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Alan was born in Melbourne Australia in 1921. He joined the RAAF in October 1941 and served in the Pacific theatre of war. He was an Observer and did a tour of operations with No 7 Squadron RAAF (Beauforts), and later was Flight Navigation Officer of No 201 Flight RAAF (Liberators). He was discharged Flight Lieutenant in February 1946.

He has spent most of his Public Service working life in Canberra – first arriving in the National Capital in 1938. He held senior positions in the Department of Air (First Assistant Secretary) and the Department of Defence (Senior Assistant Secretary), and retired from the public service in 1975.

He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree (Melbourne University) and was a graduate of the Australian Staff College, 'Manyung', Mt Eliza, Victoria.

He has been a volunteer at the Australian War Memorial for 21 years doing research into aircraft relics held at the AWM, and more recently research work into RAAF World War 2 fatalities. This latter work is being progressively digitised by the AWM.

He has written and published eight books on RAAF fatalities in the eight RAAF Squadrons serving in RAF Bomber Command in WW2. The contents of these books have been digitised by the Australian War Memorial, and appear on the AWM Roll of Honour website.

He is a member of Canberra Legacy.

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*Alan Storr. A WW2 photo of the Author*



## RAAF WW2 FATALITIES BY CATEGORIES

CATEGORIES	RAAF FATALITIES	HOW ARRANGED
<b>RAAF HQs, STATION HQs</b> Personnel Depots, Recruit Centres, Reserve Sqns, Personnel pools, TMO's, A/c Performance Unit, Civil Air Crew (RAAF Reserve)	317	BY CATEGORY THEN ALPHA NAME ORDER
<b>RAAF BEAUFORT SQNS &amp; SUPPORT UNITS</b>	458	BY SQNS & UNITS THEN AIRCRAFT NO.
<b>RAAF SQUADRONS</b>		
1 TO 9	450	BY SQNS THEN ALPHA NAME ORDER
11 TO 30 Vols 1 and 2	654	" "
31 TO 70	251	" "
71 TO 107	207	" "
450 TO 486	370	" "
<b>RNZAF Sqns 487, 489</b>	3	" "
<b>RAAF SUPPORT UNITS</b>		
O T U's	207	BY CATEGORY THEN
FLYING SCHOOLS	444	ALPHA NAME ORDER
GROUND TRAINING SCHOOLS	290	" "
Fighter Sectors, Flights, Groups, Wings, Tactical, Reconnaissance	95	" "
A/C Depots, RSU's, Flying Boat Repair Depots, Rescue & Com. Workshops & Maintenance	262	" "
Survey Sqns/Wireless Stns, Radar Stns, Air Ambulance, Airfield Construction, Defence Sqns, Base Units, Service Police, Canteens	197	" "
<b>NURSING SERVICE, WAAAF</b>	62	ALPHA NAME ORDER
<b>TOTAL CASUALTIES BY CATEGORIES LISTED</b> (Alan Storr) 1/3/2010	3950	

## **REFERENCE SOURCES:**

Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour print outs.

AWM 237 (65) RAAF WW2 Fatalities by Squadrons and Support Units.

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.

Veteran Affairs Nominal Roll 1939-1947 RAAF members.

Commonwealth War Graves records.

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 theatre 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, 062** RAAF fatalities in World War 2

comprising

**5,450** fatalities in RAAF members attached to the RAF (primarily) or in some instances other Air Forces

and

**5,612** RAAF fatalities in RAAF Squadrons and support units.

**Sources:**

Australian War Memorial Fact sheet No19

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

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**440593 Flight Lieutenant BATZLOFF, Douglas William**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/5/1474 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Mosquito
<b>Serial number:</b>	A52-607
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Survey Squadron Canberra

**Summary:**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1947, Mosquito A52-607 was reported missing on a travel flight from Canberra to Garbutt, Townsville, Queensland. It was last reported over Home Hill in conditions of poor visibility. The wreck of the aircraft was later found on Saddle Mountain, twenty miles south east of Townsville, and the crew of two were killed in the crash.

**Crew:**

RAAF 412976 Flt Lt Langford, F (Pilot)

RAAF 440593 Flt Lt Batzloff, D W (Navigator Wireless)

Both the crew are buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**56876 Leading Aircraftsman BOHUN, Roy Charles**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/8/1410 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Survey Squadron Canberra

**Summary:**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1946, LAC Bohun, of the Survey Squadron Canberra, and a DMT of the Governor Generals Flight, when returning from Goulburn to Canberra, died of injuries, when a staff car he was driving overturned on the Canberra to Goulburn road. LAC Bohun is buried in the Goulburn General Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**22955 Leading Aircraftsman CHIVERTON, Frank George**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA: A705, 166/7/1083 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Hudson
<b>Serial number:</b>	A16-47
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Survey Squadron Lowood

**Summary:**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1945, Hudson A16-47 was reported missing on a travel flight between Lowood and Bowen, Queensland. The aircraft was last seen at Lat 22.42S Long 151.18E. It took off from Lowood at 0841 hours on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1943, and between 1000 and 1100 hours Rockhampton tower heard calls from the aircraft but was unable to establish contact. No further signals were heard. Available evidence at the time suggested that the aircraft crashed into Shoalwater Bay near Akens Island. Extensive searches were carried out but no trace of the missing aircraft or those on board was found. All on board were members of the Survey Sqn Lowood, except Sqn Ldr Griffin.

