C H McK Daniell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt H W K Buckle, (Observer)

Flt Sgt Daniell is buried in the Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery, Malta.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
402677 Flight Sergeant SLOMAN, Herbert William Thornley

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	AL 577
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 108 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator AL577 took off from Egypt for the UK on 15/3/1942. It was intended to land at RAF Station Hurn, near Dundalk Eire, at approx 2.10pm on 16th March 1942. During an early part of the flight the aircraft acknowledged orders to return to Egypt owing to bad weather over the British Isles at the time, but the aircraft was west of its course and it crashed into high ground at Jenanstown, Kilkenny, Eire. All the crew of 6 and 9 passengers were killed with 4 passengers being seriously injured.

Crew :

RAAF 402429 Flt Sgt L R Williams, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Tolson, J P (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt P H Morey, (Observer)
RAF Sgt H S Gibbons, (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt C J Ingram, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Barrett, P C DFC (Air Gunner)

Passengers ::

RAF Wg Cdr Wells R J (Pilot)
RAF FO Anderson, J R DFC (Pilot) Seriously injured
RAF Sgt C R Amos (Pilot) Seriously injured
RCAF PO King, G F (Observer)
RAF Sgt S H Hayden, (Wireless Air Gunner) Seriously injured
RAF PO Stephens, W R (Pilot)
RAAF 402677 Flt Sgt H W T Sloman, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L G Jordan (Observer)
RAF Sgt T E Pattison, (Wireless Air Gunner) Seriously injured
RAF Sgt A M S Brownlie
RCAF Flt Sgt C S Goodenough
RAF Sgt Buchanan
RAF Sgt Brooks

Flt Sgt Williams (RAAF) and Flt Sgt Sloman (RAAF) are buried in the Belfast City Cemetery, UK.

PO Tolson is buried in the Diss Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Morey is buried in the Shirley (St John) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Gibbons is buried in the Newpoet (Christchurch) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Ingram is buried in the West Ham Cemetery, UK.

Flt Lt Barrett is buried in the Belfast City Cemetery, UK.

All the other passengers are buried in various UK cemeteries.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
402429 Flight Sergeant WILLIAMS, Lindsay Ross

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	AL 577
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 108 SQN RAF

Summary:

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Crew :

RAAF 402429 Flt Sgt L R Williams, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Tolson, J P (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt P H Morey, (Observer)
RAF Sgt H S Gibbons, (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt C J Ingram, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Barrett, P C DFC (Air Gunner)

Passengers ::

RAF Wg Cdr Wells R J (Pilot)
RAF FO Anderson, J R DFC (Pilot) Seriously injured
RAF Sgt C R Amos (Pilot) Seriously injured
RCAF PO King, G F (Observer)
RAF Sgt S H Hayden, (Wireless Air Gunner) Seriously injured
RAF PO Stephens, W R (Pilot)
RAAF 402677 Flt Sgt H W T Sloman, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L G Jordan (Observer)
RAF Sgt T E Pattison, (Wireless Air Gunner) Seriously injured
RAF Sgt A M S Brownlie
RCAF Flt Sgt C S Goodenough
RAF Sgt Buchanan
RAF Sgt Brooks

Flt Sgt Williams (RAAF) and Flt Sgt Sloman (RAAF) are buried in the Belfast City Cemetery, UK.

PO Tolson is buried in the Diss Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Morey is buried in the Shirley (St John) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Gibbons is buried in the Newpoet (Christchurch) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Ingram is buried in the West Ham Cemetery, UK.

Flt Lt Barrett is buried in the Belfast City Cemetery, UK.

All the other passengers are buried in various UK cemeteries.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402269 Flying Officer WILLIS, Brian Albert

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	AD 599
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 108 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington AD599 took off on the night of 23/24th February 1942, detailed to bomb the Martuba drome. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. Other crews on the same mission saw an aircraft catch fire and explode on striking the ground in the vicinity of Derna, Middle East.

Crew :

RAAF 402269 FO Willis, B A Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Flt Sgt J Bradbury, (2nd Pilot)
 RCAF WO11 N S Hall, (Observer)
 RAF Sgt P R Cooper, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt F Coulson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RNZAF Flt Sgt C M Gray, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ the graves of the missing crew were located near Sahel-el-Emeilst near Derna. All the crew were killed.”

Those killed are buried in the Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Libya, about 25kms west of Tobruk, Middle East.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403514 Flying Officer HYNES, Keith Frederick

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/251 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 455, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	MM 178
Radio call sign:	HS – V
Unit:	ATTD 109 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito MM178 took off from RAF Little Staughton at 0008 hours on the night of 18/19th October 1944, detailed to bomb Pforzheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Kay, D H S Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 403514 FO Hynes, F K (Observer)

The aircraft crashed in Belgium and the crew were killed. They are buried in the Adinkerke Military Cemetery, Belgium.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400989 Flying Officer JACKSON, Frederick Roy DFM

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/20/71 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 364, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	DZ434
Radio call sign:	HS -
Unit:	ATTD 109 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DZ434 during night flying practice on 22nd October 1943, got into difficulties when descending through cloud and the aircraft disintegrated following loss of control and dived into the ground. The Pilot was killed and the navigator was thrown out of the aircraft and was able to use his chute and land safely.

Crew :

RAAF 400989 FO Jackson, F R DFM (Pilot)
RAAF 406538 FO Piper, V E DFC and Bar (Navigator)

FO Jackson is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFM to the then Flt Sgt Jackson of 460 (RAAF) Sqn is as follows ; “ During the attack on Duisberg on the night of 6/7th September 1942, Flt Sgt Jackson, an Australian was the Captain of a Wellington bomber which was held in searchlights in the target area and flak holes were made in the aircraft. Shortly afterwards the aircraft was attacked by a night fighter and during the engagement, the front gunner received a cannon shell in the left foot, the Wireless operator was wounded in the left hand and the rear gunner was wounded in the left leg. Return fire from the Rear gunner was seen to hit the fighter. The hydraulics were damaged and the undercarriage dropped away. The compass and the wireless were damaged, the trimming tabs were shot away and the tail oleo was damaged by a cannon shell. Despite this damage, Flt Sgt Jackson crash landed successfully without causing further injuries to his crew. The Captain’s skilful and calculated handling of his aircraft under these extremely difficult conditions showed a high degree of courage, skill and initiative. I consider his devotion to duty and gallant conduct fully merits the award of DFM.” This recommendation of the Squadron Commander was strongly supported by the Station Commander and the AOC, .and the award was promulgated in the London Gazette of 2/10/1942.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403385 Pilot Officer SULLIVAN, Peter Richard Vincent

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/164/117 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 145, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	AD 605
Radio call sign:	ZP-C
Unit:	ATTD 109 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington AD605 took off from RAF Stradishall at 2300 hours on the night of 2/3rd July 1942, detailed to carry out a special duties flight for Air Ministry over Bremen, Germany. The aircraft was carrying special wireless equipment to carry out a wireless test. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 403385 PO Sullivan, P R V Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO W R Allison, (Observer)
RAF FO Adamson, W DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R J Livesuch, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt W J Garnett, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W J Morrison, (Special Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt J S Eyres, (Special Wireless Operator)

The aircraft was shot down and crashed at 0220 hours at Dirkshorn, (Noord-Holland), 14kms NNW of Alkmaar. Five of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Garnett and Sgt Morrison were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Bergen General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Holland, Netherlands. Bergen is on the coast 6kms north west of Alkmaar and 43kms NNW of Amsterdam.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402419 Warrant Officer THORPE, Harold Elsdon

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/65 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vultee Vengeance
Serial number:	EZ 804
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 110 SQN RAF

Summary:

Vengeance EZ 804 was approaching to join a formation led by Vengeance AN623 when both aircraft collided and crashed at Ranchi India, on 21st April 1943.

All the crew of EZ804 and one member of AN623 were killed. They are buried in the Ranchi War Cemetery, India. Ranchi is a town in the State of Jharkland, some 419kms north west of Calcutta.

Crew : EZ804

RAAF 402419 WO H E Thorpe, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Cpl D C Kay, (Fitter/Arm)
RAF Cpl J S McKay, (Fitter 11E)
RAF Cpl J W Moseley, (Fitter 11A)

Crew : AN623

RAAF 404357 Flt Lt Ritchie, D J J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Vincent, R C D (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Lawrenson, G H Pax Died of injuries on 23/4/1943

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

405814 Flying Officer AINSLIE, Hudson Garth

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/131 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 111 SQN RAF

Summary:

FO Ainslie (Pilot) was killed on duty at 1825 hours on 2nd October 1944 when he was hit by an aircraft which crashed on the side of the runway when landing at night at Florence airfield, Italy.

He is buried in the Florence War Cemetery, Italy.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400779 Pilot Officer CHRISTIAN, Harold David

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/25/221 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	ER 605
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 111 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire HR 605 when carrying out an operational sweep in the Middle East on 22nd December 1942, was shot down by Allied ack-ack gunners at Ehemis. The pilot was injured in the crash but died at 9.120 am the same day during an operation.

Crew :

RAAF 400779 PO Christian, H D (Pilot)

PO Christian is buried in the Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia. Medjez-el-Bab is 60kms west of Tunis.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

412403 Warrant Officer CRAWLEY, Christopher William

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/324 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	EN 147
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 111 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire EN147 was one of a formation of eight aircraft from the squadron to patrol at a height of 12,000 feet at approx 9.45am on 14th December 1943. When about 3miles north west of Cassino Italy, fifteen enemy aircraft were encountered and were attacked by four of the Sqn aircraft. In the ensuing encounter EN147 was seen pursuing one of the enemy aircraft, an FW190, 5 miles north west of Aquino drome at a height of 2000 feet. Nothing further was seen of EN147 which failed to return from the mission.

Crew :

RAAF 412403 WO C W Crawley, (Pilot)

WO Crawley was killed and is buried in the Cassino War Cemetery, Italy.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402000 Sergeant DRUMMOND, Frederick Agnew Vance

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/103/80 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	R6619
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 111 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfires R6619 and X4931 were engaged in formation flying practice on 8th May 1941. The aircraft collided in the air and crashed at Junction Croft in the vicinity of Culter, near Aberdeen, Scotland. R6619 hit the ground at great speed after part of the port wing fell off and Sgt Drummond was killed. PO Bain (RAF) the pilot of X4931 who was seriously injured tried to make a forced landing but was unsuccessful.

Crew :

RAAF 402000 Sgt F A V Drummond, (Pilot)

Sgt Drummond is buried in the Dyce Old Churchyard, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409732 Flight Sergeant McMURRAY, George Vallence

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/228 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	JK 217
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 111 SQN RAF

Summary:

JKI217 was on patrol on 4th September 1943 with 11 other aircraft of the squadron over the Straits of Messina, Sicily, when a formation of over 20 enemy aircraft was encountered. During the combat JK217 was seen to roll on its back and dive vertically to the ground from about 1000 feet. The aircraft crashed near Deliamova about 12 miles north east of Reggio, Italy and the pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 409732 Flt Sgt G V McMurray, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt McMurray is buried in the Salerno War Cemetery, Italy.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404618 Sergeant ELLIOTT, Philip Thornton

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/107/90 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Kittyhawk
Serial number:	GK 700
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 112 SQN RAF

Summary:

Kittyhawk GK7700 crashed in the vicinity of Bardia, Libya, Middle East during an operational flight on 9th March 1942, and the pilot was killed

Crew :

RAAF 404618 Sgt P T Elliott, (Pilot)

Sgt Elliott is buried in the Halfaya Sollum War Cemetery, Egypt.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404504 Sergeant JOHNSON, Stanley Charles

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/129/154 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Kittyhawk
Serial number:	AK 679
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 112 SQN RAF

Summary:

Kittyhawk AK679 crashed on the night of 1/2nd January 1942, when the aircraft hit telegraph wire 11 miles east of Caorn, Middle East, and the pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 404504 Sgt S C Johnson, (Pilot)

Sgt Johnson is buried in the Halfaya Sollum War Cemetery, Egypt.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404181 Sergeant McCORMACK, Edward

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/141/422 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Tomahawk
Serial number:	AM 403
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 112 SQN RAF

Summary:

Tomahawk AM403 crashed at 1600 hours on 16th September 1941 at K17 drome Egypt in an aircraft accident, and the pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 404181 Sgt E McCormack, (Pilot)

Sgt McCormack is buried in the Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404180 Sergeant MILLS, Everard Harvie

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/144/109 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Tomahawk
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 112 SQN RAF

Summary:

Sgt Mills (Pilot) was flying a Tomahawk aircraft on 31st August 1941 on a flying exercise, when for some unknown reason the aircraft got into a spin and was unable to recover. It crashed from about 6000 feet some 6 miles south west of Fayid drome, Cairo Egypt, and the pilot was killed.

Crew :

404180 Sgt E H Mills, (Pilot)

Sgt Mills is buried in the Fayid War Cemetery, Egypt. Fayid is a small town 20kms south of Ismailia on the western shore of the Great Bitter Lake which is at the mid point of the Suez Canal.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404186 Sergeant STIRRAT, Ian Harper

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/163/231 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Tomahawk
Serial number:	AK 502
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 112 SQN RAF

Summary:

Tomahawk AK502 along with five other aircraft from the squadron was detailed on 4th October 1941 to patrol an area west of Sidi Omar. AK502 was No 2 of the second pair of three aircraft. The formation was attacked by six or more ME109's at a height of 10,000 feet, and in the ensuing combat AK502 was shot down and the pilot killed.

Crew :

RAAF 404186 Sgt I H Stirrat, (Plot)

Sgt Stirrat is buried in the Halfaya Sollum War Cemetery, Egypt. The Cemetery is on the main coast road to Mersa Matruh through to Libya, and is approx 12kms from the Egypt/Libya border.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

401551 Warrant Officer TRELOAR, Ian

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/64 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Kittyhawk
Serial number:	FR 849
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 112 SQN RAF

Summary:

Kittyhawk FR849 was one of 12 squadron aircraft detailed to carry out an armed reconnaissance of various connecting roads in the area. The formation took off from Agnonolg, Sicily at 1120 hours on 7th March 1943. During the recce some heavy to light ack-ack was encountered. It is not known if FR849 was hit but the aircraft was seen by the other aircraft flying south at 4000 feet and below the rest of the formation. The aircraft failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 401551 WO I Treloar, (Pilot)

A missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ the aircraft was hit by ack-ack and the pilot was killed in the crash”. He is buried in the Catania War Cemetery, Sicily.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

406104 Flying Officer GALVIN, John Anthony

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/54 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V 5588
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 113 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V5588 crashed at Giarabub on 12th December 1941 during air operations in the Middle East and all the crew were killed.

Crew :

SAAF 2nd Lt Summersgill, C N Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 406104 FO Galvin, J A (Observer)
RAAF 404081 Sgt L L Purves, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The crew are buried in the Halfaya Sollum War Cemetery, Egypt.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

406033 Flight Sergeant O'NEILL, Francis James

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/148/342 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Bisley
Serial number:	BA 622
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 113 SQN RAF

Summary:

Bisley BA622 took off on 20th December 1942 from Agartala as No 2 in the leading flight of a formation of 18 aircraft. While carrying out a bombing run over the target Magwe the aircraft received a direct hit by ack-ack and burst into flames. The aircraft pulled up over the main formation and then spiralled down completely enveloped in flames. No one was seen to bale out and all the crew were killed.

Crew :

SAAF Lt Wilkin, N T Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 406033 Flt Sgt F J O'Neill, (Observer)
RAAF 400263 Flt Sgt W J H Thompson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar. The cemetery is 35kms north of Yangon (formerly Rangoon)

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

406168 Warrant Officer PEARCE, Bowyer Frederick

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/150/246 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z9598
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 113 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z9598 on 11th October 1942 during an Army cooperation flight, struck a tree while flying low but under full control and crashed at Dokshani road, Asansol, India. All the crew were killed.

Crew :

RCAF Flt Sgt H Peters, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 406168 WO B F Pearce, (Observer)
RAF Sgt D Davies,(Wireless Air Gunner)

The crew are buried in the Delhi War Cemetery, India.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404081 Sergeant PURVES, Leonard Lucas

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/54 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V 5588
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 113 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V5588 crashed at Giarabub on 12th December 1941 during air operations in the Middle East and all the crew were killed.

Crew :

SAAF 2nd Lt Summersgill, C N Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 406104 FO Galvin, J A (Observer)
RAAF 404081 Sgt L L Purves, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The crew are buried in the Halfaya Sollum War Cemetery, Egypt.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400263 Flight Sergeant THOMPSON, Walter John Henry

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/148/342 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Bisley
Serial number:	BA 622
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 113 SQN RAF

Summary:

Bisley BA622 took off on 20th December 1942 from Agartala as No 2 in the leading flight of a formation of 18 aircraft. While carrying out a bombing run over the target Magwe the aircraft received a direct hit by ack-ack and burst into flames. The aircraft pulled up over the main formation and then spiralled down completely enveloped in flames. No one was seen to bale out and all the crew were killed.

Crew :

SAAF Lt Wilkin, N T Captain (Pilot)
 RAAF 406033 Flt Sgt F J O'Neill, (Observer)
 RAAF 400263 Flt Sgt W J H Thompson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar. The cemetery is 35kms north of Yangon (formerly Rangoon)

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404229 Sergeant BALZER, Christian Samuel

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/90/181 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 162,
Volume 1941

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V5875
Radio call sign:	RT -
Unit:	ATTD 114 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V5875 took off from RAF West Raynham at 0745 hours on the 15th October 1941, detailed to carry out an anti shipping patrol on the eastern half of Beat 8. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 404229 Sgt C S Balzer, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt H L Elliott, (Observer)
RAF Sgt VB F W Slade, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by an enemy fighter and crashed into the sea off Holland. The crew of three were killed.

Sgt Balzer's body was found in the Waddensee a strait of water between the West Frisian Island and the north west Frisian coast. He is buried in the Harlingen General Cemetery, Netherlands. Harlingen is a town on the seaboard of the Waddensee, 38kms west of Leeuwarden and 23kms north west of Sneek.

The other two crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402438 Sergeant CHURCH, George Norman

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/96/106 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 26, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V5726
Radio call sign:	TR – R
Unit:	ATTD 114 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V5726 took off from RAF West Raynham at 1940 hours on the night of 28/29th January 1942, detailed to carry out intruder duties over the Leeuwarden airfield in northern Holland. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt T A Peters, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402438 Sgt G N Church, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt K M Bird, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by flak at 2230 hours near the Schiphol airport to the south west of Amsterdam and all three on board were killed.
They are buried in the Amsterdam New Eastern Cemetery, Netherlands.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

416414 Flying Officer COLLETT, Malcolm Ernest

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/478

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Boston
Serial number:	BZ228
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 114 SQN RAF

Summary:

Boston BZ228 on 22nd May 1944 was detailed to carry out an armed recce along a road east of Rome. At 10.19am a report was received from the aircraft saying that it was returning early due to bad weather over the target area. At 11.20 am the aircraft was in the circuit area and at 11.49 was given permission to land. At the time there was a severe electrical storm and nothing more was seen of the aircraft until there was a violent flash and explosion which occurred about 3 miles south west of Marcianise. All the crew were killed in the crash.

Crew :

RCAF FO Zadworny, T J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Hughes, (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt P M Courturier, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 416414 FO Collett, M E (Air Gunner)

Three of the crew are buried in the Caserta War Cemetery, Italy.
Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sgt Courturier is buried.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404895 Flight Lieutenant ELMS, Henry

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/129 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Boston
Serial number:	BZ 327
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 114 SQN RAF

Summary:

Boston BZ327 was detailed on 16th April 1944 to carry out an armed recce of roads in Italy between Frosinone-Rome-Valletty. The aircraft took off at 2103 hours but nothing was heard from the aircraft which failed to return to base.

In 1946 the wreck of the aircraft was found approx 4kms from Checano, Italy. All the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 404895 Flt Lt Elms, H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Andrew, B W (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt J Fellows, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F A G Thomas, (Air Gunner)

Three of the crew are buried in the Cassino War Cemetery, Italy.
Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sgt Fellows is buried.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402650 Pilot Officer FEILDEN, Randle

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/31/22 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 151, Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V5490
Radio call sign:	RT -
Unit:	ATTD 114 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V5490 took off on a training flight on 22nd September 1941, and crashed near Cromer, Norfolk, UK after colliding with the mast of a ship moored on the nearby practice range. All the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 402650 PO Feilden, R Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Brown, F H (Observer))
RAF Sgt S S J Collier, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Both PO Feilden and PO Brown are buried in the Scottow Cemetery, UK, which is located near the RAF Coltishall Station.

Sgt Collier is buried in the Manor Park Cemetery, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

408142 Sergeant FIELDING, Tom Illenden

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/112/130 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 114 SQN RAF

Summary:

Sgt Fielding (Wireless Air Gunner) was killed on 12th June 1942, during a bombing raid in the UK Sgt Fielding was in the Easel Hotel, Kings Lynn, Norfolk and was off duty at the time of the raid. Seven others in the hotel were also not accounted for.

Sgt Fielding is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Woking, Surrey, UK..

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402651 Flight Sergeant FISHER, Robert Wilson

Source :

AWM 237 (65) Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber
Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 195, Volume 1941

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V 6227
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 114 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V6227 took off from RAF Lossiemouth at 0925 hours on the 27th December 1941, detailed to support Allied Commando landings at Vaagso. While attacking Herdla airfield V6227 collided with another Blenheim aircraft and crashed in the target area. All the crew were killed. Three RAF crew members were also killed in the other aircraft..

Crew :

RAAF 402651 Flt Sgt R W Fisher, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Williamson, (Observer)
RAF Sgt W F G Fletcher, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The crew of V6227 are buried in the Bergen (Mollendal) Church Cemetery, Norway.
Bergen is a large seaport in south west Norway.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413152 Warrant Officer HINES, Mervyn Arthur

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/522 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Boston
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 114 SQN RAF

Summary:

A Boston aircraft (Captain WO Hines) was one of eight aircraft from the Squadron detailed on 31st March 1944, to carry out an armed recce of coastal shipping between Pescara and Ancona, Italy. If no enemy ships were sighted on the way north the crews were instructed to attack harbour installations at Ancona. The aircraft took off on the mission at 8-19pm and the crews were instructed not to send any wireless messages. The other aircraft returned safely from the mission but WO Hines and crew failed to return.

WO Hines body was recovered from the sea near Rodi on the east coast of Italy on 2nd May 1944

Crew :

RAAF 413152 WO M A Hines, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R D Falconer, (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt W W Gould, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J J Hutton, (Air Gunner)

WO Hines and Sgt Gould are buried in the Moro River Canadian War Cemetery Italy. The cemetery lies in the Locality of San Donato in the Commune of Ortona, Province of Chieti, and is sited on high ground near the sea just east of the main Adriatic coast road SS16

Sgt Falconer has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Malta Memorial, Malta.

Sgt Hutton is buried in the Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

32274 Warrant Officer PICKUP, Clive Alexander

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/400 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Boston
Serial number:	BZ 257
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 114 SQN RAF

Summary:

Boston BZ257 took off at 0015 hours on 4th June 1944, detailed to carry out a recce of roads to the east, west and north of Rome, Italy. The aircraft failed to return from the mission.

Crew :

RAAF 32274 WO C A Pickup, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt H E Whale, (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt W H Elsley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E E Brett, (Air Gunner)

The wreck of the aircraft was located later in 1944 and all the crew had been killed.
All the crew are buried in the Beach Head War Cemetery, Anzio, Italy. Anzio is a coastal town 70 miles south of Rome.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

412720 Pilot Officer SHEEKEY, Terence Bruce

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/272 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Boston
Serial number:	W 8290
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 114 SQN RAF

Summary:

Boston W8290 took off at 2140 hours on the night of 16/17th December 1943, detailed to search for and attack an enemy convoy headed for Ancona, Italy. If the convoy was not sighted to conduct a recce of the Italian coast between Ancona and Rimini.
Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 412720 PO Sheekey, T B Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Owen, G (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt C Coe, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R H Lloyd, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Ancona War Cemetery, Italy.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

416389 Warrant Officer TEMBY, Colin Samuel

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1667/39/238 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Boston
Serial number:	W8293
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 114 SQN RAF

Summary:

Boston W8293 took off from Pomigliano at 0222 hours on the night of 23rd January 1944, but the aircraft hit a house and crashed. All the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt G A Honey, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Hannibal, J H (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt A Lee, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 416239 WO C S Temby, (Air Gunner)

The crew are buried in the Naples War Cemetery, Italy.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414876 Flight Lieutenant ANDERSEN, Robert Charles

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166//3/220 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 230, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 754
Radio call sign:	KO – F
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND754 took off from RAF Witchford at 2252 hours on the night of 21/22nd
May 1944 detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 1414876 Flt Lt Andersen, R C Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Mann, A O (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt H T Jones, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Wilkinson, L E (Navigator)
RAAF 408419 Flt Sgt P T Cameron, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt H C Noon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 4231163 PO Moulden, W R H (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt N E Redhead, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Duisberg-Beckerwerth. Seven of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt
Noon was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve,
Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

427790 Flight Sergeant BARLOW, Charles Alfred

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/624 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 343, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 913
Radio call sign:	A4 – M2
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND913 took off from RAF Witchford at 2330 hours on the night of 20/21st July 1944, detailed to bomb a synthetic oil plant at Homburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 426312 FO Clarey, C M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H C Luton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt E H Line, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt S E Kirkland, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D Hancock, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A W Middleton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 427790 Flt Sgt C A Barlow, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0145 hours on the 21st July at Papendrecht (Zuid-Holland) on the north bank of the De Merwede and opposite Dordrecht.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Papendrecht General Cemetery, Netherlands. Papendrecht is a village 22kms south east of Rotterdam. The above seven fatalities are the only 1939-45 War burials in the cemetery.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414457 Flight Sergeant BELL, Keith Selwyn

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/394 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 441
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DS 834
Radio call sign:	KO – F
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DS834 took off from RAF Witchford at 1728 hours on the night of 29/20th December 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt J Y Lee, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A F Gunnell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt H L Pike, (Navigator)
RAAF 414457 Flt Sgt K S Bell, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt L H Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt A M Wilkinson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G Johnson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 2230 hours on 29th December on a farmland at Tungelroij (Limburg), 5kms SSE of Weert, Holland. Four of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Lee and Sgt Pike were POW's, and Sgt Gunnell evaded capture.

Those killed are buried in the Tungelroij Roman Catholic Churchyard, Netherlands. Tungelroij is a small village on the road from Weert to Maaseik in Belgium.

Flt Sgt Lee later reported that he was taken by the Germans to identify 3 bodies one of whom was Bell.

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429445 Flight Sergeant BIRCH, Eric Eyles

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/758 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 461, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 276
Radio call sign:	KO – X
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD276 took off from RAF Witchford at 1323 hours on the 25th October 1944, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 418309 FO Stuart, P A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D C Smith, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 426462 FO Langton, E K L (Navigator)
RCAF FO Wilson, V H (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429445 Flt Sgt E E Birch, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J F Mason, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W J E Templeman, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Investigation team later reported “The aircraft crashed in a field near a convent called Haus Schur, and the wreckage was not discovered by the nuns until the next morning.”

The convent is approx 11kms from the cemetery, and all the crew are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5ksm south west of Kleve.

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400407 Sergeant BROWNE, Peter Leighton

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/93/305 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 160, Volume 1941

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8844
Radio call sign:	KO – S
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z8844 took off from RAF Marham at 2304 hours on the night of 13/14th
October 1941,detailed to bomb Nuremberg,Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 400407 Sgt PL Browne, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F H E Deardon, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt P W Jarrett, (Observer)
RAFR Sgt K M Atkinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L Pearson, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R H Cage, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry Team reported “The aircraft was on its way to the target
at Nuremberg, when it was hit by ack-ack fire from the I G Farben works at Oppou and it
crashed near Friesenheimer Insel a small island in the nearby Rhine. These places were
about 3 miles from Ludwigshafen which is on the Rhine near Mannheim. One of the
bombs on board exploded and all the crew were killed.”

They are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany.
Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

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427230 Pilot Officer BURROWS, Felix Malton

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/795 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 486, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 985
Radio call sign:	KO – A
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK985 took off from RAF Witchford at 1240 hours on the 15th November 1944, detailed to bomb Dortmund, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Castle, H W Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Mullett, P D (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt G M Sampson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt B Collison, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt A H Gribble, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 427230 PO Burrows, F M (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 415910 PO O'Sullivan, P J MID (Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Dawson, G F (Air Gunner)
RAAF 430523 Flt Sgt D S Strickland, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ the aircraft crashed at 3-40pm on the 15th November 1944 four miles north east of Derne and all the crew were killed.

PO O'Sullivan, Flt Sgt Strickland, PO Dawson and Sgt Sampson are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany The Cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

The remaining five crew members (including PO Burrows) have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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408419 Flight Sergeant CAMERON, Peter Talmage

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166//3/220 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 230, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 754
Radio call sign:	KO – F
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND754 took off from RAF Witchford at 2252 hours on the night of 21/22nd
May 1944 detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 1414876 Flt Lt Andersen, R C Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Mann, A O (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt H T Jones, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Wilkinson, L E (Navigator)
RAAF 408419 Flt Sgt P T Cameron, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt H C Noon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 4231163 PO Moulden, W R H (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt N E Redhead, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Duisberg-Beckerwerth. Seven of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt
Noon was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve,
Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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426312 Flying Officer CLAREY, Colin Mervyn

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/624 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 343, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 913
Radio call sign:	A4 – M2
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND913 took off from RAF Witchford at 2330 hours on the night of 20/21st July 1944, detailed to bomb Homburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 426312 FO Clarey, C M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H C Luton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt E H Line, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt S E Kirkland, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D Hancock, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A W Middleton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 427790 Flt Sgt C A Barlow, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0145 hours on the 21st July at Papendrecht (Zuid-Holland) on the north bank of the De Merwede and opposite Dordrecht.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Papendrecht General Cemetery, Netherlands. Papendrecht is a village 22kms south east of Rotterdam. The above seven fatalities are the only 1939-45 War burials in the cemetery.