**Crew:**

RAAF 416567 Flt Lt Clarke, L E H Captain (Pilot)  
RAAF 428807 FO Steel, T J (Navigator Wireless)

**Passengers:**

RAAF 260750 Sqn Ldr Pilcher, N M (Pilot)  
RAAF 262191 Sqn Ldr Griffin, C (member of 14 Operational Base Lowood)  
RAAF 38868 Cpl W McP Gaze, (Wireless Operator Mechanic)  
RAAF 22955 LAC F G Chiverton, (Fitter 11E)  
RAAF 151744 LAC W K Nielsen, (Aircraft Hand)

All those on board have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Sydney Memorial which is located in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**416567 Flight Lieutenant CLARKE, Edward Hilmer**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/7/1083      Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Hudson
<b>Serial number:</b>	A16-47
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Survey Squadron Lowood

**Summary:**

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RAAF      428807 FO Steel, T J (Navigator Wireless)

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RAAF      260750 Sqn Ldr Pilcher, N M (Pilot)

RAAF      262191 Sqn :Ldr Griffin, C (member of 14 Operational Base Lowood)

RAAF      38868 Cpl W McP Gaze, (Wireless Operator Mechanic)

RAAF      22955 LAC F G Chiverton,.(Fitter 11E)

RAAF      151744 :LAC W K Nielsen, (Aircraft Hand)

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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**38868 Corporal GAZE, William McPherson**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/7/1083      Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Hudson
<b>Serial number:</b>	A16-47
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Survey Squadron Lowood

**Summary:**

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RAAF 262191 Sqn Ldr Griffin, C (member of 14 Operational Base Lowood)

RAAF 38868 Cpl W McP Gaze, (Wireless Operator Mechanic)

RAAF 22955 LAC F G Chiverton, (Fitter 11E)

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IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**412976 Flight Lieutenant LANGFORD, Frank**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/5/1474 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Mosquito
<b>Serial number:</b>	A52-607
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Survey Squadron Canberra

**Summary:**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1947, Mosquito A52-607 was reported missing on a travel flight from Canberra to Garbutt, Townsville, Queensland. It was last reported over Home Hill in conditions of poor visibility. The wreck of the aircraft was later found on Saddle Mountain, twenty miles south east of Townsville, and the crew of two were killed in the crash.

**Crew:**

RAAF 412976 Flt Lt Langford, F (Pilot)

RAAF 440593 Flt Lt Batzloff, D W (Navigator Wireless)

Both the crew are buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**151744 Leading Aircraftsman NIELSEN, Walter Kenrich**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/7/1083      Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Hudson
<b>Serial number:</b>	A16-47
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Survey Squadron Lowood

**Summary:**

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**Crew:**

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RAAF      428807 FO Steel, T J (Navigator Wireless)

**Passengers**

RAAF      260750 Sqn Ldr Pilcher, N M (Pilot)

RAAF      262191 Sqn :Ldr Griffin, C (member of 14 Operational Base Lowood)

RAAF      38868 Cpl W McP Gaze, (Wireless Operator Mechanic)

RAAF      22955 LAC F G Chiverton,.(Fitter 11E)

RAAF      151744 :LAC W K Nielsen, (Aircraft Hand)

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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**260750 Squadron Leader PILCHER, Nigel Minter**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/7/1083 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Hudson
<b>Serial number:</b>	A16-47
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Survey Squadron Lowood

**Summary:**

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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**161350 Leading Aircraftsman RUSSELL, George James**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/36/765 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Survey Squadron Lowood

**Summary:**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1946, LAC Russell, a Flight Rigger, died of asphyxiation at home due to gas poisoning. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**428807 Flying Officer STEEL, Thomas John**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/7/1083 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Hudson
<b>Serial number:</b>	A16-47
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Survey Squadron Lowood

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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**52714 Leading Aircraftsman BECKLEY, Thomas William**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/63 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Douglas
<b>Serial number:</b>	A30-16
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	36 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1943, a Douglas C-47 A30-16 of 36 Sqn RAAF, took off at 0505 hours from Archerfield drome in darkness and conditions of poor visibility. At 0515 hours it crashed 2 miles from the drome in heavy timber and caught fire. All on board were killed. The crew were all members of 36 Squadron.

**Crew:**

RAAF 400454 FO Arnold, A K Captain (Pilot)  
RAAF 414233 Sgt J Hammond, (2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot)  
RAAF 413001 Sgt L C Morgan, (Wireless Air Gunner)  
RAAF 629 LAC S I Wiles, (Fitter 11E)

**Passengers :**

3 WAAF and 13 RAAF plus 1 Army Officer, 2 US Officers

All 20 RAAF/WAAF members are buried in the Brisbane (Lytwyche) Cemetery, Queensland, Australia.

Among the passengers was LAC Beckley, a Telegraphist, of No 20 Signals Unit Townsville.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**5257 Flying Officer BICKERTON, Hugh Geoffrey**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705,166/5/554

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	W/T Station Goodenough

**Summary:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1944, FO Bickerton, (A & SD), was admitted to No 6 RAAF Hospital Heidelberg, dangerously ill with infective hepatitis. He died on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 1944, and is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**143872 Leading Aircraftsman BISHOP, Leslie Walter**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/5/1431 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	2 Radio Installation & Maintenance Unit, Townsville

**Summary:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1946, LAC Bishop, a Cooks Assistant, fell from a bridge when crossing a creek near Townsville, and drowned in flood water caused by a cyclone. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland. .

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**39009 Pilot Officer BLACKLEY, David Andrew**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/63 Commonwealth War Graves records

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<b>Serial number:</b>	A30-16
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	36 Sqn

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**Passengers :**

3 WAAF and 13 RAAF plus 1 Army Officer, 2 US Officers

All 20 RAAF/WAAF members are buried in the Brisbane (Lytwyche) Cemetery, Queensland, Australia.

Among the passengers was PO Blackley, of No 20 Signals Unit Townsville.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**40014 Leading Aircraftsman BOYD, Leslie Cyril**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/6/389

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	3 Wireless Unit Batchelor

**Summary:**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1944, LAC Boyd, a Cook, died of pneumonia at the 74<sup>th</sup> Camp Hospital, Mt Isa, Queensland. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**13356 Sergeant BURGESS, Frank Tranter**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A9845, Control 244, Part 4.  
Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Beaufort
<b>Serial number:</b>	A9-106
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	8 CU RAAF

**Summary:**

On 29<sup>th</sup> January A9-106 took off from Milne Bay at 1320k hours for Madang, but the aircraft failed to arrive at its destination. The aircraft called up Dobadura at 1440k hours and passed on their ETA at Madang. That was the last heard from the aircraft

When the aircraft became overdue 2 Beauforts began air searches at dawn the next day but no trace of the missing aircraft or crew was found. On 5/2/1945, SS Pacific reported seeing 3 red lights at a position north of Ferguson Island. The vessel immediately searched the area and all the next day but with nil result. On 9/2/45 while on a communication flight from Kiriwina to Milne Bay a Beaufort carried out a thorough search of the islands and reefs north of Ferguson Island, without result.

**Crew:**

RAAF 418989 FO Thewlis, N McK Captain (Pilot)  
RAAF 422895 FO Thompson, J G (Navigator Bomb Aimer)  
RAAF 437825 Flt Sgt M J Hewett, (Wireless Air Gunner)  
RAAF 61752 Sgt J A Standing (Coxswain) (Pax 7 TMO Madang)  
RAAF 13356 Sgt F T Burgess, (Wireless Operator Mechanic) (Pax 3 RIMU)  
RAAF 149289 AC1 W B Luck, (Fitter Motor Boat Crew) (Pax 7 TMO)  
RAAF 146748 AC1 J H A Smith, (Fitter Motor Boat Crew) (Pax 7 TMO)

The 3 crew and 4 passengers are buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea. Lae is a town and port at the mouth of the Markham River on the Huon Gulf. The Lae War Cemetery is located adjacent to the Botanical Gardens in the centre of Lae.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNIT

**426538 Leading Aircraftsman BURKE, John Parnell**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/6/308

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Wireless Station Brisbane

**Summary:**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1943, LAC Burke, a Motor Cyclist, was killed in a collision with an Army truck in Sandgate Road, Nundah, Queensland. He is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**55923 Leading Aircraftsman COURTNEY, Donald Clifton**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/8/271

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	1 Wireless Stn Port Moresby

**Summary:**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1943, LAC Courtney, a Telegraphist, died of a cerebral tumor in No 6 RAAF Hospital, Heidelberg, Victoria. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**2383 Flight Lieutenant DERRY, Francis Thomas**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/9/50

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Wireless Telegraphy Station Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> March 1943, Flt Lt Derry, A & SD, was admitted to No 6 RAAF Hospital, Heidelberg, seriously ill. He died on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 1943 and is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**253509 Flight Lieutenant EMMERSON, Frederick**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/12/39 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Wireless Telegraphy Station Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> July 1943, Flt Lt Emmerson, A & SD, was admitted to No 6 RAAF Hospital, Heidelberg seriously ill. He died on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 1943, and is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**52396 Leading Aircraftsman FLY, Charles Paton Eric**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/32/63 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Douglas
<b>Serial number:</b>	A30-16
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	36 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1943, a Douglas C-47 A30-16 of 36 Sqn RAAF, took off at 0505 hours from Archerfield drome in darkness and conditions of poor visibility. At 0515 hours it crashed 2 miles from the drome in heavy timber and caught fire. All on board were killed. The crew were all members of 36 Squadron.

**Crew:**

RAAF 400454 FO Arnold, A K Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 414233 Sgt J Hammond, (2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot)

RAAF 413001 Sgt L C Morgan, (Wireless Air Gunner)

RAAF 629 LAC S I Wiles, (Fitter 11E)

Passengers :

3 WAAF and 13 RAAF plus 1 Army Officer, 2 US Officers

All 20 RAAF/WAAF members are buried in the Brisbane (Lytwyche) Cemetery, Queensland, Australia.