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429928 Flight Sergeant CORNWELL, Ross George

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/775 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 166/8/775 Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 944
Radio call sign:	KO – Z
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL944 took off from RAF Witchford at 1203 hours on the 16th December 1944, detailed to bomb railway yards at Siegen, Germany. The sortie was conducted by No 3 Group RAF involving about 100 Lancasters and the bombing was to be carried out on radar assisted aids. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RCAF FO Robertson, D B Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E D Hutchinson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A H J Trimble, (Navigator)
RAF FO Smith, C A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429928 Flt Sgt R G Cornwell; (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R D Roberts, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D W Roberts, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ The aircraft appeared from the north west when the tail unit broke off and the aircraft dived and crashed near Uckerath. It was on fire when it crashed.” Uckerath is a largish town 19kms east of Bonn.

Four of the crew were killed and Sgt’s Hutchinson, Trimble and Smith were POW’s. Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp-Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

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402656 Sergeant GOODEY, James Henry

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/113/206 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 155, Volume 1941

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X9910
Radio call sign:	KO – Y
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X9910 took off from RAF Marham at 1931 hours on the night of 29/30th
September 1941, detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt A R Hulls, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402656 Sgt J H Goodey, (2nd Pilot)
RCAF PO Colfe, W K (Observer)
RAF Sgt T D Griffiths, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T W Bull, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Shuttleworth, N R (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 2252 hours at Blijham
(Groningen), 5kms south east of Winschoten, Holland. Five of the crew were killed and
PO Shuttleworth was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Wedde (Blijham) Protestant Churchyard, Netherlands.
Blijham is a village near the Dutch/German border in the commune of Wedde. The above
five airmen are the only 1939-1945 service fatalities in the churchyard.

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422269 Pilot Officer GROGAN, Kevin Francis

Source :

AWM 237 (65) AWM 54 779/3/129 Part 14 NAA : A705, 166/16/403
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF
Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 379, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 927
Radio call sign:	KO- B
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND927 took off from RAF Witchford at 2143 hours on the night of 12/13th August 1944, detailed to bomb Braunschweig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 422183 FO Hockey, G B Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R G Beecroft (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 421611 PO McDougall, R A J (Navigator)
RAAF 422269 PO Grogan, K F (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H R Dott, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A J Chase, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D T Kennedy, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed with FO Hockey a POW.

The aircraft crashed at Ordinghausen, 15kms west of Hoya and south west of Verden. Those killed are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side of the road from Hamburg to Hanover.

In a later POW report FO Hockey stated “ We were attacked from below by a night fighter when at 14,000 feet. The aircraft burst into flames immediately. I gave the order to abandon, and almost at the same time the aircraft rolled over on its back and exploded. None of the crew were able to abandon but I was blown clear and able to use my chute (Pilot type). The aircraft crashed roughly north west of Hanover. I was informed by the German police and civilians that the rest of the crew had been killed. I was taken prisoner on 13/8/44 and released on 2/5/45.”

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412314 Flight Sergeant HENNESSY, Thomas William

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/510 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 119, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 640
Radio call sign:	A4 – C
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL640 took off from RAF Witchford at 1946 hours on the night of 18/19th
March 1944, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RNZAF PO Frampton, A S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S R J Price, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R G Rivers, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt P F Willis-Culpitt, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt B E Ansell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412314 Flt Sgt T W Hennessy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF PO Winters, C H (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research and Enquiry team reported “ the aircraft crashed at Fohren-Linder,
approx 28 miles north east of Saarbrücken, Germany.”

Six of the crew were killed. Sgt Price was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintford,
Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24 ms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of
Weddel.

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426598 Flying Officer HOFFMAN, Adolf David Leon

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/341 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 187, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 542
Radio call sign:	KO -J
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK542 took off from RAF Witchford at 2205 hours on the night of 24/25th
April, 1944, detailed to bomb Karlsruhe, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt P A Bennett, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J F Plummer, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 426598 FO Hoffman, A D L (Navigator)
RCAF PO Zegarchuk, J E (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt N L Forth, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W McKelvie, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Holt, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Wolfke and Paradijs (Limburg), two small
communities lying some 9kms north east of St-Truiden, Belgium.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Locality
Leuven, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium. The cemetery is 30kms from Brussels and 3kms
south of Leuven.

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410338 Flight Dergeant INNES, Frank Faulkes

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/19/22 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 257, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DS715
Radio call sign:	KO- - Q
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DS715 took off from RAF East Wretham at 2355 hours on the night of 2/3rd
August 1943, detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RNZAF PO Mosen, R J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L T Evans, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt F W Jeffrey, (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt J L K Talbert, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E Cavanagh, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 410338 Flt Sgt F F Innes, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt F J Richards, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was struck by lightning and crashed out of control near the village of
Wanzendorf about 18 kms south west of Hamburg. All the crew were killed.

Five of the crew are buried in the Hamburg Cemetery, Germany. The War Cemetery in
Hamburg is situated within a large civil cemetery known locally as 'Ohlsdorf Cemetery'.
Sgt's Jeffrey and Richards are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau
Niedersachsen, Germany.

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410064 Pilot Officer JONES, Rhys Webb

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/152 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 227, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK547
Radio call sign:	KO – F
Unit:	ATTD 115QN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK547 took off from RAF Witchford at 2228 hours on the night of 19/20th
May 1944, detailed to bomb railway yards at Le Mans, France. Nothing was heard from
the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Atkin, SD S Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Hayward J V (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt I C Plumb, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Mather, K R (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J Rafferty, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt R F A Giles, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 410064 PO Jones, R W (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 423152 PO Mehden, L E (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed approx 3kms north west of the local airfield probably hit by flak.
All on board the aircraft were killed they are buried in the Le Mans West Cemetery,
France. Le Mans is a large town and the seat of the Prefecture of the Department of La
Sarthe.

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426462 Flying Officer LANGTON, Edwin Kay Lovell

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/758 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 461, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 276
Radio call sign:	KO – X
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD276 took off from RAF Witchford at 1323 hours on the 25th October 1944, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 418309 FO Stuart, P A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D C Smith, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 426462 FO Langton, E K L (Navigator)
RCAF FO Wilson, V H (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429445 Flt Sgt E E Birch, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J F Mason, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W J E Templeman, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Investigation team later reported “The aircraft crashed in a field near a convent called Haus Schur, and the wreckage was not discovered by the nuns until the next morning.”

The convent is approx 11kms from the cemetery, and all the crew are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5ksm south west of Kleve.

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435171 Pilot Officer LONG, Gordon David

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/241 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 26, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NG 332
Radio call sign:	IL – D
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NG332 took off from RAF Witchford at 1610 hours on the night of 1/2nd January 1945, detailed to bomb the railway yards at Vohwinkel, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Mills, A A F Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF Flt Sgt J D K Sterling, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt C D Bassett, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 435171 PO Long, G D (Navigator)
RAF FO Booth, J D (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J E W Fenwick, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Mathison, E D (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF PO McLeod, J W (Rear Gunner)

It is believed that the aircraft was homebound when it was caught in a barrage of American ack-ack fire near Namur. The aircraft crashed out of control at 2010 hours onto farmland at Emynes (Namur), 11kms south east of Gembloux.

All on board the aircraft were killed and they are buried in the Leopoldsburg War Cemetery, Belgium. Leopoldsburg is located 58kms north east of Leuven on the N73.

W R Chorley records that PO Long at age 19 years was one of the youngest Australian navigators killed on bomber operations in the 2nd World War.

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18119 Pilot Officer LOUGHNAN, Justin Francis

Source :

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 449,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 599
Radio call sign:	KO -K
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK599 took off from RAF Witchford at 0710 hours on the 14th October 1944, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Lister R F Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P H F Hughes, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Brown, R (Navigator)
RAF FO Ford, H T (Air Bomber)
RAAF 18119 PO Loughnan, J F (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Hamilton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Eayres, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by flak and crashed. Six of the crew were killed and FO Lister was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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402517 Flying Officer MAHER, James Brian

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/34/155 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 56, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X3341
Radio call sign:	KO – W
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

WellingtonX3341 took off from RAF Marham at 1953 hours on the night of 28/29th
March 1942, detailed to bomb Lubeck, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 404518 PO Weller, J A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W Ballard, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 401517 FO Maher, J B (Observer)
RAF Sgt B Lawrence, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H L Suckling, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P Wilson, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ the aircraft crashed in a wood at Klecken,
2 miles south west of Hamburg.”

All he crew were killed and they are buried in the Becklingen Wear cemetery, Locality
Soltau Niedersachsen, Germany. The cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side
of the road from Hamburg to Hanover.

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421611 Pilot Officer McDOUGALL, Raymond Albert James

Source :

AWM 237 (65) AWM 54 779/3/129 Part 14 NAA : A705, 166/16/403
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF
Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 379, Volume 1944 .

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 927
Radio call sign:	KO- B
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND927 took off from RAF Witchford at 2143 hours on the night of 12/13th August 1944, detailed to bomb Braunschweig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 422183 FO Hockey, G B Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R G Beecroft (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 421611 PO McDougall, R A J (Navigator)
RAAF 422269 PO Grogan, K F (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H R Dott, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A J Chase, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D T Kennedy, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed with FO Hockey a POW.

The aircraft crashed at Ordinghausen, 15kms west of Hoya and south west of Verden. Those killed are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side of the road from Hamburg to Hanover.

In a later POW report FO Hockey stated “ We were attacked from below by a night fighter when at 14,000 feet. The aircraft burst into flames immediately. I gave the order to abandon, and almost at the same time the aircraft rolled over on its back and exploded. None of the crew were able to abandon but I was blown clear and able to use my chute (Pilot type). The aircraft crashed roughly north west of Hanover. I was informed by the German police and civilians that the rest of the crew had been killed. I was taken prisoner on 13/8/44 and released on 2/5/45.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400283 Sergeant McKENZIE, Duncan John

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/141/335 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 154, Volume 1941

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X9673
Radio call sign:	KO – B
Unit:	ATTD 115QN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster X9673 took off from RAF Marham at 1946 hours on the night of 29/30th
September 1941, detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt L H Ellis, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400283 Sgt D J McKenzie, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt A W Petherick, (Observer)
RAF Sgt A L Roberts, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A R Cooper, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J G C Keeble, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0026 hours on the 30th
September near Hittfeldt railway station, 10kms from Harburg, Germany.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality
Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415269 Pilot Officer McLOUGHLIN, James Archibald

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/361 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 67, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 648
Radio call sign:	KO – BH
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL648 took off from RAF Witchford at 1728 hours on the night of 30/31st
January 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off
and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RNZAF Flt Lt Hicks, H G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A E Elms, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Beer, B A W (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt A W Todd, (Air Bomber)
RNZAF PO Farquharson, C F (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Gladwell, M G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 415269 PO McLaughlin, J A (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “the aircraft crashed at Johanisthal on the
south east outskirts of Berlin on the evening of 30th January, 1944.”

All the crew were killed. Six of them are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery,
Germany. FO Gladwell has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the
Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

423152 Pilot Officer MEHDEN, Leonard Eugene

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/152 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 227, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK547
Radio call sign:	KO – F
Unit:	ATTD 115QN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK547 took off from RAF Witchford at 2228 hours on the night of 19/20th
May 1944, detailed to bomb railway yards at Le Mans, France. Nothing was heard from
the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Atkin, SD S Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Hayward J V (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt I C Plumb, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Mather, K R (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J Rafferty, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt R F A Giles, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 410064 PO Jones, R W (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 423152 PO Mehden, L E (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed approx 3kms north west of the local airfield probably hit by flak.
All on board the aircraft were killed they are buried in the Le Mans West Cemetery,
France. Le Mans is a large town and the seat of the Prefecture of the Department of La
Sarthe.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

423163 Pilot Officer MOULDEN, William Robert Harold

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166//3/220 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 230, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 754
Radio call sign:	KO – F
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND754 took off from RAF Witchford at 2252 hours on the night of 21/22nd
May 1944 detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 1414876 Flt Lt Andersen, R C Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Mann, A O (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt H T Jones, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Wilkinson, L E (Navigator)
RAAF 408419 Flt Sgt P T Cameron, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt H C Noon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 4231163 PO Moulden, W R H (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt N E Redhead, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Duisberg-Beekerwerth. Seven of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt
Noon was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve,
Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

425541 Flight Sergeant NETHERSOLE, William Frederick

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/29/58 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 355 Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DS 691
Radio call sign:	KO – B
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DS 699 took off from RAF Little Snoring at 2340 hours on the night of 8/9th October 1943, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Cade, A S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W T Mitchell, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF PO Blewitt, W S C (Navigator)
RCAF PO Pryde, W (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D E Davis, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425541 Flt Sgt W F Nethersole, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt H J Willis, DFM (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ at 11.30pm on the night of 8/9th October 1943, a large aircraft appeared over the village of Fuhrberg. It lost height gradually and then dived to the ground 2kms south of the village.”

It crashed at 0123 hours, south of Fuhrberg, 22kms NNE of Hanover.

Flt Sgt's Nethersole and Willis were killed and the others were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

PO Pryde a POW later reported “ the aircraft was attacked by fighters near Hanover and Flt Sgt Nethersole was killed during the attack. Flt Sgt Willis was found dead in the wreckage of the aircraft.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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422246 Flight Sergeant OAKES, Ronald Mansfield

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/31/138 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 31, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DS 720
Radio call sign:	KO – D
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DS720 took off from RAF Witchford at 1701 hours on the night of 14/15th
January 1944, detailed to bomb Brunswick, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RNZAF PO Blackwell, F S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D W McGhee, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt T W Soulsby, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Dickins, K S (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt W C Berry, (Air Bomber)
RNZAF PO Waldrom, C K (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 422246 Flt Sgt R M Oakes, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R J Harris, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ Losses of 36 aircraft on this mission
were accounted for except for two of the aircraft. One of these crashed at Halchter approx
8 miles south of Brunswick and the other crashed at Hope, 45 miles north west of
Brunswick and on the direct route taken by aircraft in an attack on Brunswick from
England. Although individual identification was not possible there is no reasonable doubt
that the remains recovered are the 16 members of the 2 crews.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
409216 Flying Officer O'FARRELL, Patrick Thomas

Source :

AWM 237 (65) Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 326, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DS675
Radio call sign:	KO – E
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DS675 took off from RAF Little Snoring at 1918 hours on the night of 22/23rd September 1943, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 409216 FO O'Farrell, P T Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 416812 Flt Sgt C D Ward, (2nd Pilot) *
RAF Sgt D L Cowling, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF PO Pipe, K A S (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D P Heath, (Air Bomber)
RNZAF PO Fuggle, R DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H D Bean, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RNZAF WO L M Goldsmith, (Rear Gunner)

* On strength of 1678 Conversion Flight.

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter. Six of the crew were killed and PO Pipe and Sgt Heath were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

PO Pipe later reported "On the night of 22/23rd September 1943, DS 675 was attacked but the gunner managed to beat it off. I spoke over the inter-com to WO Goldsmith congratulating him on his action, in fact all members spoke to each other. Later we were attacked again and one of the engines made unserviceable. I called up Goldsmith but received no reply but I heard very faintly Sgt Cowling who was at the flare hatch at the back of the aircraft He said he would ascertain if Goldsmith was OK. I also received no reply from the mid upper gunner. Soon after we were attacked again and the aircraft was raked from the front to the rear position, after which the Captain ordered abandon. I went up to PO Fuggle the WAG to go up to our bale out position, when I was suddenly flung forward. I found myself on the forward escape hatch. As I was lying on the hatch I saw the pilot start to leave his seat. I then baled out followed by Sgt Heath. I did not notice anyone else leave the aircraft on the way down. I landed a short distance from the aircraft. Later I saw Sgt Heath and he told me that the second pilot had baled out before us, but neither of us knew his fate. Sgt Heath told me that when he left the aircraft was at a very low altitude and it is very impossible that the Captain escaped from the aircraft before it crashed. I did not know the fate of any other member of the crew."

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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415910 Pilot Officer O’SULLIVAN, Peter John MID

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/795 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 486, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 985
Radio call sign:	KO – A
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK985 took off from RAF Witchford at 1240 hours on the 15th November 1944, detailed to bomb Dortmund, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Castle, H W Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Mullett, P D (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt G M Sampson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt B Collison, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt A H Gribble, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 427230 PO Burrows, F M (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 415910 PO O’Sullivan, P J MID (Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Dawson, G F (Air Gunner)
RAAF 430523 Flt Sgt D S Strickland, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ the aircraft crashed at 3-40pm on the 15th November 1944 four miles north east of Derne and all the crew were killed.

PO O’Sullivan, Flt Sgt Stickland, PO Dawson and Sgt Sampson are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrein-Westfalen, Germany The Cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

The remaining five crew members (including PO Burows) have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

PO O’Sullivan was awarded the Mention in Despatches in the King’s Birthday Honours list published in the London Gazette dated 14th June 1945.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

423326 Flight Sergeant PATON, John Howie

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/208 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 95, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 729
Radio call sign:	A4 – B
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL729 took off from RAF Wistchford at 0017 hours on the night of 20/21st February 1944, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. When homebound from the mission the aircraft crashed at 0645 hours at Shillington, 11 miles SSE of Bedford, UK. The aircraft was observed circling in the vicinity of Shillington go into a spin and crash at high speed. All the crew were killed in the crash.

Crew :

RAAF 28031 Flt Sgt W K Wood, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C R Batchelor, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423326 Flt Sgt J H Paton, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G Hulley, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R Melton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F E Hosgood, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W V L Edwards, (Rear Gunner)

Both Flt Sgt's Wood and Paton are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery
Sgt Batchelor is buried in the Rugby (Hillmorton) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Hulley is buried in the Ashton-under-Lyne (Hurst) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Melton is buried in the South Collingham (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Hosgood is buried in the Ford park (formerly Plymouth Old Cemetery) Pennycomequick, UK.
Sgt Edwards is buried in the Ludgershall (St James) Churchyard, UK.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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414425 Pilot Officer PEATE, Raymond Ernest Lee

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/238 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 384, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DS 680
Radio call sign:	KO -L
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DS680 took off from RAF Little Snoring at 1803 hours on the night of 18/19th
November 1943,detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take
off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 414425 PO Peate, R E L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt N Mackay, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt H G Bannister, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Shaw, N R (Navigator)
RCAF FO Richardson, M L (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt F B Collenet, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF WO2 S A Anderson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G V Sharratt, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Hermee (Liege), 4kms south
west of Herstal, Belgium.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Locality
Leuven, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium. The cemetery is located 30kms from Brussels and
3kms south of Leuven.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

417229 Flying Officer PELLEW, Robert Everard

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/32/445 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 335, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 943
Radio call sign:	KO – C
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL943 took off from RAF Witchford at 2228 hours on the night of 18/19th July 1944, detailed to bomb railway yards at Aulnoye, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 417229 FO Pellew, R E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A E Morton, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 426444 PO Tibbits, E R (Navigator)
RCAF PO Hollenback, F C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E V Wakeman, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt H J W Simmonds, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt F Allen (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed on the Belgian/French border at Laplaigne in the Belgian Province of Hainaut, 10kms SSE of Tournai. All the crew were killed.

Six are buried in the Valenciennes (St Roch) Communal Cemetery, France.
Sgt Simmonds is buried in the Laplaigne Communal Cemetery, Belgium.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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408408 Pilot Officer PURVIS, Graham

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/259 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 495, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 624
Radio call sign:	IL – J
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK624 took off from RAF Witchford at 1226 hours on the 27th November 1944, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Ingham, E Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 408408 PO Purvis, G (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt T Leveritt, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Light L E (Navigator)
RCAF FO Pope, H M (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt E Spotswood, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt H McPake, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D J Hutchinson, (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R Hogben, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed into the Danzigel-Strasse at Cologne-Mulheim and all the crew were killed. The aircraft exploded in the air and wreckage was spread over a wide area of the town and over the river Rhine.

Eight of the crew are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Noodrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

FO Light has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

406795 Flight Sergeant ROBINSON, Nicholas Auber Benjamin

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 231,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DS 690
Radio call sign:	KO – C
Unit:	ATTD 115QN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DS690 took off from RAF East Wretham at 2359 hours on the night of 13/14th July 1943, detailed to bomb Aachen Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr The Hon R A G Baird, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E C Odendaal, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Moorcroft, W J (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R A Walker, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E Smith (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406795 Flt Sgt N A B Robinson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Matthews, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0210 hours at Les Hayons (Luxembourg), 5kms north east of Bouillon, Belgium. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Odendaal was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Les Hayons Churchyard, Belgium. Les Hayons is a village halfway between Bouillon and Bertrix.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

428798 Warrant Officer SAVILLE, Gordon Reginald

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/1018 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 152, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 555
Radio call sign:	KO-E
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK555 took off from RAF Witchford at 1911 hours on the night of 4/5th April 1945 detailed to bomb the Mersberg synthetic oil plant at Leuna, Germany. When outward bound HK555 collided with a 186 Sqn RAF Lancaster with the wreckage from both aircraft being strewn between the Waldhof Elgershausen and Griefenthal, 7kms south of Sinn. All the crew of HK555 were killed.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt O'Halloran, T A Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Luxton, E L (2nd Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt C E Marchant, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt WE G Carr, (Navigator)
RAF FO Adams, A E (Air Bomber)
RAAF 428798 WO G R Saville, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Sheaville, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J T Buckley, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Marchant is buried in the Nederweert War Cemetery, Netherlands.
The other 7 crew members are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal

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423485 Flight Sergeant SCOUGAL, Frank Stuart Burdett

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 16611/37/563 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 442, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD344
Radio call sign:	KO – M
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD344 took off from RAF Witchford at 1715 hours on the night of 5/6th
October 1944, detailed to bomb Saarbrücken, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt K M Henderson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Horridge, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt M W Blockley, (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt R W Cuthbert, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423485 Flt Sgt F S B Scougall, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt A W Blake, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C A Coe, (Rear Gunner)

It was later reported that two aircraft were shot down at Wolsfeld near Trier. Eight bodies
were identified of which five were from PD344.

The crew of seven on board PD344 are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality
Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and
13kms south of Wesel.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403655 Sergeant SHOESMITH, Kelvin Hewer

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/161/241 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page160, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 670
Radio call sign:	KO – K
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington BJ670 took off from RAF Marham at 2253 hours on the night of 26/27th July 1942 detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt B B Fereday, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G H Lindley, (Observer)
RAF Sgt G Clerides (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F Skelley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403655 Sgt K H Shoesmith, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and was ditched in the North Sea.
Two of the crew lost their lives and Sgt's Fereday, Lindley and Clerides were POW's.

Sgt Shioesmith is buried in the Esbjerg (Fourfelt) Cemetery, Denmark. Esbjerg is a major port on the west coast of Jutland.

Sgt Skelley is buried in the Texsel (Den Burg) Cemetery, Netherlands.

Sgt Lindley later reported “ On returning from Hamburg we had to land in the sea and owing to the failure of the dinghy to operate, were floating in the sea on Mae Wests. Sgt Shoesmith who had been hit by flak died through exposure and drowning.”

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423913 Flight Sergeant SMITH, Ian Harrison

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/563 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 289, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 559
Radio call sign:	A4 – H
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK559 took off from RAF Witchford at 0102 hours on the night of 17/18th
June 1944, detailed to bomb rail installations at Montdidier, France. Nothing was heard
from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 423186 PO Traill, J A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D A Dawson, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423913 Flt Sgt I H Smith, (Navigator)
RAAF 426716 Flt Sgt J W Van-Cooten, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO P Duff, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt E E Stapley, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt K E Loxton, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ a 4 engine British plane crashed at
Gannes (Oise). It was in flames before it crashed and exploded on impact. The aircraft
went in almost vertical and at great speed. “

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Gannes Communal Cemetery, France.
Gannes is a village 28kms north east of Beauvais, France.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413678 Flight Sergeant SORENSEN, Neville Lloyd

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/542 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 249, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 936
Radio call sign:	KO – V
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL936 took off from RAF Witchford at 0004 hours on the night of 31st/1st June 1944 detailed to bomb railway yards at Trappes, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RNZAF Flt Sgt A McR McLachlan, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Graham, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF Flt Sgt A G Partridge, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt P J Hamilton, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G E Crumpler, (Wireless Operator Air)
RNZAF Flt Sgt B O'Brien, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 413678 Flt Sgt N L Sorensen (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Chandelles (Eure-Ety-Loire) and all the crew were killed.
They are buried in the Dreux Communal Cemetery, France.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

430523 Flight Sergeant STICKLAND, Ronald Stuart

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/795 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 486, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 985
Radio call sign:	KO – A
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK985 took off from RAF Witchford at 1240 hours on the 15th November 1944, detailed to bomb Dortmund, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Castle, H W Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Mullett, P D (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt G M Sampson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt B Collison, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt A H Gribble, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 427230 PO Burrows, F M (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 415910 PO O'Sullivan, P J MID (Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Dawson, G F (Air Gunner)
RAAF 430523 Flt Sgt D S Strickland, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ the aircraft crashed at 3-40pm on the 15th November 1944 four miles north east of Derne and all the crew were killed.

PO O'Sullivan, Flt Sgt Stickland, PO Dawson and Sgt Sampson are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany The Cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

The remaining five crew members (including PO Burows) have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

418309 Flying Officer STUART, Paul Alfred

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/758 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 461, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 276
Radio call sign:	KO – X
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD276 took off from RAF Witchford at 1323 hours on the 25th October 1944, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 418309 FO Stuart, P A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D C Smith, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 426462 FO Langton, E K L (Navigator)
RCAF FO Wilson, V H (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429445 Flt Sgt E E Birch, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J F Mason, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W J E Templeman, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Investigation team later reported “The aircraft crashed in a field near a convent called Haus Schur, and the wreckage was not discovered by the nuns until the next morning.”

The convent is approx 11kms from the cemetery, and all the crew are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5ksm south west of Kleve.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

426444 Pilot Officer TIBBITS, Eric Ronald

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/32/445 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 335, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 943
Radio call sign:	KO – C
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL943 took off from RAF Witchford at 2228 hours on the night of 18/19th July 1944, detailed to bomb railway yards at Aulnoye, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 417229 FO Pellew, R E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A E Morton, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 426444 PO Tibbits, E R (Navigator)
RCAF PO Hollenback, F C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E V Wakeman, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt H J W Simmonds, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt F Allen (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed on the Belgian/French border at Laplaigne in the Belgian Province of Hainaut, 10kms SSE of Tournai. All the crew were killed.

Six are buried in the Valenciennes (St Roch) Communal Cemetery, France.
Sgt Simmonds is buried in the Laplaigne Communal Cemetery, Belgium.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

418889 Pilot Officer TODD, John Edward

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/204 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 263, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 552
Radio call sign:	KO – J
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK552 took off from RAF Witchford at 0037 hours on the night of 7/8th June 1944, detailed to bomb communications at Chevreusse, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 418889 PO Todd, J E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S G E Mount, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Tariton, A R (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt T Bamford, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R Stallwood, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt V F Scrivens, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt F Morgan (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Montchauvet (Yveunes), 13kms SSW of the town of Mantes-La-Jolie, France.

Six of the crew were killed and FO Tariton (RAF) was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Montchauvet Communal Cemetery, France. Montchauvet is a commune and village 37kms WNW of Versailles, and 13kms SSW of Mantes. The cemetery is on the western side of the village on the road to Tilly. Those killed are the only Commonwealth WW2 fatalities buried in the cemetery.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

422765 Flying Officer TOWNEND, Gordon Christopher

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/206 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 275, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 545
Radio call sign:	KO- E
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK545 took off from RAF Witchford at 2332 hours on the night of 12/13th
June 1944,detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Shadforth, W G DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A J Veale, DFM (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R Parkyn, (Navigator)
RAAF 422765 FO Townend, G C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R W T Weir, DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)
RNZAF FO Entwistle, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt A F Farley, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed into the Headquarters of the Gelsenberg-Benzin,
3kms west of Gelsenkirchen.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery,
Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of
Kleve.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

423186 Pilot Officer TRAILL, John Alan

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/563 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 289, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 559
Radio call sign:	A4 – H
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK559 took off from RAF Witchford at 0102 hours on the night of 17/18th
June 1944, detailed to bomb rail installations at Montdidier, France. Nothing was heard
from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 423186 PO Traill, J A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D A Dawson, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423913 Flt Sgt I H Smith, (Navigator)
RAAF 426716 Flt Sgt J W Van-Cooten, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO P Duff, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt E E Stapley, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt K E Loxton, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ a 4 engine British plane crashed at
Gannes (Oise). It was in flames before it crashed and exploded on impact. The aircraft
went in almost vertical and at great speed. “

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Gannes Communal Cemetery, France.
Gannes is a village 28kms north east of Beauvais, France.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

426716 Flight Sergeant VAN-COOTEN, John William

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/563 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 289, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 559
Radio call sign:	A4 – H
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK559 took off from RAF Witchford at 0102 hours on the night of 17/18th
June 1944, detailed to bomb rail installations at Montdidier, France. Nothing was heard
from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 423186 PO Traill, J A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D A Dawson, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423913 Flt Sgt I H Smith, (Navigator)
RAAF 426716 Flt Sgt J W Van-Cooten, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO P Duff, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt E E Stapley, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt K E Loxton, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ a 4 engine British plane crashed at
Gannes (Oise). It was in flames before it crashed and exploded on impact. The aircraft
went in almost vertical and at great speed. “

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Gannes Communal Cemetery, France.
Gannes is a village 28kms north east of Beauvais, France.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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416812 Flight Sergeant WARD, Cornelius David

Source :

AWM 237 (65) Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 326, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DS675
Radio call sign:	KO – E
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DS675 took off from RAF Little Snoring at 1918 hours on the night of 22/23rd September 1943, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 409216 FO O'Farrell, P T Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 416812 Flt Sgt C D Ward, (2nd Pilot) *
RAF Sgt D L Cowling, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF PO Pipe, K A S (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D P Heath, (Air Bomber)
RNZAF PO Fuggle, R DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H D Bean, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RNZAF WO L M Goldsmith, (Rear Gunner)

* On strength of 1678 Conversion Flight.