Among the passengers was LAC Fly, of No 12 Signals Unit Townsville.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**40202 Leading Aircraftsman FRANKLIN, David Horace**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/14/7

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	12 Signals Unit Townsville

**Summary:**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1943, LAC Franklin, a Wireless Operator Mechanic, died of an illness. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**68100 Aircraftman Class 1 HICKMAN, William Rupert**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 163/122/186 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Signals School Point Cook

**Summary:**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> December 1942, AC1 Hickman, a Clerk General, was admitted to No 3 RAAF Hospital, seriously ill. He died on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1942, and is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**161217 Leading Aircraftsman IRWIN, Alexander William**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/19/64 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	11 Signals Unit Adelaide

**Summary:**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1944, LAC Irwin, a Motor Cyclist, was killed when he collided with a US truck and trailer at the 59 mile post on the main North-South road, Northern Territory. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern territory.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**300407 Flight Sergeant IVES, Cecil Albert**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 163/125/53 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Wireless Station Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> April 1942, Flt Sgt Ives, a W/T Operator, was admitted to RAAF Hospital Ascot Vale, seriously ill. He died on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1942, and is buried in the Fawkner Memorial Park Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**151623 Leading Aircraftsman KEENE, David George**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/22/671 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	4 RIMU Kingaroy

**Summary:**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1946, a vehicle conveying RAAF personnel to RAAF Station Lowood for dental treatment, crashed in the ESK district of Harlin. LAC Keene was dangerously injured and he died of his injuries on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 1946. Others were injured in the accident. LAC Keene is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**52398 Leading Aircraftsman KELLY, Terence Joseph**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/32/63 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Douglas
<b>Serial number:</b>	A30-16
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	36 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1943, a Douglas C-47 A30-16 of 36 Sqn RAAF, took off at 0505 hours from Archerfield drome in darkness and conditions of poor visibility. At 0515 hours it crashed 2 miles from the drome in heavy timber and caught fire. All on board were killed. The crew were all members of 36 Squadron.

**Crew:**

RAAF 400454 FO Arnold, A K Captain (Pilot)  
RAAF 414233 Sgt J Hammond, (2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot)  
RAAF 413001 Sgt L C Morgan, (Wireless Air Gunner)  
RAAF 629 LAC S I Wiles, (Fitter 11E)

**Passengers:**

3 WAAF and 13 RAAF plus 1 Army Officer, 2 US Officers

All 20 RAAF/WAAF members are buried in the Brisbane (Lytwyche) Cemetery, Queensland, Australia.

Among the passengers was LAC Kelly, a Clerk General, of No 12 Signals Unit Townsville.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**69041 Aircraftman Class 1 KENNEDY, Edward Matthew**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 163/132/248 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Wireless Station Townsville

**Summary:**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1942, AC1 Kennedy, a Clerk General, died of an illness, and he is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**76139 Leading Aircraftsman LANG, Coran Wilson**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A9301 Barcode 4940616 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	10 Signals Unit Port Moresby

**Summary:**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> May 1943, LAC Land, an Equipment Assistant, died of injuries received during a defence training accident, when a hand grenade exploded. He is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**39342 Leading Aircraftsman LAUBE, John Alexander**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/24/247 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Wireless Station Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> December 1943, LAC Laube, a Motor Cyclist under training, died from injuries received when his motor cycle was involved in an accident at the corner of Smithfield and Epsom Roads, Flemington, Melbourne. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**421816 Leading Aircraftsman McCOLL, Charles Archibald**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/26/910 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	7 Wireless Unit Strathpine

**Summary:**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1945, LAC McColl, a Telegraphist, obtained a ride in an American truck which went over an embankment in Zillmere Road near Apsley, Brisbane. LAC McColl was thrown from the truck and killed in the accident, while others were injured. LAC McColl is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**59965 Aircraftman Class 1 McNAUGHTON, Ronald William**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 163/141/901 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Signals School Point Cook

**Summary:**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1952, AC1 McNaughton, a trainee W/T Operator (ground), was killed in an accident on the Geelong Road near Kingsville, Victoria. He is buried in the Pine Ridge Memorial Park, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**59611 Leading Aircraftsman McGOWAN, Alexander Fairweather**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705,166/26/868 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	4 RIMU Northern Territory

**Summary:**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1945, LAC McGowan, an Electrical Mechanic, died from encephalitis. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**75267 Corporal McWADE, Allen**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/26/511 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	2 Wireless Unit Batchelor

**Summary:**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> July 1944, Cpl McWade, a telegraphist, was admitted to No 1 MRS seriously ill with a perforated gastric ulcer in the stomach. He died on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1944, and is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**88760 Aircraftman Class 1 MITCHELL, John George Ronald**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/27/295 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	W/T Station Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1943, AC1 Mitchell, a Motor Cyclist, died in an accident in Stuart St Richmond. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**122680 Leading Aircraftsman MOLONY, Colin Shortland**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/28/406 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	15 W/T Station Nadzab

**Summary:**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> September 1944, LAC Molony, a Telegraphist, drowned while bathing in the ocean at Salamau, Papua New Guinea. He was carried into deep water by the undertow. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**59582 Leading Aircraftsman MOORHEAD, Harold Raymond**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/28/430 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	6 RIMU Morotai

**Summary:**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> October 1944, LAC Moorhead, a General hand, drowned while swimming in the sea at Morotai, NEI. There was a strong undertow at the time and he got into difficulties. LAC Moorhead has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Ambon Memorial which stands in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**136382 Leading Aircraftsman NICHOLAS, Francis Leslie**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/29/270 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	RSIU Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> July 1945, LAC Nicholas, a Clerk Stores Assistant, was discharged from the RAAF on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1945. He died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1946, and was cremated in the Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney. His name is recorded on the NSW Cremation Memorial, Sydney.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**75872 Aircraftman Class 1 O'CONNOR, Edmond Vincent**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 163/148/334 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	1 Wireless Unit Townsville

**Summary:**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> December 1942, AC1 O'Connor, a Telegraphist, drowned while swimming in the Eimeo Creek, Mackay, Queensland. He is buried in the Gatton Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**137822 Leading Aircraftsman PARDEY, Alan Robert**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/32/816 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	3 RIMU Madang

**Summary:**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1945, LAC Pardey, an Instrument Repairer, died of injuries received in a motor accident in New Guinea. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**59953 Leading Aircraftsman RICHARDSON, John Francis**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/35/686 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	W/T Station Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1945, LAC Richardson, a Wireless Assistant, was killed when a motor truck crashed into a motorcycle he was riding, at the corner of Balaclava road and Kinross Avne Caulfield. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**138333 Leading Aircraftsman SAMS, Kenneth Alexander**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/37/453 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	10 Signals Unit Port Moresby

**Summary:**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> June 1944, LAC Sams, a General hand, died from burns received by a sudden outburst of flames from a Unit heating system. He is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**39345 Aircraftman Class 1 SLATER, Sydney Gordon Bart**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 163/1621/556 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	WT Station Adelaide

**Summary:**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> December 1942, AC1 Slater, a Motor Cyclist, collided with a tramcar while riding his own motor cycle when proceeding on pre-embarkation leave. He is buried in the Adelaide (Centennial Park) Cemetery, Springbank, South Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**125262 Aircraftman Class 1 SMITH, Frank Gordon**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/38/232 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Signals School Point Cook

**Summary:**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1943, AC1 Smith, a trainee Telegraphist, died of an illness, and is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**4119 Warrant Officer SMITH, Gilbert Allan Noel**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A9301 Barcode 4554449 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	W/T Station Milne Bay

**Summary:**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> July 1944, WO Smith a Wireless Maintenance Mechanic, was accidentally electrocuted at Milne Bay. He is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**128216 Aircraftman Class 1 STAUNTON, Graham Innes**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/38/426 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	W/T Station Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> February 1944, AC1` Staunton, a Telegraphist, died from injuries received in a motor car accident. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**70555 Pilot Officer TATLOCK, Alfred**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/63 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Douglas
<b>Serial number:</b>	A30-16
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	36 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1943, a Douglas C-47 A30-16 of 36 Sqn RAAF, took off at 0505 hours from Archerfield drome in darkness and conditions of poor visibility. At 0515 hours it crashed 2 miles from the drome in heavy timber and caught fire. All on board were killed. The crew were all members of 36 Squadron.

**Crew:**

RAAF 400454 FO Arnold, A K Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 414233 Sgt J Hammond, (2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot)

RAAF 413001 Sgt L C Morgan, (Wireless Air Gunner)

RAAF 629 LAC S I Wiles, (Fitter 11E)

Passengers :

3 WAAF and 13 RAAF plus 1 Army Officer, 2 US Officers

All 20 RAAF/WAAF members are buried in the Brisbane (Lytwyche) Cemetery, Queensland, Australia.

Among the passengers was PO Tatlock, a Cypher Officer (A & SD) of No 20 Signals Unit Townsville.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**122681 Aircraftsman Class 1 THOMAS, Leonard Albert**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A9301, Barcode 5329057 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Signals School Point Cook

**Summary:**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1943, AC1 Thomas a Trainee Telegraphist died of an illness at SSQ Point Cook. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**28324 Leading Aircraftsman THOMPSON, Glen Alfhred**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/39/46 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	W/T Station Adelaide

**Summary:**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1943, LAC Thompson, a Motor Cyclist, died from injuries received when he collided with the rear of a motor truck. He is buried in the Adelaide (Centennial Park) Cemetery, Springbank, South Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**8239 Corporal TOIA, John Joseph**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/40/.179 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	11 Signals Unit Adelaide River

**Summary:**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> April 1944, Cpl Toia, a Cypher Assistant, died from an illness at Katherine, Northern Territory. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**79988 Leading Aircraftsman TOMLINSON Allan**

**Source:**

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/10/615 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	4 Wireless Unit Detachment Strathpine.

**Summary:**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> November 1945, LAC Tomlinson,, a Fitter DMT, was killed in a motor car accident at Scarborough, Queensland. There was a collision between a No 4 Wireless Unit Dodge weapon carrier in Landsborough Avenue, Scarborough at approx 2345 hours, and a RAAF Truck from No 3 Personnel Depot driven by AC1 Brackenridge.