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter. Six of the crew were killed and PO Pipe and Sgt Heath were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

PO Pipe later reported "On the night of 22/23rd September 1943, DS 675 was attacked but the gunner managed to beat it off. I spoke over the inter-com to WO Goldsmith congratulating him on his action, in fact all members spoke to each other. Later we were attacked again and one of the engines made unserviceable. I called up Goldsmith but received no reply but I heard very faintly Sgt Cowling who was at the flare hatch at the back of the aircraft He said he would ascertain if Goldsmith was OK. I also received no reply from the mid upper gunner. Soon after we were attacked again and the aircraft was raked from the front to the rear position, after which the Captain ordered abandon. I went up to PO Fuggle the WAG to go up to our bale out position, when I was suddenly flung forward. I found myself on the forward escape hatch. As I was lying on the hatch I saw the pilot start to leave his seat. I then baled out followed by Sgt Heath. I did not notice anyone else leave the aircraft on the way down. I landed a short distance from the aircraft. Later I saw Sgt Heath and he told me that the second pilot had baled out before us, but neither of us knew his fate. Sgt Heath told me that when he left the aircraft was at a very low altitude and it is very impossible that the Captain escaped from the aircraft before it crashed. I did not know the fate of any other member of the crew."

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404518 Pilot Officer WELLER, John Allan

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/34/155 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 56, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X3341
Radio call sign:	KO – W
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3341 took off from RAF Marham at 1953 hours on the night of 28/29th
March 1942, detailed to bomb Lubeck, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 404518 PO Weller, J A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W Ballard, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 401517 FO Maher, J B (Observer)
RAF Sgt B Lawrence, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H L Suckling, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P Wilson, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ the aircraft crashed in a wood at Klecken,
2 miles south west of Hamburg.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Becklingen Wear cemetery, Locality
Soltau Niedersachsen, Germany. The cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side
of the road from Hamburg to Hanover.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

28031 Flight Sergeant WOOD, William Kenneth

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/208 Micro Film No 463 AFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 95, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 729
Radio call sign:	A4 – B
Unit:	ATTD 115 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL729 took off from RAF Wistchford at 0017 hours on the night of 20/21st February 1944, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. When homebound from the mission the aircraft crashed at 0645 hours at Shillington, 11 miles SSE of Bedford, UK. The aircraft was observed circling in the vicinity of Shillington go into a spin and crash at high speed. All the crew were killed in the crash.

Crew :

RAAF 28031 Flt Sgt W K Wood, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C R Batchelor, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423326 Flt Sgt J H Paton, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G Hulley, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R Melton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F E Hosgood, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W V L Edwards, (Rear Gunner)

Both Flt Sgt's Wood and Paton are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery
Sgt Batchelor is buried in the Rugby (Hillmorton) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Hulley is buried in the Ashton-under-Lyne (Hurst) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Melton is buried in the South Collingham (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Hosgood is buried in the Ford park (formerly Plymouth Old Cemetery) Pennycomequick, UK.
Sgt Edwards is buried in the Ludgershall (St James) Churchyard, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

406240 Warrant Officer EDDY, Albert George

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/15
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 117 SQN RAF

Summary:

WO Eddy (Pilot) was killed when the Hudson aircraft he was flying crashed at 4.30am on 5th February 1943, during a take off at El Adem on a flight to Malta. No other information is available on the above RAAF Casualty file held at Archives.

WO Eddy is buried in the Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya. Tobruk is a sea port on the Mediterranean coast. Leaving the port of Tobruk on the main toad to Alexandria, the Cemetery is located about 7kms inland, set back about 100 metres along an access track branching from the left side of the road, and clearly visible from the road.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

405112 Flight Sergeant THIELE, Roy Christian

Source

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/5

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	FK 389
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 117 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hudson FK389 on a daytime operational flight on 27th December 1942, was leading a convoy of Hurricane aircraft to fly from the Middle East to Tunisia. During the flight the Hudson inadvertently approached a drome in Tunis occupied by an American (P40) Fighter Squadron, and the Hudson was shot down by an American aerodrome patrol which failed to identify the Hudson as a friendly aircraft. All on board FK389 were killed.

Crew :

RAF FO Popplestone, C L W Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 405112 Flt Sgt R C Thiele, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt A A J Mills, (Observer)
RAF Sgt W J Pye, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T Holliday, (Rigger)

The five on board the aircraft are buried in the Enfidaville War Cemetery, Tunisia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403896 Pilot Officer BEER, Allan John

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/116
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	W 3429
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 118 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire W3429 on a daytime operational flight on 10th April 1943, was one of four Spitfires of B Flight detailed to attack barge concentrations at Zand. Intense light flak was encountered and the engine of W3429 was hit and seen to be on fire. He glided towards a field but shortly after the aircraft was seen to be burning in two distinct fires 25 yards apart. The aircraft had exploded in landing.

Crew :

RAAF 403896 PO Beer, A J (Pilot)

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404892 Sergeant BUETTEL, Keith Edward

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/9/163 (Digitised)
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	AA 740
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 118 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire AA740 flown by Sgt Buettel and Spitfire W3832 flown by Sgt Mathers, (RAF), both members of 118 Sqn RAF, collided in the air at 1345 hours on 11th February 1942, and crashed at Farley, near Salisbury, Wiltshire, UK. Both the pilots were killed.

Crew : AA740

RAAF 404892 Sgt K E Buettel, (Pilot)

Both are buried at the Ringwood Cemetery, Hampshire, UK. The cemetery is south east of Ringwood.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404249 Sergeant KERR, Harry Caldwell

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/132/134

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 118 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 29th January 1942, a Spitfire flown by Sgt Kerr took part in an attack on an enemy target in occupied territory. On reaching the French coast the formation climbed to the cloud base and then flew inland over a fishing village Port en Bassam. Ack-ack fire was encountered and the formation kept wide of the village and reached its objective where a successful attack was carried out.

About 30miles on the return journey and over the sea Sgt Kerr's aircraft was seen to be lagging behind. One of his comrades went back and could see that Kerr was in difficulties. His helmet was half off and he was pointing his thumbs down. He continued to maintain position for about a minute longer, gave a radio signal which was not understood, then climbed jerkily. His aircraft lost speed, emitted puffs of black smoke, and dived into the sea. When at about 500 feet Kerr baled out. The chute opened and he alighted on the water. The location was reported and the other aircraft circled the spot for about 15 minutes when fuel became low and the formation had to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 404249 Sgt H C Kerr, (Pilot)

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402145 Flying Officer WOOD, Allan Henry

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/64/148

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	AL 558
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 120 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 4th May 1942 FO Wood flying Liberator AL558 was authorised to carry out a solo local night flying exercise from Nutts Corner, Northern Belfast. The aircraft crashed during the exercise about 5 miles from the drome.

Crew :

RAAF	402145 FO Wood, A H Captain (Pilot)	(Seriously injured)
RAAF	402336 Sgt D W Alexander.	(Seriously injured)
RAF	Sgt J F Goodger, (1 st Wireless Air Gunner)	(Fatal)
RAF	Cpl S J O'Reilly, (Fitter)	(Slightly injured)

In a Report on a Flying Accident it was found “ there as an error of judgement on the part of the pilot in that he made the down wind leg of his circuit too long, so that when he turned cross wind he hit Divis Hill.’ It was recommended that a beacon be placed on Divis Hill. This had previously been recommended by the Squadron.

FO Wood who had been reclassified as ‘dangerously ill’ was transferred to the RAF Officers at Torquay, UK. In an enemy air raid at Torquay on 25th October 1942, the hospital was directly hit by an HE bomb and FO Wood a patient at the hospital was killed. He is buried at the Torquay Cemetery, Devonshire,UK.

Sgt Alexander (RAAF) who was seriously injured in the above crash survived the war.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

419900 Flight Sergeant ELLIOTT, Frank Burton

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/236 (Digitised)
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mustang
Serial number:	FX 989
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 122 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mustang FX989 took off from RAF Andrews Field, Drintree Essex, UK, at 1400 hours on the 7th February 1945, flying as "Gander 6" in FX989, on a Wing Fighter Group (Rodeo 413), led by Sqn Ldr Hearge, to sweep the Munster/Leipzig area.

Owing to adverse weather conditions the Sweep was abandoned in the Munster area. Flt Sgt Elliott was heard over the R/T to say that he was returning to England: after leaving the main formation FX989 exploded in the air at approx 1500 hours, and the wreckage was scattered over the Ansonghamm area. Flt Sgt Elliott was killed by the accident, and an investigation has been ordered by Hqrs No 11 Group.

Crew(Sgd) T Colin Hamilton, 11 Group.Committee.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402856 Sergeant HUTTON, Gordon William

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/124/96

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	BL 251
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 122 SQN RAF

Summary:

On an operational flight on 5th December 1941, Sgt Hutton took off at 0845 hours from RAF Station Catterick, Yorkshire, UK, flying Spitfire BL251 as Blue 2.

PO R E Hardy (RAF) who was flying as Blue 1 reported :

“Upon arrival at Thornaby, I judge the cloud base to be at 1000 feet. I considered the conditions to be unfit for operations by two aircraft and decided to return to Scorton as I had been told to do if I disliked the weather. I could not see Middlesborough or its obstructions and accordingly turned to starboard height 1000 feet and was forced to fly into some rather dense cloud (time approx 0900). I commenced a rate one half turn by instruments at 200mph. I looked up to see how Blue 2 was faring and saw him sliding into me from above. I avoided him and straightened up alongside. I commenced to turn again and after a few seconds saw his near port wing go up and Blue 2 again slid towards me. I avoided him by depressing my nose and he continued to slide to port. He disappeared in cloud and I saw him no more.”

BL251 crashed at Upsall Mill Farm near Guisborg,UK, and Sgt Hutton was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 402856 Sgt G W Hutton, (Pilot)

In a later Report of a Flying Accident the CO of the Sqn stated “ The pilot lost control in cloud, failed to transfer to instruments successfully and had insufficient height to recover”.

Sgt Hutton is buried at Catterick Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK. Catterick a village is in the North Riding is five miles south east of Richmond., and 240 miles north east of London on the main road north.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413004 Flight Sergeant MORSHEAD, Leslie Ernest

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/92

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	AB 503
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 124 SQN RAF

Summary:

On the morning of the 3rd June 1943, at 1015 hours a Section of three Spitfires were authorised to carry out a daytime non-operational exercise of cloud flying. Flt Sgt Morshead was flying as No 2, No 3 was Sgt Kelly and WO G E Nowell No 1.

The lower cloud base was 1500 feet and 700 feet, the upper cloud variable in thickness between 500 feet and 7000 feet. I took the Section through the lower cloud on a set course in Vic formation. Then put the Section in Line Astern and climbed through the upper cloud, and did the rate three turns before again climbing out. Nos 2 and 3 were still with me. I climbed to 8000 feet approximately over Sawbridge, turned last in a shallow dive and levelled out to enter a 'tower' of cumulus about one mile diameter. On emerging I turned my aircraft to check the positions of No 2 and No 3. There was only one aircraft to be seen, No 3. I called No 2 and received no reply. I got Mastiff to try and contact No 2 but there was no reply On turning my aircraft after emerging from cloud the only aircraft in sight was No 3." . .

Crew :

RAAF 413004 Flt Sgt L E Morshead, (Pilot)

Spitfire AB503 crashed at the northern edge of Sawbridge Worth drome

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413998 Pilot Officer HINTEN, Lachlan Douglas

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/687 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	NH 397
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 126 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire NH397 flown by PO Hinten was “Spare” on a daytime offensive sweep by the Squadron on 1st August 1944, and according to normal procedure NH397 left the formation half way across the Channel. As the weather was non operational at Harrowbeer, NH397 was homed towards Exeter under full R/T control. The pilot was last heard from near Totnes, saying that he was “popeys” Later it was reported that the aircraft had dived into the ground. NH397 exploded on impact and was extensively burnt. An eye witness stated that the aircraft spun into the ground after circling.

The aircraft crashed at 1604 hours on 1st August 1944 at Churchland Green near Totnes, Devon, about 15 miles SSE of Plymouth, UK and the pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 413998 PO Hinten, L D (Pilot)

PO Hinten is buried in the Bath (Haycombe) Cemetery, Bath, UK.

In his remarks on a Report on the above Flying accident, Wg Cdr Butterworth (RAF) Station Commander RAF Harrowbeer, stated “ The pilot appeared to be quite happy under Exeter Flying Control R/T. After being told to climb to 3000 feet he went into cloud, and was later seen by eye witnesses to come out of cloud do a slight turn before diving into the ground with the aircraft exploding on impact. I make no recommendations until the Investigation into this fatal accident, as ordered by HQ 10 Group is completed.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400150 Pilot Officer MAYALL, John Milburn

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/422/311 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	Z 2819
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 126 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hurricane Z2819 flown by PO Mayall scrambled to intercept enemy aircraft on 10th March 1942. The aircraft was shot down and crashed near the Elementary School, Attard, at approx 10.50am local time. PO Mayall was killed, the aircraft being burnt out and a total loss.

Crew :

RAAF 400150 PO Mayall, J M (Pilot)

PO Mayall is buried in the Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery, Malta. The Cemetery is about 2kms south east of Rinella, a bay and hamlet opposite Valletta, across the mouth of the Grand Harbour and on the southern outskirts of the village of Kalkara.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

416688 Pilot Officer MCFADYEN, James Joseph Alexander

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/704 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	MK 418
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 126 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire MK418 flown by PO McFadyen took off from RAF Station Bantwaters, near Woodbridge Suffolk, on the 8th December 1944, along with other aircraft from the Squadron on an operational flight over enemy territory.

The Squadron was operating in extremely bad weather conditions, and while MK418 was trying to return to the Squadron's base in England the aircraft was shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire from Dunkirk. It appears that the pilot tried to force land his aircraft, but it crashed in a wood at Eggewaertscrapell near Veurne, Holland, at approx 1530 hours on 8th December 1944. The pilot was killed in the crash.

Crew :

RAAF 416688 PO McFadyen, J J A (Pilot)

PO McFadyen is buried in the Veurne Communal Cemetery Extension, Belgium. The cemetery is located in the north east District of the town of Veurne itself.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

420263 Flying Officer PORTER, John Robert Byron

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/221

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	NH 406
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 126 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 14th September 1944, Spitfire NH406 crashed when landing RAF Station Cottishall, at 1515 hours in the day. The aircraft hit some obstruction on the east side of the perimeter track, turned over, broke up and caught fire. The aircraft appeared to be landing at too fast a speed and was unable to stop before it hit the obstruction. He pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 420263 FOPorter, J R B (Pilot)

PO Porter was privately buried at Blackpool (Carleton) Cemetery, Poulton-le-Fylde, UK. The cemetery is about 5 miles in land on the north eastern side of Blackpool.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403317 Pilot Officer BELL, Colin Douglas

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/56/699 Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	PD 326
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 127 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire PD326 along with other aircraft from the Squadron was detailed on 11th September 1944 to carry out an armed reconnaissance attack on shipping between Flushing (Holland) and Brwskins. PD326 was flying as Yellow 1. Very heavy flak was encountered and as a large splash in the water was seen by Yellow 2 as he pulled away, it was thought to have been caused by the crashing of PD326.

Crew :

RAAF 403317 PO Bell, C D (Pilot)

PO Bell's body was washed ashore at De Haan, 3 miles north east of Ostend, Belgium, at approx 1010 hours on the 10th October 1944. He is buried in the Oostende New Communal Cemetery, Belgium. The Cemetery is located in the town of Oostende on the Stuverstraat, a road leading from the R31 Elisabethlaan..

Sqn Ldr Bradley (RAF) the Officer Commanding 127 Sqn in a letter to PO Bell's father dated 15th September 1944 stated :."Dinger" had been with the Squadron for a long period and in that time he has made himself indispensable and a fine fighter pilot.; he has always been an asset to me in 123 Squadron in the Persian and Iraq Forces and later in the Western Desert: he returned to England with this Squadron and has remained withy us in France." (Page 37 above Digitised refers)

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

419636 Flight Sergeant BUNDARA, Colin Royal

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/960 (Digitised)
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 127QN RAF

Summary:

Flt Sgt Bundara (Pilot) trod on an enemy mine on 17th February 1945 at Woensdrecht Air Field, Holland, 15 miles north west of Antwerp, Belgium. He was injured to the right foot and leg and was dangerously ill.

He died of his injuries on 18th February 1945, and is buried in the Bergen-Op-Zoom Canadian War Cemetery, Bergen-op-Zoom is a town in the Dutch province of Noord-Brabant, Netherlands and is 40kms north west of Antwerp (Belgium). The Bergen-op-Zoom War Cemetery and the Bergen-op-Zoom Canadian War Cemetery are almost next to one another, 3kms west east of the town centre.

In a letter from Sqn Ldr Lister, CO of 127 Sqn RAF to Flt Sgt Bundara's parents dated 25th February 1945 he wrote " Your son's death was a great shock to us all as he was a very popular member of the Squadron. The circumstances leading to the accident were most unfortunate and I am sorry to say due to his own fault. The aerodrome on which we were stationed was heavily mined by the Germans before they left although all roads were cleared by the Army the surrounding woods were not, and all personnel were warned to this effect. Another Sgt Pilot (Simpson by name) who was with Colin tells me that Colin had been in the wood before and warned him about booby traps and after going a short way Simpson said it was foolish to go any further and advised going back which he did. Shortly after doing this he heard a bang and saw Colin coming after him with an injured right leg. He was admitted to an RAF Hospital and spent a restful night.

I visited the hospital the next day and talked to the head surgeon who said that at six o'clock in the morning he was doing very well and everyone was hoping for a speedy recovery but at 1 o'clock he had a serious relapse and in spite of all efforts he failed to rally,"

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404979 Flying Officer LLOYD, Richard Owen

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/259 (Digitised)
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	RK 861
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 127 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire RK861 flown by FO Lloyd, on the afternoon of 3rd November 1944, was flying as Blue 1 on a bombing and strafing mission on gun positions near the village of Klemdort in Holland.

RK861 was hit on the run into the target, and the aircraft headed back towards our lines followed by Blue 2. Having reached a position 10 miles west of Pilbur, FO Lloyd attempted a forced landing in a field. On his approach the aircraft struck a tree tearing off one wing, the fuselage rolled over several times, the aircraft broke up and the pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 404979 FO Lloyd, R O (Pilot)

FO Lloyd is buried in the Leopoldsburg War Cemetery, Locality Leopoldsburg, Limburg, Belgium. Leopoldsburg is located 58 kms north-east of Leuven on the N73.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400266 Flying Officer McDONELL, John Paterson

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/217 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	KZ 440
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 127 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hurricane KZ440 flown by FO McDonell was engaged on the afternoon of 27th August 1943, on a Light A.A Cooperation flight which called for low altitude flying, when the aircraft crashed at 2.40pm and the pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 400266 FO McDonell, J P (Pilot)

FO McDonell is buried in the Kyayat Beach War Cemetery, Israel. The Cemetery is located 5ksm from Haifa on the Tel Aviv highway.

The findings of a Court of Inquiry into the accident were as follows :

“ The pilot approached within about 2000 yards of the area at 1000 feet to make sure that the land-site balloons were close-hauled. He then carried out a low level attack. He approached the gun sites from the north west flying straight towards the hills which rise to 600 feet within 800 yards of the nearest gun site and which have overhead cables on pylons 40 feet high about 2/3rds of their way up. He was flying at 100-150 feet. When very close to the hill he pulled up suddenly into an almost vertical climb and appears to have stalled and crashed. The aircraft burst into flames when it hit the ground, and the pilot must have been killed instantly.”

In the opinion of the Court the main causes of the accident were :

“Carelessness on the part of the pilot in that he failed to reconnoitre sufficiently the area over which he was going to carry out very low level flying.

An error of judgement on the part of the pilot in that he did not start climbing early enough when approaching the hill with overhead wires running across it and when he did climb he did so so steeply as to stall the aircraft.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402889 Sergeant STODDART, Robert Brian

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/163/559

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	BN 110
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 127 SQN RAF

Summary:

On the 26th October 1942, Hurricane BN110 was one of 12 aircraft from the Squadron detailed to carry out a sweep of the northern landing ground in North Africa. Aircraft from No 333 Hellenic Sqn aircraft were acting as top cover. Enemy aircraft were sighted but no engagement took place. As the formation returned to base at the conclusion of the patrol other pilots observed BN110 lagging behind the last flight. BN110 crashed 3 miles north east of the base at 4pm on 26th October 1942.

Crew :

RAAF 402889 Sgt R B Stoddart, (Pilot)

Sgt Stoddart is buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Alamein is a village by passed by the main coast road, approximately 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

432482 Flight Sergeant CASEY, Allan James

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/797 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	PF 404
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 128 SQN RAF

Summary

Mosquito PF404 took off from RAF Wyton Huntingdon, on 14th/15th January 1945, detailed to bomb Berlin, Germany. PF404 was laden with 697 gals of fuel and 1 x 4000lb bomb Nothing abnormal was noticed about the take off. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it was presumed missing until a farmer found it on his land about 1400 hours the following day. The aircraft had crashed soon after take off as it still had on its full fuel tanks and the unexploded bomb. Both the crew had been killed..

Crew:

RAF FO Adam, T J S Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 432482 Flt Sgt A J Casey, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)

Both the crew are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

A report of the Flying Accident stated : "The Incident occurred on take off with 4000lb bomb and full petrol load, on a dark night. MK 1 airfield lighting in use. The aircraft was seen to take off and climb satisfactorily. The cause of the accident is being examined."

In his remarks on the accident, the C.T.O, RAF Station Wyton stated : "Aircraft examined. I have not established the reason for the aircraft flying into the ground nor have I found any evidence of failure of engines or airframe. This accident is the subject of an investigation by the Accident Investigating Officer of HQ No (PFF) Group and at his request the starboard engine is being made the subject of Form 1022 action so as to establish whether this engine was failing to deliver full power at the time the aircraft crashed."

The investigation into the cause of the accident by HQ No (PFF) Group found "The only clue to the cause of this accident was the condition of the starboard propeller, the blades of which were bent backwards, while those of the port propeller were bent forward. It is considered that loss of power in the starboard engine immediately after take off was the cause of this accident."

The Squadron Commanding Officer of 128 Sqn (RAF), Wg Cdr Burrough (RAF) in a letter of 15th January 1945 to PO Adam's father stated : " Both had been with the Squadron for eight weeks and during that time had completed 19 operations together. They were a very sound crew and could be relied on to do their work in a most efficient manner."

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409918 Flight Lieutenant HEITMAN, Alan Walter

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/957

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 128 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 15th January 1945, a Mosquito aircraft flown by Flt Lt Heitman made several attempts to land after returning from an operational sortie over Berlin. The weather was too bad on his last attempt when almost out of petrol. The Navigator reported that they hit something when a couple of miles from the drome. They flew on and actually touched down on the drome but the pilot reported on VHF that the throttles had jammed open and he had to take off again. Owing to an extreme shortage of fuel he was instructed to bale out. He then reported he was on fire and the Navigator who successfully baled out from 1500 feet, but was slightly injured, reported that large yellow flames were coming from the starboard exhaust and it lit up the cockpit. No other flames were visible. As soon as the Navigator baled out the Pilot reported that the aircraft was out of control and the aircraft crashed with the pilot still inside. The Navigator said that the aircraft had behaved OK throughout the sortie. “

The aircraft crashed south of Chatteris, UK, and the pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 409918 Flt Lt Heitman, A W Captain (Pilot)

RAF PO Gould, (Navigator)

Flt Lt Heitman is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409062 Flying Officer McNULTY, Neville Milne

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/824

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	PF 451
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 128 SQN RAF

Summary:

On the night of 27/28th February 1945, Mosquito PF451 took off for operations against Berlin. According to the Navigator the port engine began “flaring with exhaust stubs”. The engine was feathered and Magdeburg was bombed instead. At 2012 hours the aircraft set course for base. The Pilot homed to Woodbridge and reported that he was unable to lower the undercarriage. He then left the circuit and made a very low and fast run across RAF Rattleden drome. He approached again very fast and so close to the funnels that a steep turn was necessary to line up on the runway. The aircraft missed the runway and flew slowly across the field and stalled into the ground striking with the starboard wing and then caught fire. The pilot was killed and the navigator survived the crash.

Crew :

RAAF 409062 FO McNulty, N M Captain (Pilot)

RCAF FO Maconachie, J R A (Navigator Bomb Aimer)

FO McNulty is buried in the

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

419777 Flight Lieutenant WOOD, James Knox

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/229 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	MM 199
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 128 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito MM199 took off from RAF Station Wyton Huntingdon, at 1800 hours on the 4th February 1945, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 419777 Flt Lt Wood, J K Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Poole, R, (Navigator)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “The aircraft was hit by ack-ack fire and crashed half a mile south of the village of Benthe on 4th February 1945. Benthe is approx 6 miles south west of Hanover.

Both the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hannover, Niedersaschen, Germany.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

405864 Flying Officer MACKAY, John Duncan

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26 /235 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	MH 442
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 129 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire MH442 took off from RAF Station Hornchurch, Essex, UK on 6th September 1943, as Blue 4 on a Ramrod operational exercise. The pilot of Spitfire Blue 2 on the same mission later reported as follows :”I am flying Blue 2. Several FW190’s dived across our path from the right to left and I called up on the RT saying ‘Blue 2 going down’.. I was followed by Blue 4..

The Wg Cmd called up and told us to look after the bombers and as the enemy aircraft turned away from their attack and dived inland, I decided not to follow, being then at 10,000 feet. I turned sharply left and climbed up in a spiral turn followed by Blue 4. At about 15,000 feet Blue 4 came up into line abreast and we continued to climb up sun,

Soon after at about 18,000 feet, I saw six FW190’s diving on us from above about 7 o’clock. We broke left and continued to climb. The enemy aircraft broke upwards under us and made another attack from the right . We broke right and I saw one of the FW190’s appear to overshoot Blue 4 and rammed into his tail. The FW190 broke into pieces and Blue 4 went down in an inverted spin with the whole tail unit missing. I succeeded in out climbing the enemy aircraft and joined some other Spitfires”

Crew :

RAAF 405864 FO Mackay, J D (Pilot)

FO Mackay is buried in the St Pierre Cemetery, Amiens, France. The cemetery is on the north eastern outskirts of Amiens.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

401077 Pilot Officer McLaren James

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/47/94 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	BL 285
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 129 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 12th December 1941, Spitfire BL285 flown by PO McLean crashed at 1200 hours four miles east of Thames, UK. The accident occurred when the aircraft spun following a steep turn at 2000 feet, and the pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 401077 PO McLaren, J (Pilot)

PO McLaren is buried in the Saffron Walden Cemetery, Essex, UK Saffron Walden is a municipal borough, market town and parish on the Eats Anglian heights, 12 miles north east of Bishops Stortford and about 50 miles by rail north east of London.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

418145 Warrant Officer MILLER, Alister Donald

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/903 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	NH 691
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 130 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire NH691 took off at 0715 hours on the 27th April 1945, together with 3 other aircraft from the Squadron, to carry out an armed recce of the Parakin-Vlmey area, Germany. At 1820 hours while attacking transport, the Bombing Leader sighted a JU188, flying at zero feet. The section immediately gave chase and attacked the enemy aircraft from astern. WO Miller on making his attack, broke off to starboard exposing the underside of his aircraft to the fire of the top gunner of the JU188, who obtained strikes on the Spitfire. WO Miller's aircraft was seen to skid into the ground and explode. The height of the combat at the time was about 20 to 50 feet. The Pilot did not bale out and he was reported "Missing believed killed".

Crew :

RAAF 418145 WO A D Miller, (Pilot)

A report by a Missing Research and Enquiry team stated " The aircraft was shot down by a German fighter and crashed on the western outskirts of Siggelkow on 27th April 1945. The village of Siggelkow is situated approx 27 miles south east of Schwerin, Germany.

WO Miller is buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414286 Flight Lieutenant WILSON, Donald John

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/261 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	RM 749
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 130 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 8th December 1944 Spitfire RM749 took off at 1430 hours as part of a six aircraft formation detailed to carry out and armed recce and fighter sweep in the Munster area. While attacking a train the Squadron sighted approx 20 ME109's and FW190's. In the ensuing engagement, Flt Lt Wilson over the RT said he had been hit and asked for a homing vector which was given. A few minutes later at 1510 hours he again stated he had been badly hit and was 'going to go down'. At this time the aircraft was north west of Bergensteinfurt. Nothing further was heard from Flt Lt Wilson.

Crew :

RAAF 414286 Flt Lt Wilson, D J (Pilot)

In a letter to Flt Lt Wilson's father on the above A705 RAAF Casualty file held at Archives it was stated " Your son survived the aircraft crash on 8th December 1944 but is believed to have been taken prisoner, and to have lost his life on 10/12/1944. The circumstances of his death are subject to investigation by the Allied War Crimes Tribunal. Your son's body was found near the bank of the Ems river not far from Rheine airfield, Germany, in circumstances which indicate his death was not due to any injury he might have received when the aircraft crashed."

Flt Lt Wilson is buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402962 Segeant METCALFE, Horace Albert

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/143/56 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	P 7746
Radio call sign:	ZN -
Unit:	ATTD 131 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 7th December 1941, Spitfire P7746 flown by Sgt Metcalfe, took off from RAF Station Atcham at 1045 hours, as part of a formation of six aircraft detailed to carry out a camera gun and formation flying exercise.

In a Report on a Flying Accident it was stated ;

” Flt Lt Doll had authorised the flight after having carried out a weather test and said it was suitable. After 45 minutes formation flying Flt Lt Doll saw a snow storm rapidly approaching the drome. He put all the aircraft in line astern and told them to follow him in. Four of the aircraft were safely down and he saw P7746 flown by Sgt Metcalfe make a heavy landing and start to go round again. Shortly after a fifth aircraft landed safely and Doll informed operations that there was still one pilot airborne. Doll had received no warning from the Met Office of snow storms that morning. The storm in question lasted about one quarter of an hour.”

In its findings the Report found, “It was the inexperience of the Pilot in that he could have landed at his first attempt. He was flying at 300 feet in close proximity to The Wreckin.”