LAC Tomlinson and AC1 Dolman of 1 Engineering School, Ascot Vale, together with two civilian women were killed in the accident, and 2 RAAF and two Army personnel were injured.

AC1 Dolman and LAC Tomlinson are buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**3418 Flight Lieutenant WILKINSON, William Archie**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/123 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Catalina
<b>Serial number:</b>	A24-52
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	11 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> September 1943, Catalina A24-52 crashed at 1848 hours at Cleveland Bay, Townsville, Queensland, when alighting after a travel flight. Thirteen on board were killed in the accident, and six were slightly injured.

**Crew:**

RAAF	405317 Flt Lt Miles, C J Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	400037 Flt Lt Canterbury, W J (2 <sup>nd</sup> Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	402496 FO Ferguson, R I (3 <sup>rd</sup> Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	411089 FO Hockey, G J R (Navigator Bomb Aimer)	Killed
RAAF	420317 FO Weeks, R A (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	420585 Flt Sgt B V McInerney, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	61254 Cpl W R Lobb, (Fitter 11E)	Killed
<b>Passengers</b>		
RAAF	251334 Air Cdre Cobby, A H	Slightly injured
RAAF	261015 Wg Cdr McFarlan, B P	Slightly Injured
RAAF	1175 Wg Cdr Stephens, W L B	Slightly Injured
RAAF	281940 Sqn Ldr Hogan, L M (Hq NEA Townsville)	Killed
RAAF	119559 FO Ratcliffe, C H (Hq NEA Townsville)	Killed
RAAF	252693 Sqn Ldr Angus, J V (Hq NEA RAAF Canteen Services)	Killed
RAAF	252297 Flt Lt Lord, F H (No 6 Med Receiving Station)	Killed
RAAF	3418 Flt Lt Wilkinson, W A (12 Signals Unit T'ville)	Killed
RAAF	423181 PO Shearman, B F(43 Sqn posting to RAAF Cmd)	Killed
RAAF	23699 Sgt M B Dore, (Fitter 11E)	Slightly Injured
RAAF	22211 Cpl R C Smith, (Fitter 11A)	Slightly Injured
RAAF	62546 Cpl A L Fowler, (Armourer)	Slightly Injured.

Those killed are buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**423372 Leading Aircraftsman WILLIAMS, Kenneth William Hubert**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705,166/43/1148 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	W/T Station Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> February 1945, LAC Williams, a Telegraphist, was on guard duty at the W/T detachment at Werribee remote receiving station, when he was accidentally killed by a gunshot wound. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**4063 Sergeant WOOLF, Hyman**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/44/377 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Melbourne Telecom Unit

**Summary:**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1946, Sgt Woolf, a DMT, was killed when struck by a driverless car at the intersection of Flinders St and Market St, Melbourne. The car had been left on a hill in Market St. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**72719 Leading Aircraftsman ABERCROMBIE, Peter Flemming**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/3/345

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	165 Radar Station Richmond

**Summary:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1945, LAC Abercrombie, a Guard, died from his injuries in a motor car accident at Pitt Town, NSW. He is buried in the Richmond War Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**118432 Flying Officer BELL, Charles Henry**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/5/347 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	44 Radar Wing Hq Adelaide River Northern Territory

**Summary:**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1943, a Spitfire aircraft of 457 Sqn ran off the runway at Livingstone field, when taking off on a practice flight, and it struck a vehicle parked on a roadway alongside the strip. Both FO Bell, (A & SD), and LAC E H McCarthy,(Fitter DMT) were killed in the accident.

They are both buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**50804 Aircraftman Class 1 BERRY, Lawrence Noel**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/5/1219 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	346 Radar Station Madang

**Summary:**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> July 1945, a US barge was transporting personnel from the unit to the pictures, and a swell was running that night which caused water to run into the barge apparently swamping it. Unfortunately many on board jumped overboard unaware that this type of barge was unsinkable. AC1 Berry A Fitter DMT), and LAC Lyons, both of 346 Radar Station, who were both poor swimmers, drowned between Krankit Island and Madang, Papua New Guinea.

AC1 Berry is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

LAC Lyons has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Lae Memorial, which stands in the Lae War Cemetery.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**69362 Corporal BRIDGE, Stanley William**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/1942 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Dakota
<b>Serial number:</b>	A65-54
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	33 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> November 1945, Dakota A65-54 departed Jacquinot Bay for Rabaul, New Britain, on a transport courier run. The aircraft was last heard from at 0914 hours but failed to arrive at its destination. It was later found that the aircraft had crashed into the side of a mountain, 150 feet below the crest of a 7000 feet range. Three crew and 25 passengers were killed.