Later the aircraft was seen to crash through some trees in a wood on the side of The Wreckin at a height of 3/400 feet. A heavy snow storm was raging and the aircraft struck the ground and caught fire Doll had received no warning from the Met Office concerning snow storms that morning. The snow storm lasted about a quarter of an hour.

The aircraft crashed at Rushton Cottage, The Wreckin near the town of Wellington Salop, and the pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 402962 Sgt H A Metcalfe, (Pilot)

Sgt Metcalfe is buried in the Atcham (St Eata) Churchyard, Shropshire, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400817 Flying Officer McRAE, Malcolm Arthur

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/30 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	BM 947
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 135 SQN RAF

Summary:

The following is the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry on a fatal accident on 7th January 1943, involving Hurricane BM947 flown by FO McRae.

“ The accident took place at 1805 hours on 7/1/1943 at Dum Dum drome in Calcutta. The CO of 135 Sqn said that McRae was an extremely good pilot and was engaged at the time in flying the Hurricane from No 10 R & SU Red Road to Dum Dum. The aircraft had just undergone a 240 hourly inspection necessitating an engine change, a change of both main planes, and a repair to the top starboard longeron. Since the completion of the inspection the plane had flown 2 hours in five flights.

On coming in to land and when at a height of about 80 feet, flames were observed from the exhaust ports and just before the aircraft touched down when whole nose of the aircraft burst into flame. The Pilot was seen to make an effort to get out, but was overcome.”

The findings of the Court were :

Primary cause : The primary cause was the failure of the rubber coolant hose between the header tank and the port glycol rail.

Secondary cause : The above failure caused glycol vapour to collect inside the engine cowling and cockpit. The vapour ignited prior to the aircraft touching down and the fire extended as the aircraft ran along the ground.”. :

Crew :

RAAF 400817 FO McRae, M A (Pilot)

FO McRae is buried in the Calcutta (Bhowanupore) Cemetery, India.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413627 Flying Officer MANFRED, Noel John Marsden

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/641 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	MN 191
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 137 SQN RAF

Summary:

FO Manfred in Typhoon MN191 was flying Blue 2 in a formation of aircraft from the Squadron, detailed to carry out an armed recce in the area of Sittard-Heidelberg, Germany. The formation took off from B78 airfield at 1120 hours and details of the flight are given by Blue 3 who states as follows : “ ON 18/11/44 I was flying Blue 3 in a formation of 6 aircraft to carry out an armed recce of the Sittard-Heidelberg area and the formation leader Red 1 instructed the formation to attack the target”. (ie. Randerath north west of Cologne when accurate and rather heavy flak was experienced).

“ I attacked immediately behind Blue 2 (Manfred) and I saw him fire his rockets. I waited for him to pull out of his dive before I fired as he was fairly near me, and as soon as he commenced to pull out and was clear of my sight, I concentrated on the target firing my cannons and rockets. I pulled out steeply, opening up my throttle as I did so and climbed, turning first to starboard and then to port to avoid being hit. As I turned to port still climbing I saw three aircraft above and in front and I thought Blue 2 must either be below or to one side, blanketed by my wings. I joined up with Blue 1, who called up Blue 2, enquiring of his whereabouts, and there was no reply. I called up Blue 4 and was informed by Control he was OK and operating on a different Channel. I then called Blue 2 and there was still no reply. After the attack several pilots, including myself, looked back at the village to assess the damage and locate the position of the ack-ack defences., but no separate fire was seen, nor was FO Manfred seen to be hit during the attack..”

Crew :

RAAF 413627 FO Manfred, N J M (Pilot)

FO Manfred lost his life on 18th November 1944, and is buried in the Hotton War Cemetery, Locality Hotton, Luxembourg, Belgium. Hotton is located south of Liege on the N86.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403528 Flying Officer MUSGRAVE, Edward Lancelot, DFC

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, (Digitised)
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Whirlwind
Serial number:	P 7063
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 137 SQN RAF

Summary:

Whirlwind P7063 flown by FO Musgrave took off from RAF Manston at 0110am hours on the 18th May 1943, to attack shipping off Graveslines, France. He was vectored under 'Swingate Control' until shipping was sighted. He then attacked with bombs. At 0132 hours he reported by R/T that he was about to make a second attack. Nothing further was heard from the pilot neither was there any further plot of the operation.

Crew :

RAAF 403528 FO Musgrave, E L DFC (Pilot)

FO Musgrave lost his life on the above mission and he is buried in the Pihen-Les Guines War Cemetery, France. Pihen-Les Guines is a village 10kms south west of Calais and about 3kms east of the main road from Calais to Boulogne.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to FO Musgrave is as follows

"This officer has taken part in a large number of operational missions. In attacks on the enemy's communications in Northern France and Belgium he has damaged seven locomotives.

One night in February 1943, he took off to search for a particular merchant escorted by 5 armed ships reported to be in the Channel. Although the night was very dark FO Musgrave sighted the vessel sailing close into the shore south of Boulogne. Skilfully approaching the merchant vessel he flew into attack but was frustrated by heavy fire from the coastal defences. Despite this he persisted and after diving through searchlights from the shore he attacked his objective, releasing bombs from a low level. Although his aircraft was damaged from the opposing fire from ships he flew in safely to his base. FO Musgrave displayed great courage, skill and determination in the execution of his task." (G H File RAAF 1A refers. Also copy of above DFC on the members Service record file held at Archives file A9300, Barcode 5251448 which is open and Digitised.)

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

436598 Flight Sergeant ASHTON, Robert Alexander

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/105 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 408, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 503
Radio call sign:	MF – P
Unit:	ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ503 took off from RAF Tempsford at 2200 hours on the night of 30th
August/1st September 1944, detailed to carry out an SOE operation Bob325.
The aircraft set course for France, but encountered a violent electrical storm during which
the aircraft clipped the tops of hills at Lombard (Doubs), a village approx 8kms north east
of Arc-et-Senans. All eight on board the aircraft were killed in the crash.

Crew :RAAF 415649 FO Hardie, R B Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G McP Jack, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 427160 Flt Sgt M Stanley, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J C Alexander, (2nd Navigator)
RAAF 422658 Flt Sgt G W McLeod, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424554 Flt Sgt N E Barnes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 432172 Flt Sgt S J Hayes, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 436598 Flt Sgt R A Ashton, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Arc-et-Senans Communal Cemetery, France.
Arc-et-Senans is a village and commune in the Department of the Doubs, some 30kms
south west of Besancon the chief town of the Department. The eight crew members are
the only WW11 Commonwealth fatalities in the cemetery.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

41779 Warrant Officer BAGSHAW, Graham Morris

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301, Barcode 4594470 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 163, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	RF 143
Radio call sign:	NF – O
Unit:	ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster RF143 took off from RAF Tuddenham at 1813 hours on the night of 14/15th
April 1945,detailed to bomb Potsdam, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Horsaman, G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt S Larcombe, (2nd Pilot)
RAF FO Williams, V R M (Navigator)
RAF FO Neve, J A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 41779 WO G M Bagshaw, (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt T A Cotter, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H V Stokes, (Air Gunner)

During the mission the aircraft was coned by searchlights and shot down by a night
fighter. Six of the crew were killed and FO Neve survived the crash and was safe.
Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

424554 Flight Sergeant BARNES, Nowman Edward

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/105 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 408, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 503
Radio call sign:	MF – P
Unit:	ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ503 took off from RAF Tempsford at 2200 hours on the night of 30th
August/1st September 1944, detailed to carry out an SOE operation Bob325.
The aircraft set course for France, but encountered a violent electrical storm during which
the aircraft clipped the tops of hills at Lombard (Doubs), a village approx 8kms north east
of Arc-et-Senans. All eight on board the aircraft were killed in the crash.

Crew :RAAF 415649 FO Hardie, R B Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G McP Jack, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 427160 Flt Sgt M Stanley, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J C Alexander, (2nd Navigator)
RAAF 422658 Flt Sgt G W McLeod, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424554 Flt Sgt N E Barnes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 432172 Flt Sgt S J Hayes, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 436598 Flt Sgt R A Ashton, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Arc-et-Senans Communal Cemetery, France.
Arc-et-Senans is a village and commune in the Department of the Doubs, some 30kms
south west of Besancon the chief town of the Department. The eight crew members are
the only WW11 Commonwealth fatalities in the cemetery.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

436900 Flying Officer COLLINS, George Barrowby

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/773 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 508,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	MM 190
Radio call sign:	N5 - O
Unit:	ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito MM190 took off from RAF Wyton at 1812 hours on the night of 11'12th December 1944, detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Onley, R C Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 436900 FO Collins, G B (Navigator Bombaimer)

The aircraft crashed during the mission and both the crew were killed. They are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side of the road from Hamburg to Hannover.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

410472 Pilot Officer PARDON, John Charles

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/241 166/17/614 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 250, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LL 289
Radio call sign:	NF – P
Unit:	ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LL289 took off from RAF Tempsford on the night of 1/2nd June 1944, detailed to
Cerry out an SOE operation Percy 7. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off
and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 409996 PO Hayman, D A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D A Page, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Hargreaves, D (Navigator)
RAAF 410472 PO Pardon, J C (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt A H Dickel, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Houston, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Lyall, (Rear Gunner)

Five of the crew were killed and both PO Houston and Sgt Lyall were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the Longue Communal Cemetery, France. The cemetery is in
the commune of Longue-Jumelles in the Department of Marne-et-Loire, about 15kms
north west of Samur on the N147. These five crew members are the only Commonwealth
WW2 burials in the cemetery.

Sgt Lyall a POW who was injured was returned safe to UK on 23rd September and
hospitalised. He later reported as follows : “Both PO Hayman and PO Pardon were killed
when the aircraft was shot down by German ground defences when retuning from the
mission in France. Five of the crew lost their lives and myself and the Rear Gunner
escaped.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

424752 Flight Sergeant FRENCH, Richard York

Source:

AWM 235 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/341 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Losses of the Second World
War, Page 74 Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: LK 279
Radio call sign: NF – L
Unit: ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LK279 of 138 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Tempsford, Sandy, Bedfordshire
along with other aircraft of the Squadron at 2114 hours on the night of 9/10th February
1945, to carry out Operation Tablejam 190 and the formation set course for Denmark.
Nothing was heard from Stirling LK279 after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF	417766 Flt Sgt Tucker, L S Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt Toss, G O (Navigator)
RAF	FO Mercer, G E (Air Bomber)
RAAF	424752 Flt Sgt French, R Y (Wireless Operator)
RAF	WO Bell, B J (Air Gunner)
RAF	Flt Sgt Carthew, W J (Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt Harrigan, W M (Flight Engineer)

The aircraft crashed in a blizzard over Gamborg Fiord east of Sonderskov and south of
Faend Island. All of the crew were killed.

Flt Sgt French is buried in the Fredericia Northern Cemetery Churchyard, Denmark.
Fredericia is a town on the east coast of Jutland, 88kms by rail east of Esbjerg and about
5kms from the road-rail bridge connecting Jutland with the island of Fyn.

Flt Sgt Carthew whose body was washed ashore from the Baltic on 5th June 1945 is
buried in the Middlefart Søndre Cemetery, Denmark. Middlefart is at the north west
corner of Fyn on the main railway from Copenhagen to Jutland, 240kms by rail from
Copenhagen.

The other five crew members including Flt Sgt Tucker (RAAF) have no known grave and
their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing,. Runnymede, Surrey,
UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415649 Flying Officer HARDIE, Robert Blackburn

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/105 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 408, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 503
Radio call sign:	MF – P
Unit:	ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ503 took off from RAF Tempsford at 2200 hours on the night of 30th
August/1st September 1944, detailed to carry out an SOE operation Bob325.
The aircraft set course for France, but encountered a violent electrical storm during which
the aircraft clipped the tops of hills at Lombard (Doubs), a village approx 8kms north east
of Arc-et-Senans. All eight on board the aircraft were killed in the crash.

Crew :RAAF 415649 FO Hardie, R B Captain (Pilot)

RAF Sgt G McP Jack, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 427160 Flt Sgt M Stanley, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J C Alexander, (2nd Navigator)
RAAF 422658 Flt Sgt G W McLeod, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424554 Flt Sgt N E Barnes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 432172 Flt Sgt S J Hayes, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 436598 Flt Sgt R A Ashton, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Arc-et-Senans Communal Cemetery, France.
Arc-et-Senans is a village and commune in the Department of the Doubs, some 30kms
south west of Besancon the chief town of the Department. The eight crew members are
the only WW11 Commonwealth fatalities in the cemetery.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

432172 Flight Sergeant HAYES. Stuart James

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/105 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 408, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 503
Radio call sign:	MF – P
Unit:	ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

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of Arc-et-Senans. All eight on board the aircraft were killed in the crash.

Crew :RAAF 415649 FO Hardie, R B Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G McP Jack, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 427160 Flt Sgt M Stanley, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J C Alexander, (2nd Navigator)
RAAF 422658 Flt Sgt G W McLeod, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424554 Flt Sgt N E Barnes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 432172 Flt Sgt S J Hayes, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 436598 Flt Sgt R A Ashton, (Air Gunner)

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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409996 Pilot Officer HAYMAN, Douglas Anthony.

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/241 166/17/614 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 250, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LL 289
Radio call sign:	NF – P
Unit:	ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LL289 took off from RAF Tempsford on the night of 1/2nd June 1944, detailed to
Cerry out an SOE operation Percy 7. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off
and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 409996 PO Hayman, D A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D A Page, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Hargreaves, D (Navigator)
RAAF 410472 PO Pardon, J C (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt A H Dickel, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Houston, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Lyall, (Rear Gunner)

Five of the crew were killed and both PO Houston and Sgt Lyall were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the Longue Communal Cemetery, France. The cemetery is in
the commune of Longue-Jumelles in the Department of Marne-et-Loire, about 15kms
north west of Samur on the N147. These five crew members are the only Commonwealth
WW2 burials in the cemetery.

Sgt Lyall a POW who was injured was returned safe to UK on 23rd September and
hospitalised. He later reported as follows : “Both PO Hayman and PO Pardon were killed
when the aircraft was shot down by German ground defences when retuning from the
mission in France. Five of the crew lost their lives and myself and the Rear Gunner
escaped.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

412439 Flight Sergeant HAYTER, Norman Wood

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/259 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 273, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 179
Radio call sign:	NF – F
Unit:	ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD179 took off from RAF Tempsford on the night of 17/18th August 1943, on
SOE Operation BOB 43/44, and set course for France. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 412439 Flt Sgt N W Hayter, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W S Davies (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt F Boles, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt H G Ansell, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J A Hutchinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425220 Flt Sgt A B Robinson, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G W F Duckett, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Ecorcei (Orne), France. Six of the crew were killed and one
(Sgt Davies) was injured.

Five of the crew including Flt Sgt Hayter (RAAF) and Flt Sgt Robinson (RAAF) are
buried in the Ecorcei Churchyard, France. Ecorcei is a village 44kms east of Argentan
and 6kms south west of Laigle a town on the Argentan-Vernui road.

Sgt Davies died of his injuries on 19/8/1943, and he is buried along with Sgt Hutchinson
in the Bernay (Ste-Croix) Communal Cemetery, France. Bernay is on the Rouen-Alencon
road.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

410365 Flight Lieutenant JONES, Herbert Clifford

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/154 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 266, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LL 306
Radio call sign:	NF – R
Unit:	ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax took off from RAF Tensford on the night of 7/8th June 1944, detailed to carry out Operation SIS Operation Perrywinkle and Walt 3, and the aircraft set course for France on take off. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 410365 Flt Lt Jones, H C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D J A Kemp, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt H A Monsen-Elvik, (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt D S Johnstone, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J G Chadwick, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G B C Moore, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F W Herbert, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Veauville-Les-Baons Churchyard, France. Veauville-Les-Baons is a village and commune 34kms north west of Rouen and 4kms north of Yvetot, which is a small town on the N31 bis Le Havre-Rouen road and 52kms north east of Rouen.

The seven crew members are the only Commonwealth airmen WW2 burials in the churchyard.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403144 Pilot Officer McCRAE, Frederick Charles

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/141/905 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 O T U RAF (ATTD 138 SQN)

Summary:

PO McCrae (Pilot) was admitted seriously ill to RAF Hospital Cosford on 1st December 1943. He died on 13th December 1943, and is buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, Chester, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

422658 Flight Sergeant McLEOD, Gordon Wesley.

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/105 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 408, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 503
Radio call sign:	MF – P
Unit:	ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

425736 Flight Sergeant NOTT, Reginald Lance

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/30/37 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 374, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	DT 726
Radio call sign:	NF – B
Unit:	ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax DT726 took off from RAF Tempsford at 1920 hours on the night of 3/4th
November 1943, detailed to carry out an SOE Operation John 13, and set course for
France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Hodges, H F Captain (Pilot)
USAAF Capt Estes J A (2nd Pilot)
RCAF Sgt H T Penfold, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt H Smith, (Navigator)
RAF FO Pulling, R E (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Barthelemy, J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J F Brough, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 425736 Flt Sgt R L Nott, (Air Gunner)

Seven of the crew were killed and Sgt Brough (RAF) evaded capture.

W R Chorley states that Capt Estes was buried in an American Cemetery.

The other six crew members (including Flt Sgt Nott (RAAF) are buried in the Marcols-les-Eaux Communal Cemetery, France. Marcols-les-Eaux is a rather isolated village and commune in the Department of the Ardeche, 18kms north west of Privas. The village is situated on the road from Mezilhac to St Sauveur-de-Montagut which is the main road from La Voulte-sur-Rhone to Le Cheyard. These six are the only Commonwealth WW2 airmen buried in the cemetery.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

425220 Flight Sergeant ROBINSON, Alan Blakiston

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/259 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 273, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 179
Radio call sign:	NF – F
Unit:	ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD179 took off from RAF Tempsford on the night of 17/18th August 1943, on
SOE Operation BOB 43/44, and set course for France. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 412439 Flt Sgt N W Hayter, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W S Davies (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt F Boles, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt H G Ansell, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J A Hutchinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425220 Flt Sgt A B Robinson, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G W F Duckett, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Ecorcei (Orne), France. Six of the crew were killed and one
(Sgt Davies) was injured.

Five of the crew including Flt Sgt Hayter (RAAF) and Flt Sgt Robinson (RAAF) are
buried in the Ecorcei Churchyard, France. Ecorcei is a village 44kms east of Argentan
and 6kms south west of Laigle a town on the Argentan-Vernui road.

Sgt Davies died of his injuries on 19/8/1943, and he is buried along with Sgt Hutchinson
in the Bernay (Ste-Croix) Communal Cemetery, France. Bernay is on the Rouen-Alencon
road.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

427160 Flight Sergeant STANLEY, Morris

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/105 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 408, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 503
Radio call sign:	MF – P
Unit:	ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ503 took off from RAF Tempsford at 2200 hours on the night of 30th
August/1st September 1944, detailed to carry out an SOE operation Bob325.
The aircraft set course for France, but encountered a violent electrical storm during which
the aircraft clipped the tops of hills at Lombard (Doubs), a village approx 8kms north east
of Arc-et-Senans. All eight on board the aircraft were killed in the crash.

Crew :RAAF 415649 FO Hardie, R B Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G McP Jack, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 427160 Flt Sgt M Stanley, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J C Alexander, (2nd Navigator)
RAAF 422658 Flt Sgt G W McLeod, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424554 Flt Sgt N E Barnes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 432172 Flt Sgt S J Hayes, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 436598 Flt Sgt R A Ashton, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Arc-et-Senans Communal Cemetery, France.
Arc-et-Senans is a village and commune in the Department of the Doubs, some 30kms
south west of Besancon the chief town of the Department. The eight crew members are
the only WW11 Commonwealth fatalities in the cemetery.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414741 Flight Sergeant WILLIAMSON, George Herbert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/48 , 163/43/639 Micro Film 463, OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 201 Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: LL 356
Radio call sign: NF – U
Unit: ATTD 138 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LL 356 of 138 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Tempsford, near Sandy,
Bedfordshire, on the night of 27/28th April 1944, on Operation Osric 59. The aircraft did
not return to base from the special operations mission.

Crew:

RAAF	414741 Flt Sgt Williamson, G H Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt G P Croad. (Flight Engineer)
RAF	Flt Sgt H Dootson, (Navigator)
RCAF	WO11 A J G Barnes, (Air Bomber)
RAF	Sgt H F Benbow, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF	423063 Flt Sgt Clayworth, E R (Air Gunner)
RCAF	Flt Sgt J E Smythe, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft set course for Belgium probably taking the northerly route, and it came down
into the sea off the Dutch Frisian Islands. All the crew lost their lives.

Flt Sgt Williamson's body was washed ashore on the north coast of Terschelling island
on 16th June 1944, and interred in the Terschelling (West Terschelling) General
Cemetery, Netherlands. Terschelling is one of the Frisian group of islands off the north
coast of Holland and West Terschelling is the main village on the island.

No trace was found of the remaining members of the crew and they are recorded as
having lost their lives at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the
Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

407040 Flying Officer BROOKER, Gordon Roy

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/340 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 397, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	DZ 614
Radio call sign:	XD -
Unit:	ATTD 139 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DZ614 took off from RAF Wyton at 1910 hours on the night of 24/25th
November 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take
off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Read, A R Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 407040 FO Brooker, G R (Navigator Bomb Aimer)

The aircraft was hit by flak at 20,000 feet and crashed at Borkheide, 8kms north east of
Bruck. FO Brooker was killed and Flt Lt Read was a POW.

FO Brooker is buried in the Berlin 1939-1935 War Cemetery, Germany.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402151 Sergeant CORMACK, James Archer

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/265 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 81, Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V 6452
Radio call sign:	XD -
Unit:	ATTD 139 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V6452 took off from RAF Horsham St Faith at 1022 hours on 3rd July 1941,
detailed to carry Operation Circus 30 and bomb the target at Hazebrouck, France.
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 402151 Sgt J A Cormack, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A M Smith (Observer)
RAF Sgt J A G Forsyth, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Longuenesse Souvenir Cemetery at St
Omer, France. St Omer is a large town, 48kms south east of Calais.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402155 Pilot Officer DIGGES, Charles Richardson, DFC

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/102/27 digitised Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	V 9231
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 139 SQN RAF

Summary:

PO Digges was pilot of Hudson V9231 which crashed at 1045 hours on the 18th December 1941 at Oulton, Norfolk, UK. The cause of the crash was unknown, Both the crew were killed and their bodies were taken to SSQ RAF Station, Horsham St Faith, UK. (Page 67 of above digitised Archival file A705, 163/102/27 refers).

Crew :RAAF 402155 PO Digges C R DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt M T Garfin. (Wireless Air Gunner)

PO Digges is buried in the Norwich Cemetery, Norfolk, UK.
Sgt Garfin is buried in the Leigh Cemetery, UK.

Citation : The Citation for the DFC awarded to PO Digges is as follows :

“In September 1941, PO Digges and Sgt Cowen (RAF), both as pilots of aircraft carried out an attack on a large enemy tanker off Blankenberge (Belgium). Undeterred by intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire from four E boats, PO Digges and Sgt Cowan pressed home their attacks from mast height and both pilots obtained direct hits on the tanker which was left enveloped in smoke and flames. An hour later, the tanker was seen to be sinking. Both crew members displayed unflinching courage in the destruction of a valuable enemy ship.” Citation extracted from an AWM file, AWM65 (1046).

PO Digges fellow pilot Sgt G B Cowen (RAF) was also awarded the DFM for his part in the above action.

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412443 Flight Sergeant HELLYER, Colin Cecil Oliver

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/260 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 278, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	DZ 348
Radio call sign:	KD -
Unit:	ATTD 139 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DZ348 took off from RAF Wyton at 2105 hours on the night of 19/20th August 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 409278 Flt Sgt F J Ross, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 412443 Flt Sgt C C O Hellyer, (Navigator)

The aircraft crashed near Dusseldorf and both the crew were killed. They are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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401459 Flight Lieutenant KEYS, Graeme Connell, DFC

Source :

AWM 237 (65) AWM 65 (3007), NAA : A9300, Barcode 5258245
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley :
RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page211, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	DZ 646
Radio call sign:	XD -
Unit:	ATTD 139 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DZ646 took off from RAF Upwood at 2200 hours on the night of 4/5th May 1944, detailed to bomb Ludwigshafen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 401459 Flt Lt Keys, G C DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Hamlin, A R (Navigator Bomb Aimer)

The aircraft crashed at 0132 hours on 5th May 1944 near Bourn, UK, and both the crew were killed.

Flt Lt Keys is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

FO Hamlin is buried in the Bury Cemetery, Huntingdonshire, UK.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Keys is as follows :

“Flt Lt Keys of No 460 (RAAF) Squadron as been employed for some time as Captain of an air crew which has completed a number of successful raids on enemy objectives. His tour of duty has included no less than six attacks on Essen, two on Berlin and many others on the most heavily defended targets in enemy territory. During one of his missions to Berlin, one engine ceased to function while still 30 miles from the target. Despite this handicap, Flt Lt Keys continued and completed the sortie effectively. This officer has invariably set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.”

Citation extracted from an AWM file, AWM65 (3007).

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409278 Flight Sergeant ROSS, Frederick James

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/260 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 278, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	DZ 348
Radio call sign:	KD -
Unit:	ATTD 139 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DZ348 took off from RAF Wyton at 2105 hours on the night of 19/20th August 1943,detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 409278 Flt Sgt F J Ross, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 412443 Flt Sgt C C O Hellyer, (Navigator)

The aircraft crashed near Dusseldorf and both the crew were killed. They are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

420010 Flying Officer JOHNSTON, Colin Harold

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/73 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	V 8777
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 141 SQN RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter V8777 arrived at RAF Cottishall from RAF Wittering at 1745 hours on the 18th October 1943, and refuelled shortly afterwards. At 1481 hours the aircraft took on runway 148deg. from Cottishall to carry out an operational night intruder patrol. This was changed to the long runway 233deg. The weather conditions were wind ESE at 10mph, Visibility 1/10th at 2000 feet 4 miles.

At 1844 hours V8777 crashed when approaching to land on a direction apparently at right angles to the flare path. Eye witnesses stated that the aircraft approached low and turned left when nearing the camp building area. The aircraft stalled in the turn, dived into the ground and burst into flames.

In a subsequent inquiry into the accident The Group Captain Commanding RAF Cottishall stated "It was found that the primary cause of the accident was the failing of the port engine. The pilot after being airborne for 10minutes called for an emergency landing for which approval was given. On the approach to land, the aircraft was seen to spin into the ground."

The CO RAF Station Wittering stated " I agree the primary cause of the accident was the failure of the port engine. I consider that FO Johnston was sufficiently experienced on Beaufighter aircraft at night for the flight in question."

Crew :

RAAF 420010 FO Johnston, C H Captain (Pilot)

RAF PO Watson, A C (Navigator Radio)

FO Johnston is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

PO Watson is buried in the Glasgow (Sandy Mount) cemetery, Glasgow, UK.

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420071 Pilot Officer SNAPE, Desmond Byrne

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/435 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 102, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	MJ 543
Radio call sign:	TW – A
Unit:	ATTD 141 SQN RAF

Summary:

The following is the circumstantial report which appears at page 35 of the above RAAF Casualty file A705 166/38/435 (digitised) held at National Archives, Canberra.

“Mosquito HJ943 took off from RAF West Raynham at 1758 hours on the night of 24/25th February, 1944, detailed to carry out a service patrol to Kiel, Kattegat and Little Belt. At 2100 hours at approx 53.00N 05.00E, this aircraft was heard by FO Waite and FO Allen of 141 Sqn, to give “Mayday” to “Appelove” twice, but no acknowledgement was heard. Except for this nothing has been heard either the crew or the aircraft which was due to return to West Raynham at 2130 Hours.”

PO Snape was killed in the crash and FO Fowler (RAF) was a POW.

Crew :

RAAF 420071 PO Snape, D B Captain (Pilot)

RCAF FO Fowler, I H (Navigator Radio)

PO Snape is buried in the Loppersum General Cemetery, Netherlands. Loppersum is 21kms north east of Groningen and 10kms west of the seaside town of Delfzijl, north west of the main road between the two. PO Snape is the only Commonwealth WW2 burial in the cemetery.

In a later statement FO Fowler reported : “ We noticed that the temperature of the starboard engine was going up and about 15 minutes later it began to seize up, and the airscrew was feathered. About an hour later the port engine began to vibrate very badly, and the Captain ordered me to abandon and whilst descending on my parachute, I heard the aircraft crash and saw the flames. The following day the Germans showed me PO Snape’s body. His parachute was unopened.” Extracted from Page 10 of the above RAAF Casualty file A705 166/38/435 (digitised) held at National Archives, Canberra.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403383 Flight Lieutenant STUART, Antony Innes

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/38/125 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	X 7751
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 141 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 26th April 1943, Flt Lt Stuart was detailed to carry out a daytime flight test of Beaufighter X7751 for operations that night. The aircraft took off from RAF Station Predannack, but crashed at 1435 hours on the aerodrome at Predannack, Cornwall, UK

In a subsequent Report of a Flying Accident, the Engineer Officer of 141 Sqn stated “ I witnessed the accident and proceeded immediately to the wreckage. The aircraft struck the corner of the dispersal pen with the port wing tip, then proceeded for 150 yards, struck the ground and the wreckage was dispersed over a wide area. Damage due to fire made it impossible to carry out any further examination.”

The Wg Cdr CO of 141 Sqn stated “ The accident occurred at the drome in daylight. The Pilot deliberately disobeyed an order in beating up the drome and striking a building close to one of the dispersals, causing the aircraft to turn on its back and crash on the drome The Pilot had been warned personally by me two days before the accident and threatened with Court Martial procedures, but he apparently took advantage of my absence and the fact that he was Acting ‘A’ Flight Commander.”
Both the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 403383 Flt Lt Stuart, A I Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF PO Blackburn, T B (Navigator Radio)

Both the crew are buried in the Helston Cemetery, UK.

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414881 Flight Sergeant BASHFORD, Percival Valentine

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/201 (Digitised)
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 815
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HE815 took off on operations at 1806hours on the 24th February 1944, detailed to attack the Daimler Puch A G Aircraft Works at Steyr, Austria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 414881 Flt Sgt P V Bashford. Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G A C Coldridge, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt F J Everett, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410672 Flt Sgt P Kennedy, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt W J Borton, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Ariano Irpino, Italy, in position 41.15 N, 15.55 E. (Page 34 above Archival digitised file refers).