**Crew:**

RAAF 423723 Flt Lt Hanrahan, R A Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 404723 Flt Lt Lobwein, G P (Co-Pilot)

RAAF 444773 Flt Sgt D A Bruderlin, (W/T Operator)

**Passengers**

RAAF 410253 Sister V B Sheah, OP/Air (No 1 MAETU Lae)

RAAF 419913 Cpl H Cushing, (Recorder) (No 112 MFCU Bougainville)

RAAF 431713 LAC N H Blake, (Teleg) (No 112 MFCU Bougainville)

RAAF 69362 Cpl S W Bridge, (Guard) (No 313 Radar Station Jacquinot Bay)

RAAF 137163 LAC M J Mills, (Guard) (No 311 Radar Station Jacquinot Bay)

Plus seven Australian Army personnel

Three RAN members

10 Indian Army members.

All the RAAF members are buried in the Rabaul (Bita Paka) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea. Rabaul lies on Blanche Bay inside the hook-nosed north-eastern tip of the Gazelle Peninsula of New Britain. The Cemetery is located approx 50kms south of Rabaul, and approx 5kms south-west of Kokopo.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**68497 Leading Aircraftsman BLOK, David Isaac**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/5/410

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	338 Radar Station Long Island, New Guinea.

**Summary:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1944, LAC Blok, died of typhus fever complicated by bilateral pneumonia, at the 54<sup>th</sup> American Evacuation hospital at Dreger Harbour, New Guinea, He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**133555 Leading Aircraftsman BUTCHER, Jack Ernest**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/5/1459 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	47 Radar Station Kalamunda

**Summary:**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1945, LAC Butcher, a Fitter DMT, was admitted to the Lady Davidson Home, Turramurra, NSW, seriously ill with pulmonary tuberculosis. He died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1946 and is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**265056 Flight Lieutenant CADDY, John Giblin**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/7/546

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	41 Radar Wing Port Moresby

**Summary:**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1944, Flt Lt Caddy, A & SD died at No 3 RAAF Hospital Concord West, and he was cremated in the Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**50353 Sergeant DORAN, Wesley Greig**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/5/1350 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Dakota
<b>Serial number:</b>	A65-56
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	33 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1945, Dakota A65-56 took off in bad weather at 1015am from Gurney Field, Milne Bay Papua New Guinea, for Dobodura. From reports received, the aircraft after reaching the vicinity of Lau Lau Island turned right in the direction of Ganadoua. Then it apparently turned left heading out in the direction of the bay.

At 1021 hours the aircraft called up the tower and said it was returning, giving no reason, asking to be homed in on the sound of motors. At approx 1028 hours motors were heard in the vicinity of the strip. The aircraft called back saying it was unable to see the strip or find a way out. At approx 1030 hours the aircraft was reported to be returning from south to west over Ladava, and to be very low over the transmitting station and the D/F station, heading westerly. At 1037 the aircraft was instructed by Aeradio to “climb to 5,000 feet and head north east. Strip closed. Call back”. Aircraft acknowledged, “OK will try”.

Although repeatedly called, no further signal was heard from the aircraft. The wreckage of the aircraft was later found in the south west corner of the bay between the mouth of the Gumini River and Gamadoda. All on board had lost their lives.

**Crew:**

RAAF 253615 Flt Lt Beer, E C Captain (Pilot)  
 RAAF 403946 Flt Lt Mulcahy, F X (2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot)  
 RAAF 449405 Sgt F X Sullivan (Wireless Operator Air)

**Passengers:**

RAAF 17286 Sgt K H Devenish, (Air Force Hdqts, Pt Moresby)  
 RAAF 159583 LAC A J Haslam, ((RAAF Nth Cmd Pt Moresby)  
 RAAF 139076 Cpl N C Mackay, (RAAF Nth Cmd Pt Moresby)  
 RAAF 418569 LAC W D G Stevens, (43 Op Base)  
 RAAF 118118 Cpl M F Moran, (347 Radar Station Admiralty Island)  
 RAAF 50353 Sgt W G Doran, Radar Mech (347 Radar Stn Admiralty Island)  
 RAAF 435578 FO Reedman, W P (6 Sqn)  
 RAAF 433345 Flt Sgt J N Davis, (6 Sqn)  
 RAAF 433825 Flt Sgt K F Rutherford, (6 Sqn)  
 RAAF 419569 FO Gordon, W J (6 Sqn)  
 RAAF 88705 LAC E L Eastall, (No 7 TMO Madang)  
 RAAF 151902 LAC A G Walton, (RAAF Nth Cmd Port Moresby)  
 RAAF 162787 LAC P B Healy, (Fitter DMT) (302 Radar Stn, Pt Moresby)  
 RAN 5058 G Liddell, (Officer Cook)  
 ARMY Lt Williams, ARMY VX65318 Sapper K Smith

All aboard have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, which is located in the Pt Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, PNG.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**63089 Flight Lieutenant DRUMMOND, Kenneth Noel**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/10/318 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	155 Radar Station Broome

**Summary:**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1944, Flt Lt Drummond, A & SD, died of an illness. He is buried in the Geraldton War Cemetery, Western Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**13362 Sergeant GLUYAS, Russell James**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/15/217 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	334 Radar Station Port Moresby

**Summary:**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> April 1944, Sgt Gluyas, a Wireless Operator Mechanic, set out from camp with two others to obtain paw paws known to be growing along the banks of the Ramu River, New Guinea. In trying to cross the river, the three got into difficulties, and Sgt Gluyas drowned when he was carried away by waters in the flooded river. The other two managed to reach the bank safely.