Flt Sgt's Bashford, Everett and Kennedy were killed, and Sgt's Coldridge and Borton survived the crash but were admitted to hospital.

Those killed are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is located on the outskirts of Bari in the locality of Carbonara. Sgt Coldridge later lost his life on 7/7/1944 when a member 40 Sqn RAF.

Sgt Borton in a later statement reported; "The aircraft developed engine trouble on the port motor before reaching the target and the Captain decided to return to base. Bombs were jettisoned in the sea, and 15 minutes before ETA signal lights were seen, the aircraft broke cloud at 2000 feet and crashed a few seconds later." (Page 19 of above Archival digitised file refers)

Page 35 on the above digitised Archival file stated : "the aircraft developed magneto trouble port motor before reaching the target returned to base bombs jettisoned in sea 15 minutes before ETA lights seen aircraft broke cloud at 2000 feet and crashed few seconds later."

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415222 Flight Sergeant BILSBY, Ralph Trentham

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/223 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 333
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HZ333 took off at 2328 hours on the night of 21/22nd July 1943, detailed to attack Capodichino, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 415222 Flt Sgt R T Bilsby, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt B Huckley, (Navigator)
RAAF 415337 Flt Sgt T P Laird, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt J Scott, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412701 Flt Sgt L G Potts, (Air Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research and Enquiry team in Italy stated "The aircraft crashed at approx 3am on the 22nd July 1943 at Amigliano Del Arco, presumably as a result of enemy action., Amigliano Del Arco is seven miles north east of Naples, Italy.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the CassinoWar Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is in the Commune of Cassino, Province of Frusino, and 139kms south east of Rome.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

426013 Flight Sergeant BODEN, John Stuart

Source :

AWM 237 (65) AWM 65 (357) NAA : A705, 166/6/498
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	JA 127
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington JA127 took off at 2017 hours on the night of 16/17th April 1944, detailed to bomb the marshalling yards at Budapest, Hungary. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt K J Turley, Captain (Pilot),
RAF Flt Sgt D F Stuart, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 426013 Flt Sgt J S Boden, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C R Hitchcock, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 406870 WO F E James, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt J E Wood, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team, Central Mediterranean Forces, reported that “ the aircraft crashed at Gyal (Alsonemedi), presumably the result of enemy action and all the crew were killed. Alsonemedi is approx 16 miles south east of Budapest.

The crew are buried in the Budapest War Cemetery, Hungary.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413959 Flight Sergeant CAMPBELL, Jeffery Williams

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/72 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 800
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HF800 took off at 1815 hours on the night of 10/11th April 1943, detailed to attack the landing ground at Decimo-Mannu, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 401974 Flt Sgt M F Lay, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 413959 Flt Sgt J W Campbell, (Navigator)
RAAF 16724 Flt Sgt W J Larcombe, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt E A Raby, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt A J Burwell, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated "The aircraft crashed on the airfield at Decimo-Mannu on 10th April presumably the result of enemy action. Decimo-Mannu is approx 10 miles north west of Cagliari on the Island of Sicily.

At 2103 hours a pilot of 142 Sqn flying at 7000 feet saw disintegrating sparks of what he suspected to be an aircraft falling to the ground, and subsequently saw a large flash on the ground immediately below. The position was believed to be near the Island of Sardinia, behind Cape Toulada and the aircraft believed to be Wellington HF800.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Cagliari (St Michele) Communal Cemetery, Italy. Cagliari is the chief town on the Island of Sardinia and the cemetery is 3.5kms from the centre of the town.

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4116413 Flight Sergeant CLOSE, Sidney Maynard

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/511 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 330
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN330 of 142 Sqn, (RAF), British North African Force, took off at 1650 hours on 20th October 1943, detailed to bomb Purbura Aerodrome. No news was received from the aircraft after take off, and it failed to return to base. Several crews reported seeing an aircraft falling in flames over the target but no definite time was stated.

Crew :

RAAF 416413 Flt Sgt S M Close, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Potts, S (Navigator)
RAAF 409357 Flt Sgt R C Williams, (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 403791 WO J J Craner, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P L Smith (Air Gunner)

(Note : The above is extracted from Page 50 of above RAAF Casualty file A705, 163/98/511 (Digitised) Held at National Archives, Canberra.)

All the crew were killed, and they are buried in the Rome War Cemetery, Italy. The Cemetery lies alongside and the Aurelian Wall of the ancient city of Rome.
WO Cramer's body was identified and he is buried in a separate grave alongside his comrades who are buried in a single multiple grave.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403791 Warrant Officer CRANER, John Joseph

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/511 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 330
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN330 of 142 Sqn, (RAF), British North African Force, took off at 1650 hours on 20th October 1943, detailed to bomb Purbura Aerodrome. No news was received from the aircraft after take off, and it failed to return to base. Several crews reported seeing an aircraft falling in flames over the target but no definite time was stated.

Crew :

RAAF 416413 Flt Sgt S M Close, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Potts, S (Navigator)
RAAF 409357 Flt Sgt R C Williams, (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 403791 WO J J Craner, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P L Smith (Air Gunner)

(Note : The above is extracted from Page 50 of above RAAF Casualty file A705, 163/98/511 (Digitised) Held at National Archives, Canberra.)

All the crew were killed, and they are buried in the Rome War Cemetery, Italy. The Cemetery lies alongside and the Aurelian Wall of the ancient city of Rome.
WO Cramer's body was identified and he is buried in a separate grave alongside his comrades who are buried in a single multiple grave.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

422477 Flight Sergeant FISHER, James Wharton Severn

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/13/202 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF764
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HF764 took off from Foggia, Italy, on the night of 15/16th March 1944, detailed to bomb the marshalling yards at Sofia, Bulgaria. The aircraft was returning from the mission and at 0458 hours on 16th March asked for landing instructions. This was given and the reception was weak. No reply was received from the aircraft..

At approx 0515 hours at dawn the aircraft crashed into a hillside 20 miles due west of Foggia Italy. Three of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt O'Malley and Sgt Tite were injured.

Crew :

RAAF 35255 Flt Sgt R W O'Malley, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 422477 Flt Sgt J W S Fisher, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C R C Hodinott, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt J B Morton, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt W H S Tite, (Air Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is located on the outskirts of Bari in the locality of Carbonara. Flt Sgt O'Malley survived the war.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

410323 Sergeant GLENWRIGHT, Albert Clive

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/149 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 466
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

A Missing Research & Enquiry team (Central Mediterranean Area) report stated
“Wellington LN466 on 24th November 1943, crashed into a mountain three miles west of
Issime, which is approx 70 miles north west of Milan, Italy The aircraft was smashed into
small pieces but one complete engine from the aircraft was found. All the crew were
killed.”

Crew :

RAAF 413050 Flt Sgt J G Wade, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 410323 Sgt A C Glenwright, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Flt Sgt E W Lawrence, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 415664 Flt Sgt J F Knapp, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K R Carter, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Milan War Cemetery, Italy.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

418123 Pilot Officer HILL, Charles Clifford

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/332 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 189
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LP189 took off on the night of 9/10th August 1944, detailed to bomb the American Oil Refineries at Ploesti, Roumania. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. Three other aircraft on the same mission failed to return.

Crew :

RAAF 418123 PO Hill, C C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt P A Shepherd (Navigator)
RAAF 426784 Flt Sgt R Thurlow, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt W Grisdale, (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF PO Pond, G R (Air Gunner)

A 1945 report by an Allied Control Commission in Bulgaria stated that "On 10/8/1944 a British 2 engine plane exploded in the air in the village of Dolnolinevo in the district of Lom. The remains of the 5 British airmen on board were found buried on the spot.

The crew of five are buried in the Sofia War Cemetery, Bulgaria. The cemetery is part of the Sofia Protestant Cemetery which is a section of the main town cemetery. It is located 2kms north of the railway station.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

427327 Flight Sergeant HOWARD, Godfrey Denzil Vaughman

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/206 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

A Wellington aircraft of No 142 Sqn RAF took off at 1808 hours on 25th February 1944, detailed to bomb the Daimler-Push AG Aircraft Works at Steyr, Austria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 12517 FO Koetsveld, N H Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 418182 FO Rutter, V T (Navigator)
RAAF 427327 Flt Sgt G D V Howard, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt F C Churcher, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R F Foster, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at approx 0100 hours on the 25th February 1944 approx 2.5miles from Castelnuovo, but the cause of the crash was not known.

Three of the crew were killed in the crash, and FO Koetsveld and Sgt Foster were injured. However FO Koetsveld died of his injuries on 4th March 1944.

The four who lost their lives are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is located on the outskirts of Bari in the locality of Carbonara.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

406870 Warrant Officer JAMES, Fred Edmund

Source :

AWM 237 (65) AWM 65 (357) NAA : A705, 166/6/498
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	JA 127
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington JA127 took off at 2017 hours on the night of 16/17th April 1944, detailed to bomb the marshalling yards at Budapest, Hungary. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt K J Turley, Captain (Pilot),
RAF Flt Sgt D F Stuart, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 426013 Flt Sgt J S Boden, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C R Hitchcock, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 406870 WO F E James, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt J E Wood, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team, Central Mediterranean Forces, reported that “ the aircraft crashed at Gyal (Alsonemedi), presumably the result of enemy action and all the crew were killed. Alsonemedi is approx 16 miles south east of Budapest.

The crew are buried in the Budapest War Cemetery, Hungary.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

410672 Flight Sergeant KENNEDY, Peter

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/201 (Digitised)
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 815
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HE815 took off on operations at 1806hours on the 24th February 1944, detailed to attack the Daimler Puch A G Aircraft Works at Steyr, Austria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 414881 Flt Sgt P V Bashford. Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G A C Coldridge, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt F J Everett, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410672 Flt Sgt P Kennedy, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt W J Borton, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Ariano Irpino, Italy, in position 41.15 N, 15.55 E. (Page 34 above Archival digitised file refers).

Flt Sgt's Bashford, Everett and Kennedy were killed, and Sgt's Coldridge and Borton survived the crash but were admitted to hospital.

Those killed are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is located on the outskirts of Bari in the locality of Carbonara. Sgt Coldridge later lost his life on 7/7/1944 when a member 40 Sqn RAF.

Sgt Borton in a later statement reported; "The aircraft developed engine trouble on the port motor before reaching the target and the Captain decided to return to base. Bombs were jettisoned in the sea, and 15 minutes before ETA signal lights were seen, the aircraft broke cloud at 2000 feet and crashed a few seconds later." (Page 19 of above Archival digitised file refers)

Page 35 on the above digitised Archival file stated : "the aircraft developed magneto trouble port motor before reaching the target returned to base bombs jettisoned in sea 15 minutes before ETA lights seen aircraft broke cloud at 2000 feet and crashed few seconds later."

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415664 Flight Sergeant KNAPP, Jack Frederick

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/149 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 466
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

A Missing Research & Enquiry team (Central Mediterranean Area) report stated
“Wellington LN466 on 24th November 1943, crashed into a mountain three miles west of
Issime, which is approx 70 miles north west of Milan, Italy The aircraft was smashed into
small pieces but one complete engine from the aircraft was found. All the crew were
killed.”

Crew :

RAAF 413050 Flt Sgt J G Wade, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 410323 Sgt A C Glenwright, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Flt Sgt E W Lawrence, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 415664 Flt Sgt J F Knapp, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K R Carter, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Milan War Cemetery, Italy.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

12517 Flying Officer KOETSVELD, Norman Henry

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/206 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

A Wellington aircraft of No 142 Sqn RAF took off at 1808 hours on 25th February 1944, detailed to bomb the Daimler-Push AG Aircraft Works at Steyr, Austria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 12517 FO Koetsveld, N H Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 418182 FO Rutter, V T (Navigator)
RAAF 427327 Flt Sgt G D V Howard, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt F C Churcher, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R F Foster, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at approx 0100 hours on the 25th February 1944 approx 2.5miles from Castelnuovo, but the cause of the crash was not known.

Three of the crew were killed in the crash, and FO Koetsveld and Sgt Foster were injured. However FO Koetsveld died of his injuries on 4th March 1944.

The four who lost their lives are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is located on the outskirts of Bari in the locality of Carbonara.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415337 Flight Sergeant LAIRD, Thomas Paterson

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/223 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 333
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HZ333 took off at 2328 hours on the night of 21/22nd July 1943, detailed to attack Capodichino, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 415222 Flt Sgt R T Bilsby, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt B Huckley, (Navigator)
RAAF 415337 Flt Sgt T P Laird, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt J Scott, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412701 Flt Sgt L G Potts, (Air Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research and Enquiry team in Italy stated "The aircraft crashed at approx 3am on the 22nd July 1943 at Amigliano Del Arco, presumably as a result of enemy action., Amigliano Del Arco is seven miles north east of Naples, Italy.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the CassinoWar Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is in the Commune of Cassino, Province of Frusino, and 139kms south east of Rome.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

16724 Flight Sergeant LARCOMBE, William Joseph

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/72 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 800
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HF800 took off at 1815 hours on the night of 10/11th April 1943, detailed to attack the landing ground at Decimo-Mannu, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 401974 Flt Sgt M F Lay, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 413959 Flt Sgt J W Campbell, (Navigator)
RAAF 16724 Flt Sgt W J Larcombe, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt E A Raby, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt A J Burwell, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated "The aircraft crashed on the airfield at Decimo-Mannu on 10th April presumably the result of enemy action. Decimo-Mannu is approx 10 miles north west of Cagliari on the Island of Sicily.

At 2103 hours a pilot of 142 Sqn flying at 7000 feet saw disintegrating sparks of what he suspected to be an aircraft falling to the ground, and subsequently saw a large flash on the ground immediately below. The position was believed to be near the Island of Sardinia, behind Cape Toulada and the aircraft believed to be Wellington HF800.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Cagliari (St Michele) Communal Cemetery, Italy. Cagliari is the chief town on the Island of Sardinia and the cemetery is 3.5kms from the centre of the town.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

401974 Flight Sergeant LAY, Maurice Frederick

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/72 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 800
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

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Crew :

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

416228 Flight Sergeant PEARCE, Kenneth Gard

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/150/269 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 257, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 768
Radio call sign:	QT – Q
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington BJ768 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1741hours on the night of 8/9th
November, 1942, detailed to carry out a gardening operation and lay mines in French
coastal waters. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to
base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt R G Evison, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Bradshaw, D J (Observer)
RAAF 411390 Flt Sgt C B Sautelle, (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt C S H Hill, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 416228 Flt Sgt K G Pearce, (Air Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Vannes (Boismoreau) Communal
Cemetery, France. Vannes is a town in southern Brittany in the Morihan Department of
France.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

412701 Flight Sergeant POTTS, Lindsay Gordon

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/223 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 333
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HZ333 took off at 2328 hours on the night of 21/22nd July 1943, detailed to attack Capodichino, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 415222 Flt Sgt R T Bilsby, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt B Huckley, (Navigator)
RAAF 415337 Flt Sgt T P Laird, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt J Scott, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412701 Flt Sgt L G Potts, (Air Gunner)

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

421688 Warrant Officer PURDUE, Donald Maurice Russell

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/191 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	ME 120
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington ME120 took off at 1949 hours on the night of 13/14th July 1944, detailed to bomb the Lambrake marshalling yards at Milan, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RCAF Flt Lt Garland, S D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt P Cashin, (Navigator)
RAF FO Ware, S C (Bomb Aimer)]
RAAF 421688 WO D M R Purdue, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D M Taylor, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Milan War Cemetery, Italy.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

418182 Flying Officer RUTTER, Vernon Temple

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/206 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

A Wellington aircraft of No 142 Sqn RAF took off at 1808 hours on 25th February 1944, detailed to bomb the Daimler-Push AG Aircraft Works at Steyr, Austria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 12517 FO Koetsveld, N H Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 418182 FO Rutter, V T (Navigator)
RAAF 427327 Flt Sgt G D V Howard, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt F C Churcher, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R F Foster, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at approx 0100 hours on the 25th February 1944 approx 2.5miles from Castelnuovo, but the cause of the crash was not known.

Three of the crew were killed in the crash, and FO Koetsveld and Sgt Foster were injured. However FO Koetsveld died of his injuries on 4th March 1944.

The four who lost their lives are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is located on the outskirts of Bari in the locality of Carbonara.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

411390 Flight Sergeant SAUTELLE, Claude Bertram

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/150/269 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 257, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 768
Radio call sign:	QT – Q
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington BJ768 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1741hours on the night of 8/9th
November, 1942, detailed to carry out a gardening operation and lay mines in French
coastal waters. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to
base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt R G Evison, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Bradshaw, D J (Observer)
RAAF 411390 Flt Sgt C B Sautelle, (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt C S H Hill, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 416228 Flt Sgt K G Pearce, (Air Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Vannes (Boismoreau) Communal
Cemetery, France. Vannes is a town in southern Brittany in the Morihan Department of
France.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
406682 Sergeant SHADDICK, Bartlett Parker, DFM

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/161/303 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 250, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3455
Radio call sign:	QT – D
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3455 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1925 hours on the night of 24/25th October 1942, detailed to bomb, Milano, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off, and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 406682 Sgt B P Shaddick, DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F B Hough, (Observer)
RAF Sgt E Watcham, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt E C Woollard, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt G T Reyburn, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the North Sea west of the Island of Schouwen, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in various cemeteries in the Netherlands.

Sgt Shaddick is buried in the The Hague (Westduin) General Cemetery, Netherlands.

Westduin is a suburb in the south west district of The Hague (Den Haag).

Sgt Hough is buried in the Bergen-op-Zoom Canadian War Cemetery, Netherlands.

Sgt Watcham is buried in the Amsterdam New Eastern Cemetery, Netherlands.

Sgt Woollard is buried in the Monster General Cemetery, Netherlands.

Flt Sgt Reyburn is buried in the Rockanje (Zeeweg) General Cemetery, Netherlands.

Citation :

The Citation for the immediate award of the DFM to Sgt Shaddick is as follows

“ Sgt B P Shaddick (RAAF) was Captain of a Wellington bomber detailed to attack Cologne on the night of 15th October 1942. On the way to the target, his aircraft was engaged by anti-aircraft guns working in conjunction with searchlights and was hit in the starboard wing. Immediately afterwards, Sgt Shaddick smelt petrol and on inspection his gauges noticed that petrol from his starboard wing tanks was being lost at an alarming rate. Undaunted, he turned off the port tank and ran both engines on the starboard tanks until they were dry. While adjusting the fuel supply in this manner and although forced down several thousand feet, he carried on through heavy defences to his target which he bombed with success. The aircraft was hit in the port engine when over the target area, but, owing to his skilful piloting and sound judgement, he brought it home on one engine and crash-landed at Manston without injury to his crew. I recommend that his extreme devotion to duty and sterling determination in that he carried on to bomb his target, although seriously damaged on the outward journey and then flew the crippled aircraft home without loss to his crew is recognized by an immediate award of the DFM. “

Remarks by Station Commander :Sgt Shaddick showed great determination in carrying on to attack the target in a damaged Aircraft and considerable skill in bringing the aircraft and crew safely home. Sgt Shaddick is a most enthusiastic young Australian who has instilled a high morale and cheerful spirit of dash into his crew.”

The immediate was promulgated in the London Gazette on 3/11/1942. Ian Tavender -The Distinguished Flying Medal Register for the Second World War, Vol 11 Page 634 refers) Sgt Shaddock was 21 years old and attached to 142 Sqn RAF.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

420634 Flight Sergeant SMITH, Alan Duncan Johann

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/348 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 566
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN566 took off at 1639 hours on the night of 24th November 1943, detailed to bomb Turin, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 411617 Flt Sgt R C Tyas, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 420634 Flt Sgt A D Smith (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt F E Summers, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W R Knight, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt H A Clark, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt J H LeBoldus, (Air Gunner)

Lieutenant Scarlett of a NZ GR Unit later reported that "From information given to him by local Italians it appears that four engine aircraft were flying low over mountainous country on in Nov 1943. There was thick fog on the mountains at the time and one of the planes crashed on a hillside through bad visibility. The wreck was not discovered until 5th December 1943 by Italian civilians. Local German troops were notified and they brought six bodies down to Propate where they were buried."

The six crew are buried in the Stagliano Cemetery, Genoa, Italy.

RAAF FATALTIES IN SECONDWORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

405436 Sergeant THOMSON, George Comrie

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 705, 163/166/259 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 221, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1480
Radio call sign:	QT – I
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z1480 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2022 hours on the night of 16/17th December 1942, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Sandon, A H G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J W A Bennett, (Observer)
RAF Sgt A M Clarke, (Observer)
RAF Sgt F W Charley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 405436 Sgt G C Thomson, (Air Gunner)

W R Chorley states that “the aircraft crashed near Dusseldorf and all the crew lost their lives.” They are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

426784 Flight Sergeant THURLOW, Robert

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/332 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 189
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LP189 took off on the night of 9/10th August 1944, detailed to bomb the American Oil Refineries at Ploesti, Roumania. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. Three other aircraft on the same mission failed to return.

Crew :

RAAF 418123 PO Hill, C C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt P A Shepherd (Navigator)
RAAF 426784 Flt Sgt R Thurlow, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt W Grisdale, (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF PO Pond, G R (Air Gunner)

A 1945 report by an Allied Control Commission in Bulgaria stated that "On 10/8/1944 a British 2 engine plane exploded in the air in the village of Dolnolinevo in the district of Lom. The remains of the 5 British airmen on board were found buried on the spot.

The crew of five are buried in the Sofia War Cemetery, Bulgaria. The cemetery is part of the Sofia Protestant Cemetery which is a section of the main town cemetery. It is located 2kms north of the railway station.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413050 Flight Sergeant WADE, James Gordon

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/149 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 466
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

A Missing Research & Enquiry team (Central Mediterranean Area) report stated
“Wellington LN466 on 24th November 1943, crashed into a mountain three miles west of
Issime, which is approx 70 miles north west of Milan, Italy The aircraft was smashed into
small pieces but one complete engine from the aircraft was found. All the crew were
killed.”

Crew :

RAAF 413050 Flt Sgt J G Wade, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 410323 Sgt A C Glenwright, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Flt Sgt E W Lawrence, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 415664 Flt Sgt J F Knapp, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K R Carter, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Milan War Cemetery, Italy.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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400360 Sergeant WALLWORK, Ralph Stanley, MID

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/176/131 (Digitised)
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	W 6494
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington W6494 took off from RAF Binbrook, Lincolnshire, at 1135 hours on the 24th July 1941 to take part as one of a formation of three aircraft to take part in a daylight attack on Brest, France.

The aircraft reached and bombed the target. Soon after leaving the target W6494 was intercepted by two ME109F's. The first enemy aircraft attacked , and the rear gunner (Wallwork) of W6494 gave him two 3 second bursts and the enemy was seen by the 2nd Pilot and Observer to dive away and hit the ground.

The second enemy aircraft then attacked, and Wallwork engaged it with a continuous burst until he was heard to cry out. and cease firing. The front gunner of W6494 engaged this aircraft which was seen to dive into the sea from 1600 feet. The Captain of the aircraft then called on each member of the crew to ascertain what damage had been done, and asked Sgt Wallwork whether he was alright. He replied "Yes, I am OK", and did not want to be relieved of his turret. The 2nd Pilot and Observer were also wounded during the engagement and the aircraft badly damaged.

On making an emergency landing at Yeovilton, it was found that Sgt Wallwork had been mortally wounded and he died within a few hours.

Crew :

RAF FO McNally, W StC DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Browne, D J (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 400016 Sgt H L Fyfe, (Observer)
RAF Sgt C Wioglowaite, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L Phillips, (Front Gunner)
RAAF 400360 Sgt R S Wallwork, (Rear Gunner)

Sgt Wallwork is buried in the Salford (Weaste) Cemetery, UK. He was awarded the MID following on the above mission. Sgt Fyfe the other Australian member of the crew, survived the war and was discharged a Flt Lt.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409357 Flight Sergeant WILLIAMS, Ronald Clifford

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/511 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 330
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN330 of 142 Sqn, (RAF), British North African Force, took off at 1650 hours on 20th October 1943, detailed to bomb Purbura Aerodrome. No news was received from the aircraft after take off, and it failed to return to base. Several crews reported seeing an aircraft falling in flames over the target but no definite time was stated.

Crew :

RAAF 416413 Flt Sgt S M Close, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Potts, S (Navigator)
RAAF 409357 Flt Sgt R C Williams, (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 403791 WO J J Craner, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P L Smith (Air Gunner)

(Note : The above is extracted from Page 50 of above RAAF Casualty file A705, 163/98/511 (Digitised) Held at National Archives, Canberra.)

All the crew were killed, and they are buried in the Rome War Cemetery, Italy. The Cemetery lies alongside and the Aurelian Wall of the ancient city of Rome.
WO Cramer's body was identified and he is buried in a separate grave alongside his comrades who are buried in a single multiple grave.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403846 Flight Sergeant WOODHOUSE, Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/121/255 Micro Film No 463,OAFH.
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 256, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: BK 198
Radio call sign: QT – P
Unit: ATTD 142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK198 of 142 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Grimsby at 2245 hours on the night of 7/8th November 1943, together with 9 other aircraft from the Squadron, detailed to carry out a mine laying operation off Texel Island, Holland. The route was Base – 52.43N, 05.18E – 52.47N, 04.32E – Base. Nothing was heard from BK198 after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt Hill, R H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Atkinson, J (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt Collins, N B (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 403846 Flt Sgt Woodhouse, T (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAAF 408579 Flt Sgt Hehir, M R (Rear Gunner)

W R Chorley states that “it was believed that the Pilot may have lost control due to intense searchlight glare and the aircraft came down into the sea at 0038 hours on the 8th November 1942 in the target area.” All the crew were killed in the crash.

Both Flt Sgt Woodhouse (RAAF) and Sgt Atkinson (RAF) are buried in the Bergen General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Holland, Netherlands. Bergen is on the coast 6kms north-west of Alkmaar and 43kms NNW of Amsterdam.

The other three crew members have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404816 Flight Lieutenant AGNEW, Robert

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/21/36 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	JM 279
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 143 SQN RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter JM279 took off from RAF North Coates at 2213 hours on the night of 23rd April 1944, in which the pilot was authorised to carry out night flying practice off Flamborough Head. The purpose of the exercise was to give the crew practice at locating small shipping targets at night.

The weather was good at the time. At the duration of the exercise,. witnesses saw the aircraft approaching from the south east and gradually losing height to fly low past them and appear under perfect control. The aircraft passed within 1000 yards of their position in a north west direction with its navigation lights on at speed.

The aircraft was then lost sight of over the brow of a hill and it then crashed and immediately burst into flames at a height of approx 450 feet above sea level. An examination of the wreck shows that the initial impact was made by the port wing and the starboard propellers. The aircraft struck the ground later at a very shallow angle. It became airborne again for a further 150 yards and finally skidded to rest in flames.

In a report on the accident, the CO of 143 Sqn stated :

“Primary cause : The Pilot was flying too low and is responsible for the accident. It was believed that the accident was caused by faulty instrument flying in that the pilot may have been concentrating on looking for the coast and relaxed his watch on the blind flying panel.

The Station Commander of RAF North Coates stated : “I agree with the above. The Beaufighter at night suffers from the disadvantage that there is no one apart from the Pilot who can look out ahead, and this means that he is prevented from concentrating entirely on his instruments.” .

Crew :

RAAF 404816 Flt Lt Agnew, R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt H B Blackwell,(Navigator Wireless)

Flt Lt Agnew is buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK. The Cemetery is located south east of Harrogate on the fringe of the town, just off the A661 on Forest Lane.

Flt Sgt Blackwell is buried in the Wrexham Cemetery, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400799 Flying Officer HERBERT, John Frederick

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/31 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	T 3447
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 143 SQN RAF

Summary :

Beaufighter T3447 took off from RAF North Cotes on the night of 27th January 1943, detailed to carry out a non operational night navigational exercise. The aircraft crashed and the crew of two were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 400799 FO Herbert, J F Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J C McPherson, (Navigator)

FO Herbert is buried in the North Cotes (St Nicholas) Churchyard, UK. The churchyard is close to the RAF North Cotes Station.

Flt Sgt McPherson is buried in the Duffus Cemetery, UK.

The weather at the time of the exercise was fair and the visibility very good. The accident occurred close to base as the aircraft was returning from the exercise.

In a report on the accident, the Squadron CO and the Station Commander at RAF North Cotes stated : “ The cause of the accident cannot definitely be established. The Pilot had reported he had sighted the base and had completed half a circuit flashing his letter, and was given the green light by the Air Control Pilot. The aircraft then flew away from the drome on a steady course at about 800 feet losing height and crashed approx 5 miles away. The aircraft was behaving in a normal manner and both engines were running smoothly.

An inspection of the crash showed the aircraft went in very flat. Both airscrews were in course pitch when the wreck was examined and it was reasonable to suppose that both engines had continued to run correctly up to the time of the crash. If there was no failure of any of the control surfaces, it must be assumed that the pilot decided to lose a certain amount of height prior to positioning himself for his approach and that during this time he misread his altimeter or that his altimeter had become U/S.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400296 Sergeant SMITH, Brian Barkley

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/162/286) (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	T 4889
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 143 SQN RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter R4889 was reported missing on 12th February 1942, which in transit from RAF Portreath, UK, to the Middle East. T4889 reached the vicinity of Malta when it was last seen heading out to sea from Filfolia Island (south of Malta) pursued by two ME109 fighters. T4889 was not seen or heard of again and it was assumed that it was attacked and shot down by the enemy fighters. Extensive searches were made both by aircraft and high speed launch, but no trace could be found of the missing aircraft or its occupants. It was presumed that the aircraft and crew were 'Lost at Sea'

Crew :

RAAF 400296 Sgt B B Smith Captain (Pilot)

RAF Sgt H K Sprason, (Wireless Operator/Observer)

RAF Wg Cdr Maffitt, J F (Passenger)

The names of Sgt's Smith and Sprason are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runymede, Surrey, UK. There is no record at Commonwealth War Graves of Wg Cdr Maffitt.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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400198 Sergeant ALLEN, William Alexander McMeekin

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163//87/176

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 64, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AT 187
Radio call sign:	PL -
Unit:	ATTD 144 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hampden AT187 took off from RAF North Luffenham on the night of 10/11th April 1942, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt H D Smith, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400198 Sgt W A McM Allen, (Observer)
RAF Sgt G F Johnston, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F Woodfield (Wireless Air Gunner)

W R Chorley states “the aircraft crashed at 0245 hours on the 11th April 1942, while trying to make an emergency landing at Wrights Farm, Holbeach, Lincolnshire, UK.”

Three of the crew were killed and Sgt Smith (RAF) was injured.
Sgt Allen is buried at Sutton Bridge (St Matthew) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Johnston is buried at Inveresk Parish Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Woodfield is buried at Walsall (Ryecroft) Cemetery, UK.

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402214 Sergeant ANDERSON, Geoffrey Anderson

Source:

AWM 235 (65) NAA : A705, 163/107/87, 163/87/159

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 36, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type: Hampden
Serial number: AT 194
Radio call sign: PT -
Unit: ATTD 144 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hampden AT194 of 144 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, North Luffenham, Rutland, at 1837 hours on the night of 24/25th February 1942 detailed to carry out a gardening operation and lay mines off the Terschelling Island, near the coast of Friesland, Holland. The aircraft was due over the target at 2030 hours. Nothing was heard from the AT194 after take off and it did not return to base. Pilots of other aircraft reported moderate flak with a number of enemy aircraft patrolling the area.

Crew:

RAAF 404887 Sgt K H Eklund, (Pilot)
RAAF 402214 Sgt G H Anderson, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J R Dobson, (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P A Thomas, (Rear Gunner)

Sgt Anderson's body was washed ashore on the west coast of Jutland, Denmark, and he is interred in Lemvig (Jutland) Cemetery, Denmark. Lemvig is a town on Western Jutland on the south shore of the Nisum Fjord Bredning, which forms part of the Lim Fjord.

No trace of the three missing crew members has been found and they are recorded as having lost their lives at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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402990 Sergeant WEEKS, Henry Charles

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/177/244

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 64, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AT 218
Radio call sign:	PL -
Unit:	ATTD 144 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hampden AT218 took off from RAF North Luffenham on the night of 10/11th April 1942, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 402990 Sgt H C Weeks, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF PO Johnson, D H (Observer)
 RAF Sgt S Rickard, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RNZAF Flt Sgt M Y Kennedy, (Air Gunner)

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402316 Flying Officer COOKE, Rolla Maxwell

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/26/157 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	P 7624
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 145 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire P7624 flown by FO Cooke, crashed at Catterick Aerodrome at 1530 hours on 4th November 1941, and the pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 402316 FO Cooke, R M (Pilot)

FO Cooke is buried in the Catterick Cemetery, UK. Catterick a village in the North Riding, is 5 miles south east of Richmond and 240 miles north east of London on the main road north.

A subsequent Report on the Flying Accident stated “ The starboard undercarriage was not fully retracted at the time of the accident. It was found broken away from the mainplane after the crash. The port undercarriage leg had fully retracted and locked. This shows the ‘selector’ lever must have been in the ‘up’ position. The hydraulic pump was removed from the engine. Extensive wear on the drive shaft splines. Pump run on undercarriage at reg. And found satisfactory. Driving sleeve fractured but still capable of of transmitting drive.”

Remarks by the Unit Commander were :

Lack of flying discipline. “The pilot attempted to carry out aerobatics in the aerodrome circuit at 400 feet at too low a speed.

Cause of Accident was found to be “The starboard leg of this aircraft’s undercarriage was only partly retracted and this, added to the low speed at which the aerobatics were started caused the pilot to lose control.

General remarks : “A good pilot who was inclined at time to carry out some reckless flying. All pilots had been warned against this type of flying and by both Flying Commanders two days before this accident.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

423286 Flight Sergeant HARDING, Ross Norman

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/861 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 145 SQN RAF

Summary:

Flt Sgt Harding took off on 21st November 1944 flying a Spitfire, detailed to carry out an operational sortie and attack enemy strong points in the Forley Faenza area of Italy. While attacking the target, the bomb was released from 20 feet and exploded. The aircraft caught alight and disintegrated, and the pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 423286 Flt Sgt R N Harding, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Harding is buried in the Ancona War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery lies in the rural locality of Tavernelle, in the commune and province of Ancona, 3kims south of the town of Ancona.

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416968 Warrant Officer KEIGHTLEY, Malcolm Clair

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301, Barcode 5524431 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type	Thunderbolt
Serial number:	KJ 321
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 146 SQN RAF

Summary:

Thunderbolt KJ321 flown by WO Keightley crashed at 1600 hours on 24th April 1945, at Pyu, Burma, during air operations from India. WO Keightley suffered severe burns and died on 24th April 1945..

Crew :

RAAF 416968 WO Keightley, M C (Pilot)

WO Keightley is buried in the Rangoon War Cemetery, Myanmar.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413048 Warrant Officer ULRICK, Berry Lemington

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	LB 714
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 146 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 5th June 1944 Hurricane LB714 flown by WO Ulrick crashed at 0526Z hours day at Yellahanka, India, and the pilot was killed. It was assumed that the pilot lost control of the aircraft.

Crew :

RAAF 413048 WO B L Ulrick, (Pilot)

WO Ulrick is buried in the Madras War Cemetery, Chennai, India. The cemetery is 5kms from the airport and 14kms from the central railway station.

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418698 Flight Sergeant BENNETT, Alexander

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/644 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JP 181
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JP181 took off at 1957 hours on the night of 4/5th August 1944, detailed to carry out a special operation in South Poland. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Crabtree, C W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D Aird, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt D J Mason, (Navigator)
RAAF 418698 Flt Sgt A Bennett, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO J A Carroll, (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF Flt Sgt C A Beanland, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Sandilands, (Air Gunner)

A missing Research & Enquiry team operating in Poland reported later The aircraft was shot down by an enemy fighter at Letowice on the 5th August 1944. Letowice is a village situated approx 6 miles south west of Tarnow.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Kralow Rackowicki Cemetery, Poland. Krakow is a large town in the south of Poland about 257kms south west of Warsaw in the main road 4.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

427416 Flight Sergeant CALDER, Lewis Walter

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 16611/38/731 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 319
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD319 on 17th October 1944, was detailed to carry out a daytime supply drop mission in Northern Yugoslavia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt P H Edwards, Captain (Pilot)

RAF Sgt D Clark, (Flight Engineer)

RAAF 424114

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

16876 Leading Aircraftsman CLARK, William Ernest

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/97/103 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	QD 8365
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington QD8365 at 1235 hours on 6th November 1941 crashed at the Kabrit drome, Middle East and all three on board were killed. The accident occurred when the port engine failed when the aircraft was at 8,400 feet.

Crew :

RAAF 404110 PO McMaster, H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D F Muir, (Pilot)
RAAF 16876 LAC W E Clark, (Fitter 2E)

The three killed are buried in the Fayid War Cemetery, Egypt. Fayid is a small town 20kms south of Ismailia on the west of the Great Bitter Lake, which is the mid point of the Suez Canal.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404065 Sergeant CORLEY, Colin James

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/314 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Sgt Corley was pilot of an aircraft which crashed during an operational flight at 2230 hours on 14th September 1941, 600 yards from the Fuka satellite drome, Egypt. Sgt Skerman was killed in the crash and Sgt Corley died of his injuries on the 14th September

Crew :

RAAF 404065 Sgt C J Corley, Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 404057 Sgt V V Skerman, (Pilot)

Sgt's Corley and Skerman are buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Alamein is a village, bypassed by the main coast road, approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

427447 Flight Sergeant DAVIS, Frederick

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/484 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LL 484
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LL484 took off at 1135 hours on 26th December 1944, detailed to carry out a daytime supply drop mission on Gelsha Northern Yugoslavia. During the mission there was a lubrication failure on the port outer engine. The Pilot feathered the engine but was unable to maintain height on the other engines and carried out a forced landing at 1650 hours one mile north of San Vito, Italy. In the forced landing, Flt Sgt Davis was very badly injured and died in No 1 Mobile Hospital (Mediterranean area) very shortly afterwards. The remainder of the crew were uninjured.

Crew :

RAAF 423865 FO De Solin, N P Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt E J Bethel, (Flight Engineer)
 RAAF 427447 Flt Sgt F Davis, (Navigator)
 RAF Flt Sgt E W Morgan, (Bomb Aimer)
 RAAF 427470 WO R Harrison, (Wireless Operator)
 RAAF 425980 FO Skerman, K D (Wireless Operator)
 RAAF 427860 Flt Sgt J K Ferguson, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Davis is buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is on the outskirts of Bari in the Locality of Carbonara.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

406326 Sergeant DOWNE, Alwyn Raymond

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/103/235 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 893
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington DV893 took off at 0035 hours on the 4th September 1942 and proceeded to the target area to attack motor transport in the battle area. The weather was fair but deteriorating and on returning the pilot was unable to locate base owing to low cloud and mist but eventually found Landing Ground 224 and shortly after the aircraft struck rising ground which no one in the aircraft had seen in the waning moon due to poor visibility. Sgt Downe died of injuries received in the crash, and some other members of the crew were also injured but survived the crash.

Crew :

RAAF 402439 FO Clarke, J Captain (Pilot) (Not Injured))
 RAF Flt Sgt J Souden, (Pilot) (Multiple Injuries)
 RAF Sgt P Hall, (Observer) Injured)
 RAF Sgt F W Makin, (Wireless Air Gunner) (Injured)
 RAAF 406326 Sgt A R Downe, (Air Gunner) (Died of injuries)
 RAAF 404043 Sgt J M Scott (Air Gunner) (Not injured)

Sgt Downe is buried in the Heliopolis War Cemetery, Egypt. Heliopolis a major suburb of Cairo lies 10kms to the north east of the main city centre and is approx 6kms from the airport.

FO Clarke (RAAF) was later killed on 12th December 1944, when a member of 460 Sqn (RAAF) At that time he was a Sqn Ldr and had been awarded the DFC and AFC. and was Mentioned in Despatches.

Sgt Scott (RAAF) was later killed on 12th December 1944, when a member of 460 Sqn (RAAF). At the time he was a Flying Officer and had been awarded the DFM. Both Clarke and Scott were members of the same crew when they were killed.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402442 Flying Officer HARPER, Roderick MacMillan

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1633/35/80 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 873
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington DV873 was detailed to attack an enemy drome at Comiso, Sicily, on 23rd April 1942, was shot down on reaching the targe, and. the six crew on board were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 402442 FO Harper, R MacM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G H King, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt E F Wear, (Observer)
RAF Sgt R T Perrin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T P Hoskins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H C Powell, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Catania War Cemetery, Sicily. The cemetery is 7kms south-west of Catania.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415424 Flight Sergeant HOUGH, Bernard Austin

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/118/287 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JN 959
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary

Halifax JN959 was detailed on the night of 10/11th February 1944 to carry out a special mission to Albania. The aircraft was reported missing and failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF	414720 Flt Sgt I McGugan, Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Flt Sgt N E Plaxton (Flight Engineer)
RAAF	415424 Flt Sgt B A Hough, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF	412601 Flt Sgt P G Mann (Navigator)
RAAF	410502 Flt Sgt E G Lee, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt A H Elkes, (Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt F M C H Harris, (Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt A J Palmer (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed during the mission on the 11th February 1944, and that seven of the crew were killed and Sgt Elkes (RAF) was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia and Montenegro. The cemetery is in Uliga Baju Sekulica, in the city's Fifth Region on the edge of the Yugoaslav Cemetery (Novo Groblje)

Sgt Elkes (POW) later reported " The aircraft crashed in Montenegro after colliding with mountains. No bodies were found in the aircraft according to German information but one unidentified body found in the vicinity some days later. As the body of the Canadian member of the crew was found (and buried by the Germans) and believed that this was one of my crew also. I left that locality a month later but nothing more was heard or seen of any other airmen."

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

410502 Flight Sergeant LEE, Edward George

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/118/287 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JN 959
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary

Halifax JN959 was detailed on the night of 10/11th February 1944 to carry out a special mission to Albania. The aircraft was reported missing and failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF	414720 Flt Sgt I McGugan, Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Flt Sgt N E Plaxton (Flight Engineer)
RAAF	415424 Flt Sgt B A Hough, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF	412601 Flt Sgt P G Mann (Navigator)
RAAF	410502 Flt Sgt E G Lee, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt A H Elkes, (Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt F M C H Harris, (Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt A J Palmer (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed during the mission on the 11th February 1944, and that seven of the crew were killed and Sgt Elkes (RAF) was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia and Montenegro. The cemetery is in Uliga Baju Sekulica, in the city's Fifth Region on the edge of the Yugoaslav Cemetery (Novo Groblje)

Sgt Elkes (POW) later reported " The aircraft crashed in Montenegro after colliding with mountains. No bodies were found in the aircraft according to German information but one unidentified body found in the vicinity some days later. As the body of the Canadian member of the crew was found (and buried by the Germans) and believed that this was one of my crew also. I left that locality a month later but nothing more was heard or seen of any other airmen."

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
419502 Warrant Officer LOWE, George Robaert Colquhoun

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/43/1061 (Digitised)
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	380
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax 380 took off on 4th January 1945, detailed to carry out a daytime supply drop at Icarus, Yugoslavia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 418610 FO Walker, G M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W M Breen, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 427522 WO A W Lyon, (Navigator)
RAAF 419502 WO G R C Lowe, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF WO R J Rowe (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt R Bromley (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R J Towner, (Air Gunner)

Four of the crew were killed and Sgt's Rowe, Bromley, Towner survived the crash.

Those killed are buried in the Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia and Montenegro. The War Cemetery is in Uliga Baju Sekulica, in the city's Fifth Region on the edge of the New Yugoslav Cemetery (Novo Groblje).

A later report by WO Rowe (RAF) who was captured by the Germans and was a POW stated " the aircraft received direct hits from anti-aircraft fire and the Captain ordered the crew to bale out. All members baled out except FO Walker and WO Lyon the Navigator, who was seen by WO Rowe lying near the front hatch, having apparently been killed by ack-ack fire. When I baled out, the aircraft was only at 150 feet, and I was the last to bale out. After that the aircraft was too low for the Captain to bale out. WO Lowe the bomb aimer was shot while descending in his chute and was buried by Yugoslav Partisans in a wood near Sisak.

Sgt Bromley and Towner later stated in their report " We baled out but were unable to see what happened to the remainder of the crew. We landed on the edge of a wood about 10kms about 10kms south of Sisak, abandoned our parachutes which were damaged and contacted some woodcutters who were working in another wood about half a mile away. These men took me to a partisan HQ which was nearby, Breen who was badly burned about his face and hands, was then treated by a partisan doctor. Later that day I saw two badly damaged parachutes which they stated belonged to Rowe and Lowe. The partisans told me they had buried Lowe within half a mile of where I had landed, and that WO Rowe had been captured by the Germans. They also told me that the aircraft had been completely destroyed by fire and that they had been unable to find any traces of the remainder of the crew although they had searched for 12 hours."

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
427522 Warrant Officer LYON, Andrew Lyon

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/43/1061 (Digitised)
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	380
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax 380 took off on 4th January 1945, detailed to carry out a daytime supply drop at Icarus, Yugoslavia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 418610 FO Walker, G M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W M Breen, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 427522 WO A W Lyon, (Navigator)
RAAF 419502 WO G R C Lowe, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF WO R J Rowe (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt R Bromley (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R J Towner, (Air Gunner)

Four of the crew were killed and Sgt's Rowe, Bromley, Towner survived the crash.

Those killed are buried in the Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia and Montenegro. The War Cemetery is in Uliga Baju Sekulica, in the city's Fifth Region on the edge of the New Yugoslav Cemetery (Novo Groblje).

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Sgt Bromley and Towner later stated in their report " We baled out but were unable to see what happened to the remainder of the crew. We landed on the edge of a wood about 10kms about 10kms south of Sisak, abandoned our parachutes which were damaged and contacted some woodcutters who were working in another wood about half a mile away. These men took me to a partisan HQ which was nearby, Breen who was badly burned about his face and hands, was then treated by a partisan doctor. Later that day I saw two badly damaged parachutes which they stated belonged to Rowe and Lowe. The partisans told me they had buried Lowe within half a mile of where I had landed, and that WO Rowe had been captured by the Germans. They also told me that the aircraft had been completely destroyed by fire and that they had been unable to find any traces of the remainder of the crew although they had searched for 12 hours."

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403815 Sergeant MACLEAN, Allan

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/142/479 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 848
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HF848 took off at 2139 hours on the night of 30 Oct/1st Nov 1942, detailed to attack dock installations at Tobruk harbour. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt T Billingham, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S A Conibear, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt P H Wood (Observer)
RAAF 411037 Flt Sgt G J Matheson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403815 Sgt A MacLean, (Front Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt L J Labarge, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed some distance south of Trigh-Cepuzzo, Middle East. All the crew were killed and bodies of five of the crew of six were found in the wrecked aircraft.

Sgt Billingham is buried in the Halfaya Sollum War Cemetery, Egypt. The cemetery is on the main coast road from Mersa Matruh through to Libya, and is on the east side of Halfaya Sollum, approx 12kms from the Egypt/Libya border.

The other five crew members are buried in the Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Libya. The cemetery is located 750 metres south of the main road from Benghazi to Tobruk, about 25kms west of Tobruk.

Note : The Commonwealth War Graves record the Date of Death of all the crew as 30th October 1942.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

412601 Flight Sergeant MANN, Percy Garfield

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/118/287 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JN 959
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary

Halifax JN959 was detailed on the night of 10/11th February 1944 to carry out a special mission to Albania. The aircraft was reported missing and failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 414720 Flt Sgt I McGugan, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Flt Sgt N E Plaxton (Flight Engineer)
 RAAF 415424 Flt Sgt B A Hough, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
 RAAF 412601 Flt Sgt P G Mann (Navigator)
 RAAF 410502 Flt Sgt E G Lee, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt A H Elkes, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt F M C H Harris, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt A J Palmer (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed during the mission on the 11th February 1944, and that seven of the crew were killed and Sgt Elkes (RAF) was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia and Montenegro. The cemetery is in Uliga Baju Sekulica, in the city's Fifth Region on the edge of the Yugoaslav Cemetery (Novo Groblje)

Sgt Elkes (POW) later reported " The aircraft crashed in Montenegro after colliding with mountains. No bodies were found in the aircraft according to German information but one unidentified body found in the vicinity some days later. As the body of the Canadian member of the crew was found (and buried by the Germans) and believed that this was one of my crew also. I left that locality a month later but nothing more was heard or seen of any other airmen."

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

432241 Flying Officer MASON, Henry Oscar

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/758 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JP 281
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JP281 was detailed on the 20th January 1945 to carry out a daytime mission on the target Icarus Minimus in Northern Yugoslavia. A successful message was received at 1428 hours but after that there was no further news and the aircraft failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Strang, G B Captain (Pilot)
 RNZAF Flt Lt Horsefall, H E (2nd Pilot)
 RAF Sgt J W Holmes, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF FO Wilson, W H (Navigator)
 RAF FO Howarth, R (Air Bomber)
 RAAF 432241 FO Mason H O (Wireless Operator)
 RAF Sgt D P Burns, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt G Diffey, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed on the above mission, and they are buried in the Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia and Montenegro. The War Cemetery is in Uliga Baju Sekulica, in the city's Fifth Region on the edge of the New Yugoslav Cemetery (Novo Groblje).

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

411037 Flight Sergeant MATHESON, Gordon James

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/142/479 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 848
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HF848 took off at 2139 hours on the night of 30 Oct/1st Nov 1942, detailed to attack dock installations at Tobruk harbour. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt T Billingham, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S A Conibear, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt P H Wood (Observer)
RAAF 411037 Flt Sgt G J Matheson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403815 Sgt A MacLean, (Front Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt L J Labarge, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed some distance south of Trigh-Cepuzzo, Middle East. All the crew were killed and bodies of five of the crew of six were found in the wrecked aircraft.

Sgt Billingham is buried in the Halfaya Sollum War Cemetery, Egypt. The cemetery is on the main coast road from Mersa Matruh through to Libya, and is on the east side of Halfaya Sollum, approx 12kms from the Egypt/Libya border.

The other five crew members are buried in the Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Libya. The cemetery is located 750 metres south of the main road from Benghazi to Tobruk, about 25kms west of Tobruk.

Note : The Commonwealth War Graves record the Date of Death of all the crew as 30th October 1942.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414720 Flight Sergeant McGUGAN, Ian

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/118/287 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JN 959
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary

Halifax JN959 was detailed on the night of 10/11th February 1944 to carry out a special mission to Albania. The aircraft was reported missing and failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF	414720 Flt Sgt I McGugan, Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Flt Sgt N E Plaxton (Flight Engineer)
RAAF	415424 Flt Sgt B A Hough, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF	412601 Flt Sgt P G Mann (Navigator)
RAAF	410502 Flt Sgt E G Lee, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt A H Elkes, (Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt F M C H Harris, (Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt A J Palmer (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed during the mission on the 11th February 1944, and that seven of the crew were killed and Sgt Elkes (RAF) was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia and Montenegro. The cemetery is in Uliga Baju Sekulica, in the city's Fifth Region on the edge of the Yugoaslav Cemetery (Novo Groblje)

Sgt Elkes (POW) later reported " The aircraft crashed in Montenegro after colliding with mountains. No bodies were found in the aircraft according to German information but one unidentified body found in the vicinity some days later. As the body of the Canadian member of the crew was found (and buried by the Germans) and believed that this was one of my crew also. I left that locality a month later but nothing more was heard or seen of any other airmen."

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404110 Pilot Officer McMASTER, Hugh

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/97/103 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	QD 8365
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington QD8365 at 1235 hours on 6th November 1941 crashed at the Kabrit drome, Middle East and all three on board were killed. The accident occurred when the port engine failed when the aircraft was at 8,400 feet.

Crew :

RAAF 404110 PO McMaster, H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D F Muir, (Pilot)
RAAF 16876 LAC W E Clark, (Fitter 2E)

The three killed are buried in the Fayid War Cemetery, Egypt. Fayid is a small town 20kms south of Ismailia on the west of the Great Bitter Lake, which is the mid point of the Suez Canal.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

437156 Warrant Officer PASCOE, Gordon Keith

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/670 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JP 209
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JP209 took off on 14th February 1944, detailed to carry out a supply dropping (day) mission in Northern Yugoslavia. The aircraft crash landed on the target at 43.35 and 10 secs N and 17.10 and 10 secs E and all the crew were reported safe, although WO Pascoe was reported as slightly wounded. All the crew were evacuated safe to the Middle East via No 1 Medina. WO Pascoe was hospitalised, and on 17th March 1944 was placed on the dangerously ill list as he had wounds in his chest and had been operated on twice. He also had a fever. He died of his injuries on 12th May 1944.

Crew :

SAAF Lieut Vincent, V Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Flt Sgt R E W Roberts, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF Sgt P Lee, (Navigator)
 RAF Flt Sgt E C Wilkinson, (Air Bomber)
 RAAF 437156 WO G K Pascoe (Wireless Operator Air)
 RAF Sgt A F Ellis, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt K Dento, (Air Gunner)

WO Pascoe is buried in the Tynemouth (Preston) Cemetery, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404057 Sergeant SKERMAN, Verdun Victor

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/314 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Sgt Corley was pilot of an aircraft which crashed during an operational flight at 2230 hours on 14th September 1941, 600 yards from the Fuka satellite drome, Egypt. Sgt Skerman was killed in the crash and Sgt Corley died of his injuries on the 14th September

Crew :

RAAF 404065 Sgt C J Corley, Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 404057 Sgt V V Skerman, (Pilot)

Sgt's Corley and Skerman are buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Alamein is a village, bypassed by the main coast road, approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403833 Sergeant STANLEY, Mervyn William

Source :

AWM 237 (65) AWM 65 (4818) NAA A705, 163/163/433

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 603
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington DV603 took off from Kabrit drome, Middle East, at 1.20am on the night of 6/7th July, 1942, and immediately afterwards crashed at the edge of Bitter Lake. Owing to the darkness the accident was not witnessed and the damage to the aircraft was such that it was not possible to determine the cause of the accident.

All on board the aircraft were killed except the Rear Gunner who was thrown clear in the accident, with his head above the water, but trapped in the wreck for some three hours before being rescued.

Crew :

RAF Sgt C Handley, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt H W Brayshaw, (2nd Pilot)
 RAF Sgt J G Fry, (Observer)
 RAF Sgt A Rae, (Wireless Operator)
 RAAF 403833 Sgt M W Stanley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt J A Robinson, (Air Gunner)

The five crew men who lost their lives are buried in the Fayid War Cemetery, Egypt. Fayid is a small town, 20kms south of Ismailia on the west coast of the Great Bitter Lake, which is at the mid-point of the Suez Canal.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

424114 Flight Sergeant STEELE, Charles Gibson

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 16611/38/731 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 319
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD319 on 17th October 1944, was detailed to carry out a daytime supply drop mission in Northern Yugoslavia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt P H Edwards, Captain (Pilot)

RAF Sgt D Clark, (Flight Engineer)

RAAF 424114

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409773 Pilot Officer TOPP, William Leslie

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/81 (Digitised)
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	BB 435
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax BB435 was detailed for SOE Operations Deaminster T on the night of 7/8th September 1943. The weather forecast was bad, predicting 10/10ths cumulus-nimbus cloud over most of the area with a risk of thundery showers and a very low cloud base. In view of the appalling weather conditions experienced over the last two or three days it was decided to cancel all except three of the ten operations scheduled. In the Deaminster area there appeared to be a slight chance of breaks and as there was a half moon to give illumination this operation was one of the three allowed to proceed. The crews were warned that if they were in any doubt as to being able to reach there areas safely below cloud, they were to return.

Two of the aircraft returned early reporting heavy 10/10th cumulus-nimbus cloud with the base on the ground but nothing further was heard of Halifax BB435 after it took off at 2000 hours C. ASR aircraft were despatched to carry out a sweep of the Greek coast but no trace was found. A message was later received from the field that the aircraft reached the target but crashed and it was believed that the whole crew were lost.

Crew :

RAAF 409773 PO Topp, W L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A C Goss, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Kay, G (Navigator)
RAF FO W King, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W G Humberstone, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G E Smith, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C Dove, (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J E Wintie, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. The Cemetery lies a few kms to the south east of Athens at the boundary between old Phaleron district and Alimos-Kalamak district on the coast road from Athens to Vouliaghmen.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

411617 Flight Sergeant TYAS, Reginald Charles

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/348 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 566
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN566 took off at 1639 hours on the night of 24th November 1943, detailed to bomb Turin, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 411617 Flt Sgt R C Tyas, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 420634 Flt Sgt A D Smith (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt F E Summers, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W R Knight, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt H A Clark, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt J H LeBoldus, (Air Gunner)

Lieutenant Scarlett of a NZ GR Unit later reported that "From information given to him by local Italians it appears that four engine aircraft were flying low over mountainous country on in Nov 1943. There was thick fog on the mountains at the time and one of the planes crashed on a hillside through bad visibility. The wreck was not discovered until 5th December 1943 by Italian civilians. Local German troops were notified and they brought six bodies down to Propate where they were buried."

The six crew are buried in the Stagliano Cemetery, Genoa, Italy.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
418610 Flying Officer WALKER, Gordon Murray

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/43/1061 (Digitised)
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	380
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 148 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax 380 took off on 4th January 1945, detailed to carry out a daytime supply drop at Icarus, Yugoslavia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 418610 FO Walker, G M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W M Breen, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 427522 WO A W Lyon, (Navigator)
RAAF 419502 WO G R C Lowe, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF WO R J Rowe (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt R Bromley (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R J Towner, (Air Gunner)

Four of the crew were killed and Sgt's Rowe, Bromley, Towner survived the crash.

Those killed are buried in the Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia and Montenegro. The War Cemetery is in Uliga Baju Sekulica, in the city's Fifth Region on the edge of the New Yugoslav Cemetery (Novo Groblje).

A later report by WO Rowe (RAF) who was captured by the Germans and was a POW stated " the aircraft received direct hits from anti-aircraft fire and the Captain ordered the crew to bale out. All members baled out except FO Walker and WO Lyon the Navigator, who was seen by WO Rowe lying near the front hatch, having apparently been killed by ack-ack fire. When I baled out, the aircraft was only at 150 feet, and I was the last to bale out. After that the aircraft was too low for the Captain to bale out. WO Lowe the bomb aimer was shot while descending in his chute and was buried by Yugoslav Partisans in a wood near Sisak.

Sgt Bromley and Towner later stated in their report " We baled out but were unable to see what happened to the remainder of the crew. We landed on the edge of a wood about 10kms about 10kms south of Sisak, abandoned our parachutes which were damaged and contacted some woodcutters who were working in another wood about half a mile away. These men took me to a partisan HQ which was nearby, Breen who was badly burned about his face and hands, was then treated by a partisan doctor. Later that day I saw two badly damaged parachutes which they stated belonged to Rowe and Lowe. The partisans told me they had buried Lowe within half a mile of where I had landed, and that WO Rowe had been captured by the Germans. They also told me that the aircraft had been completely destroyed by fire and that they had been unable to find any traces of the remainder of the crew although they had searched for 12 hours."

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404614 Pilot Officer BAILEY, Lloyd Wilson

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/23/111

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 45, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	N 6126
Radio call sign:	OJ – U
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling N6126 took off from RAF Mildenhall at 2000hours on the night of 1011th March 1942, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 404614 PO Bailey, L W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R W Hunt, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T E Jordan, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt G R Williams, (Observer)
RAF Sgt T J Sherriff, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S N L B Smart, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G B Daines, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D H Munro, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed between Nutterden and Materborn, two small communities west and south west of Kleve. Seven of the crew were killed and Sgt Munro was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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424361 Flight Sergeant BRADY, Francis Patrick Joseph

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/589 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 299, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EF 188
Radio call sign:	OJ – M
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EF188 took off from RAF Methwold at 2315 hours on the night of 23/24th June 1944, and set course for French coastal waters off Brest, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 426358 PO Lincoln, E J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E R Duckworth, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt L R Richards, (Navigator)
RAAF 408338 Flt Sgt R J McQuitty, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424361 Flt Sgt F P J Brady, (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt E D Eaton, (Air Gunner)
RCAF PO H W G Fox, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed in the vicinity of Plougonvelin in the Department of the Finistere, 18kms south west of Brest. France, and all the crew were killed.

PO Lincoln, Flt Sgt Richards, Flt Sgt Brady and PO Fox are buried in the Brest (Kerfautras) Cemetery, France. The cemetery is in the suburb of St Martin, approx 2kms north east from the centre of Brest.

Sgt Duckworth, Flt Sgt McQuitty and Sgt Eaton are buried in the St Charles De Percy War Cemetery, France. St Charles De Percy is a village 44kms south west of Caen, France.

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421157 Flight Lieutenant BUTTON, Lyle Ewart

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/931 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 62, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NN 708
Radio call sign:	OJ – Q
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NN708 took off from RAF Methwold at 2031hours on the night of 2/3rd
February 1945, detailed to bomb Wiesbaden, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 421157 Flt Lt Button, L E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Wg Cdr Kay L H DFC (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Botting, J C (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt H Ormerod, (Navigator)
RAF FO Harrison, F M G (Air Bomber)
RAAF 427963 WO P H Wales, ((Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt F Bryant, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C S Bowers, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Niederbrechen town on the main road between Limburg and Bad
Camberg, Germany. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Omerod, Harrison and
Bowers were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hannover,
Niedersachsen, Germany. Wg Cdr Kay had only recently taken up his post as CO of the
Squadron.

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400014 Sergeant DENIER, Desmond Ernest George

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/101/63 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 111, Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9633
Radio call sign:	OJ – R
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X9633 took off from RAF Mildenhall at 2239 hours on the night of 6/7th August 1941, detailed to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt J T Farmer, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F S Ellis, (Pilot)
RAAF 400014 D E G Denier, (Observer)
RAF Sgt G Lickley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Yoxall (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt V B Quinlan, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Thorembais SDt Trond (Brabant), 15kmns south east of Wavre, Belgium, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Thorambais-St Trond Communal Cemetery, Belgium. The village of Thorambais-Saint-Trond is located south east of the town of Wavre off the E411 motorway which runs between Brussels and Namur. The six crew members are the only Commonwealth WW2 fatalities buried in the cemetery.

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406674 Flight Sergeant FINCH, Edward Henry

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/47 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 136, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EF 343
Radio call sign:	OJ – B
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EF343 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 2215 hours on the night of 4/5th May 1943, detailed to bomb Dortmund, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Davey, W E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C W E Leach, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt R F Whitaker, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF FO Timney, T C (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt D R Higgs, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J J O'Neill, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner))
RAF Sgt G J C Hall, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 406674 Flt Sgt E H Finch, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0018 hours on the 5th May 1943 near Ijpecolsga (Friesland) on the Woudsend to Rijs road, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Wymbritseradeel (Ijpecosga) General Cemetery, Netherlands. Ijpecosga is situated on the Woudsend-Rija road,. Woudsend itself is 10kms south of Sneek, just west of the road to Lemmer.

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426358 Pilot Officer LINCOLN, Edward James

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/589 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 299, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EF 188
Radio call sign:	OJ – M
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EF188 took off from RAF Methwold at 2315 hours on the night of 23/24th June 1944, and set course for French coastal waters off Brest, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 426358 PO Lincoln, E J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E R Duckworth, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt L R Richards, (Navigator)
RAAF 408338 Flt Sgt R J McQuitty, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424361 Flt Sgt F P J Brady, (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt E D Eaton, (Air Gunner)
RCAF PO H W G Fox, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed in the vicinity of Plougonvelin in the Department of the Finistere, 18kms south west of Brest. France, and all the crew were killed.

PO Lincoln, Flt Sgt Richards, Flt Sgt Brady and PO Fox are buried in the Brest (Kerfautras) Cemetery, France. The cemetery is in the suburb of St Martin, approx 2kms north east from the centre of Brest.

Sgt Duckworth, Flt Sgt McQuitty and Sgt Eaton are buried in the St Charles De Percy War Cemetery, France. St Charles De Percy is a village 44kms south west of Caen, France.

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429708 Flight Sergeant LONDON, Alexander Edmund

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/276 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 106, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NF 972
Radio call sign:	OJ – H
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF972 took off from RAF Methwold at 1044 hours on the 5th March 1945, on a daytime raid detailed to bomb by G-H methods the Consolidation benzol plant at Gelsebkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 436323 Flt Lt Williams, B M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E T Turner, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt R Wormail-Phillips, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R Taylor, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429708 Flt Sgt A E London, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt N E Smith (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Summers, (Air Gunner)

A report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “The aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Bruckhausen Farm, Langhoff. The bodies of Flt Lt Williams and Flt Sgt London were recovered from the wreckage of the aircraft.”

Bruckhausen is approx 7 miles north of Oberhsusen, Germany. Both Flt Lt Williams and Flt Sgt London were killed and the other five crew members were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

A later POW report stated “ The aircraft was hit by flak on the run into the target. The starboard inner was set on fire and spread to the main plane. The aircraft broke formation but was under control and six chutes were seen by aircraft crews from No 90 Sqn RAF No one else baled out and the aircraft vanished into the cloud still under control.”

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411510 Flight Sergeant MCALLISTER, Norman Archibald

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/397 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 117, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EJ 124
Radio call sign:	OJ – C
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EJ124 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 1853 hours on the night of 15/16th
March, 1944, detailed to bomb Amiens, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after
take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 409210 PO Munro, D J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A McL Reid, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A R Skelton, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R B Priestley, (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 411510 Flt Sgt N A McAllister, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R S Barratt, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt M F Culling, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed 2kms south west of Boves (Somme), and 10kms south east of
Amiens, France. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the St-Pierre Cemetery,
France, The cemetery is situated in the north east outskirts of Amiens on the northern side
of the main road to Albert.

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408388 Flight Sergeant MCQUITTY, Robert John

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/589 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 299, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EF 188
Radio call sign:	OJ – M
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EF188 took off from RAF Methwold at 2315 hours on the night of 23/24th June 1944, and set course for French coastal waters off Brest, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 426358 PO Lincoln, E J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E R Duckworth, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt L R Richards, (Navigator)
RAAF 408338 Flt Sgt R J McQuitty, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424361 Flt Sgt F P J Brady, (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt E D Eaton, (Air Gunner)
RCAF PO H W G Fox, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed in the vicinity of Plougonvelin in the Department of the Finistere, 18kms south west of Brest. France, and all the crew were killed.

PO Lincoln, Flt Sgt Richards, Flt Sgt Brady and PO Fox are buried in the Brest (Kerfautras) Cemetery, France. The cemetery is in the suburb of St Martin, approx 2kms north east from the centre of Brest.

Sgt Duckworth, Flt Sgt McQuitty and Sgt Eaton are buried in the St Charles De Percy War Cemetery, France. St Charles De Percy is a village 44kms south west of Caen, France.

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402745 Pilot Officer MIDDLETON, Rawdon Hume, VC

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5259727 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463
OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber
Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 266, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	BF 327
Radio call sign:	OJ – H
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling BF327 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 1814 hours on the night of 28/29th November 1942, detailed to bomb Turin, Italy. The circumstances associated with the above mission in which PO Middleton lost his life on 29th November 1942, and was awarded posthumously the Victoria Cross on 13th January 1943, are set out below

Crew :

RAAF 402745 PO Middleton, R H, VC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt L A Hyder (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Jeffery, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO G R Royde, (Navigator)
RAF FO N E Skinner (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt J W Mackie, (Front Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt D Cameron, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H W Gough, (Rear Gunner)

PO Middleton, Sgt Jeffery and Sgt Mackie were killed, Flt Sgt Hyder and PO Skinner
Sgt Gough, FO Royde and Sgt Mackie were uninjured.

PO Middleton is buried in the Beck Row (St John) Churchyard, near Mildenhall, UK.
His body was found near Shakespeare Beach Dover on 1st February 1943

Sgt Jeffery is buried in the Poole Cemetery, UK. Sgt Jeffery is from Parkstone, Dorset.
Sgt Mackie is buried in the Alva Cemetery, Clackmannanshire, UK..

Citation :

The Citation for the award of the Victoria Cross to PO Middleton as follows:

“Flight Sergeant Middleton was Captain and first pilot of a Stirling aircraft detailed to attack the Fiat works at Turin, Italy, one night in November 1942. Great difficulty was experienced in climbing to 12,000 feet to cross the Alps which led to excessive use of fuel. So dark was the night that the mountain peaks were almost invisible. During the crossing, Flt Sgt Middleton had to decide whether to press on or turn back, there being barely sufficient fuel for the return journey. Flares were sighted ahead and he continued the mission and even dived to 2000 feet to identify the target despite the difficulty of regaining height. Three flights were made over Turin at this low altitude before the target was identified. The aircraft was then subject to fire from light anti-aircraft guns. A large hole appeared in the port main plane which made it difficult to maintain lateral control. A shell then burst in the cockpit shattering the windscreen and wounding both pilots.

A piece of shell splinter tore into the side of Flt Sgt Middleton's face destroying his right eye and exposing the bone over the eye. He was probably wounded also in the body or legs. The second pilot received wounds in the head and both legs which bled profusely. The wireless operator was also wounded in the leg.

Fli Sgt Middleton became unconscious and the aircraft dived to 800 feet before control was regained by the 2nd pilot who took the aircraft up to 1500 and released the bombs. There was still light flak, some very intense at times and the aircraft was hit many times. The three gunners replied continuously until the rear turret was put out of action. Flt Sgt Middleton had now recovered consciousness and when clear of the target ordered the second pilot back to receive first aid. Before this was completed the latter insisted on returning to the cockpit as the captain could see very little and could only speak with loss of blood and great pain. The course was set for the base and the crew now faced the Alpine crossing and homeward flight in the damaged aircraft with insufficient fuel. The possibilities of abandoning the aircraft or landing in Northern France were discussed but Flt Sgt Middleton expressed the intention of trying to make the English coast so that his crew could leave the aircraft by parachute. Owing to wounds and diminishing strength he knew that by then he would have little or no chance of saving himself. After four hours the French coast was reached and here the aircraft flying at 6000 feet was once more engaged and hit by intense light anti-aircraft fire. Flt Sgt Middleton was still at the controls and mustered sufficient strength to take evasive action.

After crossing the Channel there was only sufficient fuel for five minutes flying. Flt Sgt Middleton ordered the crew to abandon the aircraft while he flew parallel with the coast for a few miles after which he intended to head out to sea. Five of the crew left the aircraft safely while two remained to assist Flt Sgt Middleton. The aircraft crashed in the sea and the bodies of the front gunner and flight engineer were recovered on the following day. The gallant captain was apparently unable to leave the aircraft and his body has not been traced.

Flt Sgt Middleton was determined to attack the target regardless of the consequences and not to allow his crew to fall into enemy hands. While all the crew displayed great heroism of high order, the urge to do so came from Flt Sgt Middleton whose fortitude and strength of will made possible the completion of the mission. His devotion to duty in the face of overwhelming odds is unsurpassed in the annals of the Royal Air Force."

Air Marshal Sir Arthur T Harris, C-in-C Bomber Command, sent this signal to Middleton's father. "In the annals of the RAF there is not yet been found a more gallant episode than that which Flt Sgt Middleton laid down his own life deliberately to save some of his crew, and if possible, his aircraft. On behalf of Bomber Command I offer you my sympathy in the loss of your son, whose stirring example of devotion to duty to the end has inspired not only the crews in the Bomber Command, but will forever remain an inspiration wherever there are white and blue roundels of the King's Air Forces overhead." The father replied: "My son did his duty", then thanked the crew and Bomber Command, and sympathised with the relatives of the other two men lost. First RAAF VC of World War 11 and 53rd of the war.

PO Royde and PFO Skinner both were awarded the DFC, and Flt Sgt Hyder, Flt Sgt Skinner and Sgt Gough were awarded DFM's.

Flt Sgt Middleton :

Born 22 July 1916 at Waverley, NSW

5 feet 11 inches. Joined RAAF at Sydney, 14th October 1940. Educated Dubbo High School, NSW. Unmarried. Lived at Yarrabandai, NSW prior to joining RAAF.

His father was manager of a grazing property at Wee Wang Station, Brogan Gate, in the middle west of NSW. Before joining the RAAF, Flt Sgt Middleton was a jackaroo, working with his father, riding the range, looking after the stock..

Left Australia 22nd February 1941. In Canada until 23rd August 1941.

Posted to 149 Sqn 26th February 1942; then to 7 Sqn 25th August 1942; then back to 149 Sqn 2nd September 1942. Most of his flights had been over the Ruhr and other German target areas. He had also been on several bombing flights to Italy. His trip to Turin was Middleton's 29th trip. His tour would have been completed at thirty trips and he would have been due for a rest.

Appointed to commission with rank of Pilot Officer, 14 November 1942, but unaware of this at the time of his death.

Flt Sgt Middleton, VC by FO Skinner on 15th January 1944.

ANNOUNCER : This is London Calling.

Today we bring you the story of how Flt Sgt Middleton won the VC just awarded to him sacrificed himself to save his crew. The story has been told throughout the world in the last 24 hours and here at least it has been acclaimed as one of the outstanding examples of human courage and steadfastness at a time when epic stories are almost commonplace. The story is going to be told to you today by the wireless operator of the Stirling crew of which Flt Sgt Middleton, VC was Captain. The wireless operator is FO Skinner, a Yorkshire man who came from the station specially to record this account of that last flight by Ron Middleton. FO Skinner speaks for the whole crew.

SPEAKER "I am the wireless operator in the Stirling crew which Flt Sgt Middleton was Captain. Even while the action was on I remember thinking "I'm watching this, not part of it." It was like seeing the film of a burning house. Somehow it never enters your head that you personally won't come out alive. I hope that this explains why some of the detail may not be quite clear. I've remembered them as if they were in a film I'd seen some time ago.

Ron Middleton was an Australian, and lived most of his life on his father's sheep station at Bogans Gate in New South Wales. He was 26 years old and about the most modest chap I've ever met, and one of the best looking. He was so efficient that the three gunners of his crew asked to be continued to fly with him even though they had completed their own tour of operations. They were with us on this trip to Turin.

After dusk we got the green light from the aerodrome control pilot in his caravan by the runway. Middleton opened up the throttles and we took off. Over France Middleton noticed that the Stirling, H for Harry, was using up a lot of fuel in climbing. We were detailed to go down low over Turin to attack the Fiat works and that meant we should

have to climb twice to get over the Alps, so we naturally very careful about the consumption of fuel, and climbed slowly to economise.

By the time we reached the Alps we had climbed to 12,000 feet. There was no moon and we should have crossed the Alps several thousand feet higher, but Middleton decided to go on and make his way through the mountains. The front gunner was told to watch ahead and everyone in the bomber began looking up at the sides of the mountains. We could see patches of snow, white against the dark shadows. There was an anxious moment when the shadows closed in and the front gunner reported "Mountains straight ahead". Middleton said "We're coming to a dead end." He opened the bomb doors and the navigator was about to jettison the bombs so that we could climb when the front gunner called "it's there, look to starboard". For to the right we could see the lights of Turin and British flares blazing in the sky above the city.

We closed our bomb doors and turned to fly down the pass. Middleton again asked about petrol and the Flt Engineer said that if we went down low we might not be able to get back to base. The Middleton asked if we could make an airfield on the south coast of England. The engineer replied "yes" we could. "Right, we're going down, Middleton said. The navigator went into the bombing well.

As we neared Turin Middleton skilfully wove his way down through the light flak and flares. For a moment I wondered if we were going to get entangled in the white silk parachutes from which the flares were hanging. Then we were hit by flak in the wing, which reduced our power to lift, and Middleton called for his second pilot to help him with the controls. We heard him say over the inter-com "We're still OK.." and he began circling again among the flak.

Middleton had just identified the target when a shell burst in his cockpit between him and the second pilot and wounded both of them. I heard him say over the inter-com "I'm hit". Then he lost consciousness, and the Stirling went into a dive. As we went down the fuselage and main planes were being hit continuously. The second pilot got to the controls and brought the bomber out of the dive. But we were down to 800 feet before we felt the bomber levelling out. Middleton came to while we were climbing, and his first question was to ask if we were too low to bomb. We could see the house tops of Turin and the tremendous fires. It was a wonderful night for bombers. We dropped our load from just about 1500 feet and felt the thuds of light flak along the main plane.

Despite his appalling injuries – his right eye had been destroyed by a shell splinter and the bones above the eye were completely exposed – Middleton ordered his second pilot back to the rest bunk to get his wounds dressed. He too had been badly hit. The wounds on his face were dried with gauze. His hand had been torn and was dressed with a pad, but he refused to have a tourniquet put on his wounded leg. "I want to go back and help Ron.", he said. He shambled past me, head forward, looking in his determination like a wounded bear. I saw the blood stains on his green flying suit as he passed the lights on the engineer's panel, and I could not imagine how he kept standing.

We thought then of flying to North Africa to avoid the climb over the Alps (some crew thought of Switzerland), but Middleton was determined to get his crew back to England.

To make the most of our fuel we jettisoned everything we could. – camera, armour plating, oxygen bottles, ammunition, flares, sears, fire extinguisher, and even the sextant. The navigator prowled around the aircraft with a fireman's axe chopping off things to jettison. He asked Middleton whether we should drop the guns. Middleton replied "Yes, OK George carry on but try not to talk to me, it hurts when I answer."

We had four hours flight ahead of us and the Alps to climb. Both our pilots were seriously wounded and their windscreen was smashed so that they were sitting in an icy gale. The front gunner came back and stood by the injured pilots setting their compass and helping them to weave their way through the passes. The time spent in bombing Turin had, we thought, reduced fuel so much that we would be lucky if we reached the sea in order to ditch. We checked our dinghies.

Then the north wind dropped a little and we made better headway. There was still little hope of reaching England safely, and our captain must have realised that he could have baled out or crash landed on the flat plains of France, but he had made up his mind to get his crew back to England, although his wounds were serious.

Over North France I saw a flash of light above me and I realised it was the reflection on the astrodome from searchlights. We were coned by twelve of them, and more light flak hit the wings. Middleton was an artist at throwing a bomber about, and we lost height from 6000 feet to 600 feet. Again he asked about petrol and just as we sighted the coast of England the engineer reported that he could guarantee five minutes fuel but not ten. Middleton called for his parachute, and it was passed to him by the navigator. I believe now that this was a gesture to re-assure us. His voice was very thick and difficult to understand. For a moment I went off the inter-com to get a bearing, and when I came on again I was told that the order had been given to bale out. I went forward to see the second pilot's upturned face disappear and, and then I went out.

No one will ever know what was going on in Middleton's mind during those last few moments. But when the engines of the big bomber cut out, it does not glide easily. So Middleton went out to sea, possibly thinking that he had a better chance of ditching than crash landing. But evidently he was too far gone to alight safely on the sea. The bodies of the engineer and front gunner were found the next day, but Flt Sgt's Middleton's body was not recovered.

During the return home there were many opportunities for us to abandon the aircraft over France, and for Middleton to live. But he preferred that we, his crew, and the aircraft of which he was Captain, should not fall into enemy hands. That was the kind of man he was."

ANNOUNCER :That was FO Skinner (RAF) the Yorkshire wireless operator in the Stirling crew of which Flt Sgt Ron Middleton, VC, was Captain. He was telling the story

of the action in which Ron Middleton won the VC. Ron Middleton's name is well worthy to be coupled with Corporal John Alexander French, another Australian, who it has just been announced, has been posthumously awarded the VC, for outstanding bravery in action at Milne Bay, in Papua."

Alan Storr

Volunteer

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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

418864 Pilot Officer MUNDAY, Harvey Francis

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/321 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 256, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LK 385
Radio call sign:	OJ – C
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LK385 took off from RAF Methwold at 2209 hours on the night of 5/6th June 1944, detailed to carry out a special duties patrol as a D Day support. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Mayo, W H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H J mather, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J MacFarlane (Navigator)
RAAF 418864 PO Munday, H F (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Parker (Navigator)
RAF Sgt F C Heal, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO G C C Holmes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J A W Nind, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt B Wynne-Cole, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Marcelet (Calvados). Six of the crew were killed and Sgt's Heal and Wynne-Cole were POW's, while Sgt Nind evaded capture.

Those killed are buried in the St-Manvieu War Cemetery at Cheux, France. Cheux is a village 10kms west of Caen, France.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409210 Pilot Officer MUNRO, Duncan John

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/397 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 117, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EJ 124
Radio call sign:	OJ – C
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EJ124 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 1853 hours on the night of 15/16th
March, 1944, detailed to bomb Amiens, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after
take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 409210 PO Munro, D J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A McL Reid, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A R Skelton, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R B Priestley, (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 411510 Flt Sgt N A McAllister, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R S Barratt, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt M F Culling, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed 2kms south west of Boves (Somme), and 10kms south east of
Amiens, France. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the St-Pierre Cemetery,
France, The cemetery is situated in the north east outskirts of Amiens on the northern side
of the main road to Albert.

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403173 Flight Sergeant OLIVER, Claudius William Samuel

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/148/274 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 177, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	R 9162
Radio call sign:	OJ – Q
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling R9162 took off from RAF Lakenheath on the night of 10/11th August 1942 detailed to carry out gardening mission and lay mines in the Silverton area. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 403173 Flt Sgt C W S Oliver, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt N P Gregson, (
RAF Sgt L R Sims, (Observer)
RCAF PO Smith, G F (
RAF PO Sutton, W C, (
RAF Sgt J H Storey, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W H Streater, (Air Gunner)

It was presumed that the aircraft crashed in the Kattegat and all the crew lost their lives. Three bodies were washed ashore and the others have no known grave.

Flt Sgt Oliver is buried in the Larvik Civil Cemetery, Norway. Larvik is on the south-eastern coast and lies on the Oslo Fjord. From the E18 turn off towards Larvik.
Sgt Storey is buried in the Frederikshavn Cemetery, Denmark. Frederikshavn is a major port in northern Jutland, about 32kms from the northern most point of Denmark.
Sgt Sims is buried in the Kviberg Cemetery, Sweden, From the centre of Gothenburg head from the north eastern section of the city and pick up the sign for Gamelstaden, then subsequently Kortedala.

All the other four crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.
Commonwealth War Graves records does not record their mustering.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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401589 Sergeant PICKUP, James Dwight

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/151/123 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 260, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	W 7582
Radio call sign:	OJ – S
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary

On the 10th November 1942, Stirling W7582 crashed during a training exercise, following a fire in the starboard outer engine. W7582 crashed at 1657 hours just to the east of Kingsway road, Mildenhall, Suffolk, UK, and all the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Hutchings, W C DFC (Captain (Pilot))
RAF Sgt C Hill, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt L V Fossleitner, (Observer)
RAAF 401589 Sgt J D Pickup, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J A Clough, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Seigne, J B, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F Hughes, (Air Gunner)

Sqn Ldr Hutchings was cremated in the Golders Green Crematorium, London, UK.
Sgt Hill and Flt Sgt Clough are buried in the Beck Row (St John) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Fossleitner is buried in the East Grinstead (Mount Noddy) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Pickup is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, UK. Brookwood is 30 miles from London (Follow the M3 to Bagshot and then the A322).
PO Seigne is buried in the Iniscarra Church of Ireland Churchyard, Republic of Ireland.
Sgt Hughes is buried in the Salford (Agecroft) Cemetery, UK.

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402142 Pilot Officer ST VINCENT-WELCH, Standish Locksley

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/57/103

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 80, Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1343
Radio call sign:	OJ – B
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington R1343 took off from RAF Mildenhall and 2238 hours on the night of 1/2nd July 1941 to bomb Brest, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 402141 PO St Vincent-Welch, S L Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404129 Sgt W M Symmons, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W J Megran, (Observer)
RCAF Sgt R H Crafts, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C C Reidmuller, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt A R J Harrison, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Brest (Kerfautras) Cemetery, France. The cemetery is in the suburb of St Martin about 2kms north east of Brest.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404129 Sergeant SYMMONS, Willaim Mervyn

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/57/103

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 80, Volume 1941.

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402454 Pilot Officer TROTTER, James Arthur

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/59/72 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 190,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	N 6083
Radio call sign:	OJ – N
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling N6083 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 2119 hours on the night of 24/25th August 1942, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. The aircraft crashed at 2130 hours, 1 miles east of the airfield at Portaway Hill;, near Eriswell, Suffolk, UK. And all the crew were killed. The cause of the tragedy was an engine fire, which developed soon after the aircraft became airborne

Crew :

RCAF PO Wynn, E P Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R L Raphael, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Lt Pebworth, D A DFC, (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt A N Charlton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Green, (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt S Martin, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 402454 PO Trotter, J A (Air Gunner)

PO Wynn is buried in the Beck Row (St John) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Raphael is buried in the Carlisle (Stanwix) Cemetery, Carlisle, UK.
Flt Lt Pebworth is buried in the Swindon (Whitworth Road) Cemetery, Swindon,UK.
Flt Sgt Charlton is buried in the North Stoneham (St Nicholas) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Green is buried in the Irlam (St John the Baptist) Churchyard Extension, UK.
Flt Sgt Martin is buried in the Penwortham (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.
PO Trotter is buried in the Heddon-on-the-Wall (St Andrew) Churchyard, UK.

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402011 Sergeant UHRIG, Robert James

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/174/1 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 40, Volume 1941

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1181
Radio call sign:	OJ – W
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington R1181 took off from RAF Mildenhall at 1230 hours on the 10th April 1941, on a training flight, in which the aircraft was travelling from Mildenhall to Bassingbourne, collided with trees and crashed, demolishing a cottage at Holmsey Green, Mildenhall, Suffolk, UK. Two of the crew were killed and the others were injured.

Crew :

RAF	PO Fisher, J H Captain (Pilot)	Seriously Injured
RAAF	402011 Sgt R J Uhrig, ((Pilot)	Died of Injuries
RAF	Sgt J K Moseley, (Observer)	Died of Injuries
RAF	Sgt D C Smallbone, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Seriously Injured
RAF	Sgt C Ingleby (Wireless Air Gunner)	Slightly Injured
RAF	Sgt H J F Kerr, (Air Gunner)	Slightly Injured.
RAF	Sgt R L Clarke, (Air Gunner)	Slightly Injured

A court of Inquiry findings into the accident found that : “The Pilot did not make full use of the largest runway with the wind in the direction at a strength that day and had not made full use the flaps to assist take off. The aircraft reached a height of 20 feet after take off and sank back to some 2 or 3 feet off the ground, and on being pulled up abruptly failed to gain sufficient height to clear the trees at the edge of the drome.”

Sgt Uhrig and Sgt Moseley were killed in the crash and the others were injured.

Sgt Uhrig is buried in the Beck Row (St John) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Moseley is buried in the Scarborough (Manor Road) Cemetery, Scarborough, UK.

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427963 Warrant Officer WALES, Peter Henry

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/931 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 62, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NN 708
Radio call sign:	OJ – Q
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NN708 took off from RAF Methwold at 2031hours on the night of 2/3rd
February 1945, detailed to bomb Wiesbaden, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 421157 Flt Lt Button, L E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Wg Cdr Kay L H DFC (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Botting, J C (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt H Ormerod, (Navigator)
RAF FO Harrison, F M G (Air Bomber)
RAAF 427963 WO P H Wales, ((Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt F Bryant, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C S Bowers, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Niederbrechen town on the main road between Limburg and Bad
Camberg, Germany. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Omerod, Harrison and
Bowers were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hannover,
Niedersachsen, Germany. Wg Cdr Kay had only recently taken up his post as CO of the
Squadron.

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404117 Pilot Officer STEWART, William Harrington Davy, DFM

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/163 282 (Digitised), A9300 Barcode 526295
(Digitised) AWM 65 (4860) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Oxford
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 31st December 1941, Sgt Stewart was the pilot of Oxford which crashed at 1130 hours when it struck a tree in a low flying accident. All on board the aircraft were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 404117 PO W H D Stewart, DFM, (Pilot)
RAF LAC G J King, (Pilot U/T)
RAF LAC J C Lambert, (Pilot U/T)

Both Sgt Stewart and LAC King are buried in the Kidlington Burial Ground, Kidlington, UK. The burial ground was used by the RAF Station at Kidlington.

LAC Lambert is buried in the Ditchingham Cemetery, UK.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFM awarded to the then Sgt Stewart is as follows :

“This airman has been employed as Captain of aircraft on operational flights since April 1921. Throughout he has displayed great thoroughness and determination in his attacks against important industrial targets, dock installations and shipping. Trained under the E.A.T.S., Stewart has proved himself to be an exceptionally skilful pilot.

Promulgated in London Gazette of 23/12/1941. Pages 16 and 6 of above A9300, Barcode 5262954 digitised file held at Archives also refer.

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410762 Flight Sergeant WALKER, Raymond Thomas

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/627 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 185, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 526
Radio call sign:	OJ – P
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ526 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 2042 hours on the night of 23/24th
April, 1944, detailed to carry out gardening duties in the Baltic. Nothing was heard from
the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Freeman, R J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A R Redfearn, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Hughes, D (Navigator)
RCAF PO Ronahan, J M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 5410762 Flt Sgt R T Walker, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Cameron, R H (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J L Stean, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0040 hours at Oster
Skerninge, a small community just to the west of Ollerup, Denmark.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Svenborg General Cemetery,
Denmark. Svenborg is a town and port on the south east corner of the Island of Fyn.

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418487 Flight Sergeant WALTON, Trevor Paul

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/269 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 351,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EJ 106
Radio call sign:	OJ – O
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EJ106 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 2023 hours on the night of 7/8th October 1943, detailed to carry out gardening operations laying mines in the Frisian area off the northern coast of Denmark. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RCAF Flt Sgt J G McInnes, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D E Ashton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A Robinson, (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt A D Steels, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J E McQuade, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt R A Barr, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 418487 Flt Sgt T P Walton, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was lost without trace and the names of the missing crew are dedicated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
426407 Flight Sergeant WHAM, Dudley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) AWM 54 779/3/129 Part 27 NAA : A705, 166/24/627
Commonwealth War Graves record

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: HK 645
Radio call sign: OJ – R
Unit: ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK 645 of 149 (East India) Sqn RAF took off from RAF Methwold, Norfolk, at 1140 hours on 12 December 1944 to bomb Witten, West Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Dorey, E H S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Laird (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 426407 Flt Sgt D Wham, (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 427575 PO Walter, J R (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 423018 Flt Sgt N A L'Green, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt Taylor, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hunt (Air Gunner)

Of the above crew, PO Walter (RAAF) and Sgt Laird (RAF) became POW's. PO Walter survived the war. FO Dorey, Flt Sgt L'Green and Sgt Taylor (RAF) are listed as missing. German documents recorded that the bodies of Flt Sgt Wham and Flt Sgt L'Green (RAAF) were buried at Dortmund cemetery. However post war doubts emerged about the authenticity of German records for Dortmund Cemetery, and a thorough investigation was made. The remains of Flt Sgt Wham (RAAF) were located at Dortmund, and reinterred at Reichswald Forest British Military Cemetery. Also the graves of all Allied servicemen buried at Dortmund were reinterred at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery. However as it was not possible to identify the remains of Flt Sgt L'Green (RAAF) and Sgt Hunt (RAF) they are recorded as having no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey UK.

FO Walter stated "We were attacked by enemy fighters. The first burst started a fire in the starboard wing. The Pilot and Engineer were discussing the fire and the Captain stated he may have to abandon. All the crew acknowledged I tried to jettison the bombs but found the electrical circuit apparently affected as the bombs would not go. The next attack put the port wing on fire, and there was no answering fire from the Rear Gunner as the turret was U/S. I heard the Rear Gunner cry out but do not know what injuries he received. I was first to leave at 20000 feet. I am certain the Captain, Engineer and Navigator were still in the aircraft but am not certain re the other three. It exploded as the Engineer followed me out. He was brought to the same POW Camp as I was in at Dortmund. He stated that he had been taken to the aircraft and saw the bodies of Wham and Hunt, and a German interrogator had stated that L'Green's body had been found.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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436323 Flight Lieutenant WILLIAMS, Bernard Mathew

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/276 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 106, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NF 972
Radio call sign:	OJ – H
Unit:	ATTD 149 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF972 took off from RAF Methwold at 1044 hours on the 5th March 1945, on a daytime raid detailed to bomb by G-H methods the Consolidation benzol plant at Gelsebkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 436323 Flt Lt Williams, B M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E T Turner, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt R Wormail-Phillips, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R Taylor, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429708 Flt Sgt A E London, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt N E Smith (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Summers, (Air Gunner)

A report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “The aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Bruckhausen Farm, Langhoff. The bodies of Flt Lt Williams and Flt Sgt London were recovered from the wreckage of the aircraft.”

Bruckhausen is approx 7 miles north of Oberhsusen, Germany. Both Flt Lt Williams and Flt Sgt London were killed and the other five crew members were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

A later POW report stated “The aircraft was hit by flak on the run into the target. The starboard inner was set on fire and spread to the main plane. The aircraft broke formation but was under control and six chutes were seen by aircraft crews from No 90 Sqn RAF. No one else baled out and the aircraft vanished into the cloud still under control.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403415 Sergeant AIRD, Kenneth

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/87207 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page107,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3448
Radio call sign:	JN – N
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington took off from RAF Snaith at 2315 hours on the night of 30/31st May 1944, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt S B Shaw, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 401079 Sgt R G Peverill, (Pilot)
RAAF 404869 Sgt G L Mustoe, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J C Dean (Wireless Air Gunner))
RAF Sgt L Beck, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403415 Sgt K Aird, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed on 30th May 1942 at Mottrams Farm, Faldingworth, four miles south west of Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, UK, and all the crew were killed.

Sgt S B Shaw is buried at the Nunhead (All Saints) Cemetery, UK

Sgt's Peverill, Mustoe and Aird (all RAAF members) are buried in the Scampton (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK Scampton is 10kms north of Lincoln and the church and churchyard are on the road to Scunthorpe.

Sgt Dean is buried in the Southborough Cemetery, UK. The cemetery is on the west side of Southborough Common and belongs to the Urban District Council.

Sgt Beck is buried ion the Manchester (Philips Park) Cemetery, Manchester, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400687 Pilot Officer BAILEY, Valden Leonard

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/23/123

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 81, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3700
Radio call sign:	JN – R
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3700 took off from RAF Snaith at 2140 hours on the night of 27/'28th April 1942, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF PO Bailey, V L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt B J McGinn, (Pilot)
RAF PO Wilkinson, A (Observer)
RCAF PO Grundy, F B (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W G Marsh, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R M Sutton, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409647 Flight Sergeant BARBER, Leonard Percival

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/8/312 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 814
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HE814 took off at 1653 hours on the night of 28/29th November 1943, on of a number of aircraft from the Squadron, detailed to bomb the drome at Ciampino, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. Other crews returning from the mission stated they saw one aircraft shot down over Ciampino.

Crew :

RAAF 409647 Flt Sgt L P Barber, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L L Richards, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C W D Watts, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 413348 Flt Sgt V Collins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L Webb, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Beach Head War Cemetery, Anzio. Anzio is a coastal town 70kms south of Rome.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

411240 Sergeant BARNETT, Milton Howitt

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/13 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DF 568
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington DF568 flown by Sgt Gilpin crashed in an aircraft accident at 1545 hours on 27th January 1943, several miles east of the Blida drome, Algiers. The aircraft went into a dive from 5000 feet and struck the ground at an angle of 60 degrees as the pilot was pulling out of the dive. All on board were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 408837 Sgt J A Gilpin, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Gibson, (Navigator)
RAAF 411240 Sgt M H Barnett, (Air Gunner)
RAF LAC Bryson, (
RAF LAC Ironmonger (
RAF LAC W Melville, (
There were also two other unnamed RAF members on board the plane when it crashed.

The six named above are buried in the Dely Ibrahim War Cemetery,.Algiers.
Dely Ibrahim is a village in hilly country about 10kms south west of Algiers on the road to Blida.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400689 Flight Sergeant BAXTER, Robert Wilson, GM

Source :

AWM 237 (65) AWM 65 (247) NAA : A705, 163/90/282.

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 175, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3698
Radio call sign:	JN -
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3698 took off from RAF Snaith at 0040 hours on the night of 6/7th August 1942, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. The aircraft crashed almost immediately after take off. It came down 1 mile west of the airfield and burst into flames. Four of the crew were killed, and Flt Sgt Hodsell (RNZAF) died of his injuries on 15th August 1942.

Crew :

RAAF 400689 Flt Sgt R W Baxter, GM Captain (Pilot)

RNZAF Flt Sg J H Hodsell, (Observer)

RAF Flt Sgt A R Tipple, (Wireless Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt B H Cosby, (Wireless Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt H Weller, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt's Baxter, Tipple, and Hodsell and Sgt Weller are buried in are buried in the Selby Cemetery, UK. The Selby cemetery has been used for some of the burials from RAF Snaith which is located nearby.

Sgt Cosby is buried in the Norwich Cemetery, Norfolk, UK

Citation :

The Citation for the George Medal awarded to Flt Sgt Baxter is as follows

Sgt Baxter was the Captain of a bomber which had made a successful raid on Germany. When nearing base the port engine, which had been hit by fire from the enemy's ground defences, caught alight. Sgt Baxter proceeded to land the aircraft, but, in the semi darkness, he was unable to observe that the runways on the aerodrome were obstructed. The aircraft caught fire on impact with the obstruction. Five of the crew, including Sgt Baxter, got out through the pilot's escape hatch but the wireless operator, who tried to escape through the lower hatch became trapped. The aircraft was now burning furiously, ammunition and pyrotechnics were exploding, and the petrol tanks were likely to explode at any moment.

Sgt Baxter, showing complete disregard for his own safety, re-entered the aircraft and remained inside for at least five minutes before he succeeded in releasing the wireless operator and pushing him through the pilot's escape hatch. He only managed to get clear himself before the petrol tanks exploded. During his efforts Sgt Baxter sustained extensive second degree burns to his hands and face for which treatment in hospital was necessary. The unselfish heroism displayed by this airman undoubtedly saved the life of his comrade."

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

Warrant Officer BEATTIE, Donald William

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/91/261

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 179, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3744
Radio call sign:	JN -
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3744 took off from RAF Snaith, Yorkshire, on the night of 11/12th August 1942 detailed to bomb Mainz, Germany. X3744 was one of 8 aircraft from the Squadron detailed to attack the target. Cloud was 5/10ths and full advantage was taken of the cover available on the return journey, but X3744 was attacked by a night fighter and the Rear Gunner (Flt Sgt Bell) was killed instantly and the WAG (Sgt Beattie) was severely injured

Extensive damage was done to the aircraft which had been hit by ack-ack on the outward journey. The Pilot was able to reach the coast with difficulty after which he was guided by searchlight units to RAF Coltishall drome where the aircraft crashed on landing.

Crew :

RAF PO Munson, R C Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 403378 Flt Sgt A V Ritchie (Observer)
RAAF 408161 Sgt D W Beattie, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403718 Sgt C Chapman, (Wireless Air Gunner) (Bomb)
RAAF 406589 Flt Sgt P Bell, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Bell is buried in the Scottow Cemetery, UK. The northern side of the burial ground was set aside by the Scottow Parish Council for burials from RAF Station Coltishall, which is close by.

Sgt Beattie recovered from his injuries on 25/8/1942. He was discharged from the RAAF on 25/12/1944. He however lost his life when he died of illness on 16th March 1946 in Tasmania, and his death was attributed to his war service. He is buried in the Hobart (Cornelian Bay) Public Cemetery, Tasmania, Australia.

Flt Sgt Ritchie survived the war, and was discharged Flt Lt on 30/4/1944 with the DFM. Sgt Chapman survived the war, and was discharged Flt Lt on 8/11/1945 with the DFM.

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406589 Flight Sergeant BELL, Paton

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/91/261

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 179, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3744
Radio call sign:	JN -
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3744 took off from RAF Snaith, Yorkshire, on the night of 11/12th August 1942 detailed to bomb Mainz, Germany. X3744 was one of 8 aircraft from the Squadron detailed to attack the target. Cloud was 5/10ths and full advantage was taken of the cover available on the return journey, but X3744 was attacked by a night fighter and the Rear Gunner (Flt Sgt Bell) was killed instantly and the WAG (Sgt Beattie) was severely injured

Extensive damage was done to the aircraft which had been hit by ack-ack on the outward journey. The Pilot was able to reach the coast with difficulty after which he was guided by searchlight units to RAF Coltishall drome where the aircraft crashed on landing.

Crew :

RAF PO Munson, R C Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 403378 Flt Sgt A V Ritchie (Observer)
RAAF 408161 Sgt D W Beattie, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403718 Sgt C Chapman, (Wireless Air Gunner) (Bomb)
RAAF 406589 Flt Sgt P Bell, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Bell is buried in the Scottow Cemetery, UK. The northern side of the burial ground was set aside by the Scottow Parish Council for burials from RAF Station Coltishall, which is close by.

Sgt Beattie recovered from his injuries on 25/8/1942. He however lost his life when he died of illness on 16th March 1946.

Flt Sgt Ritchie survived the war, and was discharged Flt Lt on 30/4/1944 with the DFM.
Sgt Chapman survived the war, and was discharged Flt Lt on 8/11/1945 with the DFM.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403208 Flying Officer BLUNT, Malcolm James

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/24/258 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 121, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3279
Radio call sign:	JN – M
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary

Wellington X32279 took off from RAF Snaith at 2350 hours on the night of 6/7th June 1942, detailed to bomb Emden, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 403208 FO Blunt, M J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L T Baker, MID, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt K S Preston, (Observer)
RAF Sgt G T Edwards, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Jackson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S J Morgan, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0047 hours on the 7th June 1942 in the Waddenzee. All the crew were killed.

FO Blunt, Sgt Baker and Sgt Morgan are buried in the Ameland (Nes) General Cemetery, Netherlands. Ameland is one of the Frisian Islands off the northern coast of the Netherlands, and is some 15kms from the mainland. Nes is the largest of four villages in Ameland.

Sgt Preston is buried in the Kollumerland (Kollum) General Cemetery, Netherlands. Kollumerland is the administrative title of a communal controlling 14 villages from the Headquarters in the main village of Kollum.

Sgt Edwards has no known grave and this name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

Sgt Jackson is buried in the Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403312 Segeant BRATHWAITE, Robert George Ashley

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/93/558 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	T 2723
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington T2723 took off from RAF Station Lossiemouth at 2241 hours on the night of 25/26th June 1942, detailed to carry out an operational mission. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RCAF Sgt W Levasseur, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 403312 Sgt R G A Brathwaite, (Observer)
RCAF Flt Sgt Marchant, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W A Carruthers, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Thomson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at West Terschelling Island on the 26th June 1942. Three of the crew were killed and Sgt Levasseur and Sgt Thomson were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Terschelling (West Terschelling) General Cemetery, Holland. Terschelling is one of the Frisian Islands which lies off the north coast of Holland. Terschelling is the main village on the island.

In later POW reports Sgt Levasseur stated : "Sgt Brathwaite was killed as a result of their aircraft being attacked by a German fighter."

Sgt Thompson stated "that he believes Sgt Brathwaite was killed, but the only information to confirm this was received by him from a German Officer while he was in Amsterdam hospital. He also stated that the aircraft was attacked by a night fighter, the inter com was destroyed. As Rear Gunner I was cut off from the rest of the crew and the aircraft was set on fire. With the intercom U/S I can only give information from German authorities."

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409510 Flight Lieutenant CARMODY, Arthur John

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5375549 Commonwealth War Graves records

Flt Lt Carnody a Navigator Bomb Aimer, and attached to 150 Sqn RAF during WW2, was demobilised from the RAAF on 21st June 1946. He died of an illness on the 6th May 1947, and is buried in the Gavoc Cemetery, Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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413348 Flight Sergeant COLLINS Vincent

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/8/312 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 814
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HE814 took off at 1653 hours on the night of 28/29th November 1943, on of a number of aircraft from the Squadron, detailed to bomb the drome at Ciampino, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. Other crews returning from the mission stated they saw one aircraft shot down over Ciampino.

Crew :

RAAF 409647 Flt Sgt L P Barber, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L L Richards, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C W D Watts, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 413348 Flt Sgt V Collins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L Webb, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Beach Head War Cemetery, Anzio. Anzio is a coastal town 70kms south of Rome.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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414006 Flight Sergeant CUMMINGS, Harold Arthur John

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/117 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 603
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HE603 took off at 1835 hours on the night of 15/16th May 1943, and was one of eight aircraft from the Squadron detailed to attack Trapani, Sicily. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt G F Parris, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt K A Haynes, (Navigator)
RAAF 414006 Flt Sgt H A J Cummings, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T E Baxter, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Catania War Cemetery, Sicily. The cemetery is 7kms south west of Catania.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

411008 Sergeant DALZELL, Henry Arnold

Source :

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 248,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 309
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK309 took off from RAF Snaith at 1710 hours on the night of 23/24th October 1942, detailed to carry out a Gardening mission and lay mines. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew :

RAF FO Rees, H K Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Martin G, (Navigator)
RAAF 411008 Sgt H A Dalzell, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J E Whaley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt D T Taylor, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Both Sgt Dalzell and Flt Sgt Taylor lost their lives and the other three crew members were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Haugesund (Rossebo) Var Frelzers Cemetery , Norway.
The town of Haugesund is situated to the south of Bergen on the Route 11.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

405442 Flight Sergeant GIBSON, James Maxwell

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/117/195 (Digitised) Micro Film 463 OAFH.
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 190, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3414
Radio call sign:	JN -
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3414 took off from RAF Snaith at 2040 hours on the night of 24/25th
August 1942, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt J H Scorer, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 405442 Flt Sg J M Gibson, (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt D L T Craig, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F Dolton, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A B Fraser, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter at 0001 hours on the 25th August 1942 and
crashed 3kms west of Rienne, which is 30kms south of Dinant. The aircraft exploded
after the crash.

Three of the crew were killed in the crash, Flt Sgt Gibson was injured and Sgt Dolton was
a POW. Flt Sgt Gibson died of his injuries a few hours later while being transported to
hospital.

Flt Sgt Gibson is buried in the Brussels Town Cemetery, Belgium The cemetery is
located in the north eastern corner of Brussels in the district of Evere. .
The other three crew members are buried in the Rienne Communal Cemetery, Belgium.

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408837 Sergeant GILPIN, John Alexander

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/13 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DF 568
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington DF568 flown by Sgt Gilpin crashed in an aircraft accident at 1545 hours on 27th January 1943, several miles east of the Blida drome, Algiers. The aircraft went into a dive from 5000 feet and struck the ground at an angle of 60 degrees as the pilot was pulling out of the dive. All on board were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 408837 Sgt J A Gilpin, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Gibson, (Navigator)
RAAF 411240 Sgt M H Barnett, (Air Gunner)
RAF LAC Bryson, (
RAF LAC Ironmonger (
RAF LAC W Melville, (

There were also two other unnamed RAF members on board the plane when it crashed.

The six named above are buried in the Dely Ibrahim War Cemetery,.Algiers.
Dely Ibrahim is a village in hilly country about 10kms south west of Algiers on the road to Blida.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

435186 Flight Sergeant GRIFFIN, James Noel

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/602 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 146, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 853
Radio call sign:	IQ – P
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB853 took off from RAF Hemswell on the 24th March 1945, detailed to bomb the Harpenerweg benzol plant at Dortmund, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 423161 FO Morris, P H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J C Davis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 430174 Flt Sgt K A Kee, (Navigator)
RAAF Flt Sgt J H Gillies, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432681 Flt Sgt R L Masters, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF Flt Sgt H H Bawden, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 435186 Flt Sgt J N Griffin, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Witten-Herbode, Germany. All the crew baled out safely but five were killed after being taken into custody and Flt Sgt's Gillies and Bawden were POW's. One of the group implicated in the crimes committed was sentenced to death, while a second received a fifteen year sentence.

Those who lost their lives are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403189 Sergeant HOLDAWAY, Neville Charles

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/123/317 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	B 888
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington B888 took off at 2301 hours on the night of 24/25th August 1942, detailed to bomb attack an enemy target. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt H M Thompson, Captain (Pilot)
 RAAF 403189 Sgt N C Holdaway, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt K L Matthews (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt Glasse, (
 RAF Sgt Feginis, (

Flt Sgt Thompson, and Sgt's Holdaway and Matthews are buried in the Kersbek-Miskon Churchyard, Belgium. The village of Kersbek-Miskon is situated east of Leuven on the N29 which runs between Diest and Tienen.

The Commonwealth War Graves records do not reveal where the other two RAF crew members are buried.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

430174 Flight Sergeant KEE, Kevin Anthony

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/602 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 146, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 853
Radio call sign:	IQ – P
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB853 took off from RAF Hemswell on the 24th March 1945, detailed to bomb the Harpenerweg benzol plant at Dortmund, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 423161 FO Morris, P H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J C Davis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 430174 Flt Sgt K A Kee, (Navigator)
RAAF Flt Sgt J H Gillies, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432681 Flt Sgt R L Masters, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF Flt Sgt H H Bawden, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 435186 Flt Sgt J N Griffin, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Witten-Herbende, Germany. All the crew baled out safely but five were killed after being taken into custody and Flt Sgt's Gillies and Bawden were POW's. One of the group implicated in the crimes committed was sentenced to death, while a second received a fifteen year sentence.

Those who lost their lives are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

420687 Flight Sergeant LAWSON, Victor Edward

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 516
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN516 of North African Strategic Air Force which took off at 1650 hours on the night of 16/17th October 1943, was one of a number of 150 Sqn aircraft detailed to attack Casale drome, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt A Clark, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt T O Mears (Navigator)
 RAF Sgt N L Britten (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt C D L Stewart, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF `420687 Flt Sgt V E Lawson, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Bolsena War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is situated on the east side of Lake Bolsena, just west of the SS2 between Rome and Siena.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

432681 Flight Sergeant MASTERS, Robert Lockyer

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/602 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 146, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 853
Radio call sign:	IQ – P
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB853 took off from RAF Hemswell on the 24th March 1945, detailed to bomb the Harpenerweg benzol plant at Dortmund, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 423161 FO Morris, P H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J C Davis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 430174 Flt Sgt K A Kee, (Navigator)
RAAF Flt Sgt J H Gillies, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432681 Flt Sgt R L Masters, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF Flt Sgt H H Bawden, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 435186 Flt Sgt J N Griffin, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Witten-Herbode, Germany. All the crew baled out safely but five were killed after being taken into custody and Flt Sgt's Gillies and Bawden were POW's. One of the group implicated in the crimes committed was sentenced to death, while a second received a fifteen year sentence.

Those who lost their lives are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

416383 Pilot Officer MONK, Peter Vivian

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/145/288 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 563
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED563 took off at 2122 hours on the night of 16/17th April 1943, detailed to bomb Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. Nine aircraft from the Squadron took part in the mission. Nothing was heard from ED563 after take off and it failed to return to base. The other eight aircraft returned safely to base.

Crew :

RNZAF Sgt D K Atkinson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt N Vanston, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Flt Sgt I S Brown, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J Rutter, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R F Clutterbuck, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt P Rudick, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 416383 PO Monk, P V (Rear Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team operating in Germany stated “ the aircraft crashed on the outskirts of Rentrish on 17th April 1943, presumably as a result of enemy action.” Rentrish is a village approx 5 miles north east of Saarbrücken, Germany.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal. Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

423161 Flying Officer MORRIS, Philip Henry

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/602 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 146, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 853
Radio call sign:	IQ – P
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB853 took off from RAF Hemswell on the 24th March 1945, detailed to bomb the Harpenerweg benzol plant at Dortmund, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 423161 FO Morris, P H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J C Davis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 430174 Flt Sgt K A Kee, (Navigator)
RAAF Flt Sgt J H Gillies, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432681 Flt Sgt R L Masters, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF Flt Sgt H H Bawden, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 435186 Flt Sgt J N Griffin, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Witten-Herbede, Germany. All the crew baled out safely but five were killed after being taken into custody and Flt Sgt's Gillies and Bawden were POW's. One of the group implicated in the crimes committed was sentenced to death, while a second received a fifteen year sentence.

Those who lost their lives are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

421040 Pilot Officer MOSS, Frank Willis, MID

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/382 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 514
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LP514 which took off at 1952 hours on the night of 20/21st August 1944, was one of a number of aircraft from the Squadron detailed to attack St Valentin, Austria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt J E Richardson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt N Hustwaite, (Navigator)
RCAF WO J Carswell, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 421040 PO Moss, F W MID (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Wooler, (Air Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team operating in Yugoslavia stated “The aircraft caught fire in the air, crashed and exploded on impact at the village of Prezid at 00015 hours on the 21st August 1944.” Prezid is situated 28kms south of Ljubljana, Yugoslavia.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Belgrade War Cemetery, Yugoslavia. The cemetery is in the Uliga Baju Sekulica, in the city’s Fifth Region on the edge of the New Yugoslavia Cemetery, (Novo Groblje)

The MID awarded to PO Moss was promulgated in the King’s Birthday Honours list of 1945.

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427211 Flight Sergeant MURRAY, Terence Desmond

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/454 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 811
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN811 took off at 2047 hours on the night of 24/25th June 1944 detailed to bomb the Budapest Oil Refineries at Budapest, Hungary. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 415919 PO Shearer, R E S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J W Chaplin, (Navigator)
RCAF WO11 N T S Reed, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Jackson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427211 Flt Sgt T D Murray, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team operating in Hungary, later reported "The aircraft crashed at Erdomajorpuszta on 25th June 1944 presumably as a result of enemy action." Erdomajorpuszta is 4 miles east of Torda, Hungary.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Budapest War Cemetery, Hungary. The Cemetery is several kms north west of the city of Budapest.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404869 Sergeant MUSTOE, George Lawson

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/87207 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page107,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3448
Radio call sign:	JN – N
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington took off from RAF Snaith at 2315 hours on the night of 30/31st May 1944, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt S B Shaw, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 401079 Sgt R G Peverill, (Pilot)
RAAF 404869 Sgt G L Mustoe, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J C Dean (Wireless Air Gunner))
RAF Sgt L Beck, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403415 Sgt K Aird, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed on 30th May 1942 at Mottrams Farm, Faldingworth, four miles south west of Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, UK, and all the crew were killed.

Sgt S B Shaw is buried at the Nunhead (All Saints) Cemetery, UK

Sgt's Peverill, Mustoe and Aird (all RAAF members) are buried in the Scampton (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK Scampton is 10kms north of Lincoln and the church and churchyard are on the road to Scunthorpe.

Sgt Dean is buried in the Southborough Cemetery, UK. The cemetery is on the west side of Southborough Common and belongs to the Urban District Council.

Sgt Beck is buried ion the Manchester (Philips Park) Cemetery, Manchester, UK.

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401079 Sergeant PEVERILL, Roy George

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/87207 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page107,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
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Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

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413659 Sergeant PRICE, Keith Alexander

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/34 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 700 or 720
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HF700 or HF720 took off on the night of 29/30th April 1943. on a night bombing operational mission. The aircraft was returning from the mission at dawn in conditions of poor visibility and low cloud with a base of 800 feet. The aircraft must have failed to get a pin point on the coast and flew into mountains and crashed 8 miles east of Blida drome, near Souma, Algeria. All the crew were killed.

Crew :

RCAF Sgt J V Leckie, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Aitchison, J D (Navigator)
RAF Sgt M T Dilworth, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 413659 Sgt K A Price, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G T Powell, (Air Gunner)

In a later report on the Flying Accident it stated : “The crew must have failed to get a pin point on the coast Crews have repeatedly warned in the past of the need to get a pin point on the coast because of the closeness of the mountains, and all crews have again been warned.”

The crew are buried in the El Alia Cemetery, Algeria. The cemetery is 13kms south east of Algiers on the road to El Harrash.

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411053 Sergeant RODEN, Jacob Henry

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/158/356 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 224, Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3762
Radio call sign:	\JN -
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3762 took off from RAF Snaith at 1955 hours on the night of 19/20th
September 1942, detailed to bomb Saarbrücken, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt D Northey, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R G Bassett, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W A F Brannon, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411053 Sgt J H Roden, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt R D Gibson, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Choloy War Cemetery, France.
Choloy is a village 28kms west of Nancy and 5kms west of Toul, a town on the N4 road
from Paris to Nancy.

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415919 Pilot Officer SHEARER, Robert Edward Seymour

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/454 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 811
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN811 took off at 2047 hours on the night of 24/25th June 1944 detailed to bomb the Budapest Oil Refineries at Budapest, Hungary. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 415919 PO Shearer, R E S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J W Chaplin, (Navigator)
RCAF WO11 N T S Reed, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Jackson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427211 Flt Sgt T D Murray, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team operating in Hungary, later reported "The aircraft crashed at Erdomajorpuszta on 25th June 1944 presumably as a result of enemy action." Erdomajorpuszta is 4 miles east of Torda, Hungary.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Budapest War Cemetery, Hungary,. The Cemetery is several kms north west of the city of Budapest.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

410111 Warrant Officer SMITH, Stanley Edwin

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/425 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 527
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HF527 crashed at 2236 hours on the night of 15th February 1944, when approaching to land, stalled and crashed at Amandola situated about 15 miles north east of Foggia, Italy. WO Smith (RAAF) and Sgt Noyle (RAF) died of their injuries on 16th February, 1944. The three other RAAF crew men on board were uninjured in the crash.

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RAAF 410111 WO S E Smith, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 413868 Flt Sgt R H Jackson, (Navigator)
RAAF 422650 Sgt S M Marshall, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 421040 Flt Sgt F W Moss, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Noyle, (Wireless Air Gunner)

WO Smith is buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is located on the outskirts of Bari in the locality of Carbonara.

Commonwealth War Graves records do not disclose where Sgt Noyle (RAF) is buried.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

401860 Flight Sergeant SOMMERVILLE, Leslie John

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/163/605 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 263, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 538
Radio call sign:	JN – U
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK538 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1828hours on the night of 20/21st November 1942, detailed to bomb Torino. The aircraft overshot and crashed while trying to make an emergency landing at Manston airfield, Kent, UK.

Crew :

RCAF PO Sweet, J F Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Howell, T (Observer)
RAAF Flt Sgt L J Sommerville, (Air Bomber)
RCAF Sgt H M Lesson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E O Booth, (Air Gunner)

Four of the crew were killed in the crash and Sgt Booth was injured.

PO Sweet is buried in the Minister (Thanet) Cemetery, UK. The cemetery is near to RAF Manston.

PO Howell is buried in the Thornaby-On-Tees Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Sommerville and Sgt Lesson are buried in the Margate Cemetery, Kent, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

405372 Sergeant ZISER, Reginald

Source :

AWM 237 (65) Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 237, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 311
Radio call sign:	JN -
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK311 crashed at 1521 hours while approaching Elsham Wolds, UK, when returning from a training exercise on 10th October 1942. At the time of the crash, the wind was gusting quite strongly thus causing the pilot to lose control as he neared the runway. A fire developed and the aircraft was burnt out.

Crew :

RAF WO E H Herbert, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 40537 Sgt R Ziser, Observer)
RAF Sgt N D Green, (Air Bomber)
RCAF Sgt N C Myers, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W H Allworth (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Brown, (Air Gunner)

Three of the crew were killed in the crash on 10th October 1942, and Sgt Allworth died of his injuries later that day. Sgt Brown was uninjured.

WO Herbert is buried in the Leicester (Saffron Hill) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Ziser and Sgt Meyers are buried in the Brigg Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Green is buried in the Darlington West Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Allworth is buried in the St Pancras Cemetery, UK.