Sgt Gluyas has no known grave, His name is commemorated on the Lae Memorial, which is located in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**162787 Leading Aircraftsman HEALY, Percy Baden**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/1350 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Dakota
<b>Serial number:</b>	A65-56
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	33 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1945, Dakota A65-56 took off in bad weather at 1015am from Gurney Field, Milne Bay Papua New Guinea, for Dobodura. From reports received, the aircraft after reaching the vicinity of Lau Lau Island turned right in the direction of Ganadoua. Then it apparently turned left heading out in the direction of the bay.

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RAAF 435578 FO Reedman, W P (6 Sqn)  
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RAAF 433825 Flt Sgt K F Rutherford, (6 Sqn)  
RAAF 419569 FO Gordon, W J (6 Sqn)  
RAAF 88705 LAC E L Eastall, (No 7 TMO Madang)  
RAAF 151902 LAC A G Walton, (RAAF Nth Cmd Port Moresby)  
RAAF 162787 LAC P B Healy, (Fitter DMT) (302 Radar Stn, Pt Moresby)  
RAN 5058 G Liddell, (Officer Cook)  
ARMY Lt Williams, ARMY VX65318 Sapper K Smith

All aboard have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, which is located in the Pt Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, PNG.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**140910 Leading Aircraftsman HOBBY, Ernest Alfred**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/18/333 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	340 Radar Station Port Moresby

**Summary:**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> April 1944, LAC Hobby, a Guard, contracted scrub typhus at Bat Island, New Guinea. He was evacuated by flying boat to no 26 Medical Clearing Station, where he died on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1944. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**412532 Sergeant HOLOHAN, Joseph**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/18/113 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	44 Radar Wing Adelaide River

**Summary:**

On the 11th June 1943, Sgt Holohan, a Wireless Air Gunner, who was detailed for duty with the 380<sup>th</sup> Heavy Bombardment Group USAAF, was a member of the crew of Liberator B24D-42-40500, which was one of several aircraft returning from a bombing attack, when it was shot down by enemy action, and crashed off the south west coast of Timor, exploding on impact with the water.

Sgt Holohan has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Northern Territory Memorial, which stands in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**49338 Leading Aircraftsman HUTCHINSON, Jock MacKenzie**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 163/124/153 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	20 Radar Station Nelsons Bay

**Summary:**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1942, LAC Hutchinson, a Radio Operator, and AC1 White, a Radio Mechanic, both drowned while fishing at Nelson Bay, NSW.

LAC Hutchinson is buried in the Newcastle (Sandgate) War Cemetery, NSW.

AC1 White has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Sydney Memorial, which is located in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**8719 Corporal HUTCHINSON, Terence Joseph**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/18/231 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	DH84 Dragon
<b>Serial number:</b>	A34-25
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	42 Radar Direction Finding Wing Townsville

**Summary:**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> December 1943, A34-25 took off from Garbutt, Townsville, for a non-operational flight transporting radar equipment to No 313 Radar Station. The Pilot intended refuelling at 29OBU at Inverell, but the aircraft failed to arrive.

No trace of the missing aircraft was found, until in 1950 the wreck of the aircraft and its crew were located near Croydon, North Queensland.

**Crew:**

RAAF 402552 FO Thomas, T G (Pilot)

RAAF 8719 Cpl T J Hutchinson, (Fitter 11E)

Both the crew are buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**9268 Sergeant JARVIS, Max Irvornia Thomas**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/63 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Douglas
<b>Serial number:</b>	A30-16
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	36 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1943, a Douglas C-47 A30-16 of 36 Sqn RAAF, took off at 0505 hours from Archerfield drome in darkness and conditions of poor visibility. At 0515 hours it crashed 2 miles from the drome in heavy timber and caught fire. All on board were killed. The crew were all members of 36 Squadron.

**Crew:**

RAAF 400454 FO Arnold, A K Captain (Pilot)  
RAAF 414233 Sgt J Hammond, (2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot)  
RAAF 413001 Sgt L C Morgan, (Wireless Air Gunner)  
RAAF 629 LAC S I Wiles, (Fitter 11E)

**Passengers:**

3 WAAF and 13 RAAF plus 1 Army Officer, 2 US Officers

All 20 RAAF/WAAF members are buried in the Brisbane (Lytwyche) Cemetery, Queensland, Australia.

Among the passengers was Sgt Jarvis, a Guard, of 28 RDF Station Fitzroy Island, Cairns.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**25114 Corporal KIRBY, Cecil Rhodes**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/22/40 163/133/232 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	303 Radar Station Milne Bay

**Summary:**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1943, Cpl Kirby, a Clerk General, died of gunshot wounds at Tufi Papua New Guinea. He is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**68344 Aircraftman Class 1 LACEY, Brian Joseph**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/24/171 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	47 RDF Station Geraldton

**Summary:**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> August 1943, AC1 Lacey, an RDF Mechanic, drowned when swimming at a beach near Geraldton, Western Australia. He is buried in the Geraldton War Cemetery, Western Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**70268 Leading Aircraftsman LEONARD, Henry Vincent**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4606936 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	48 Radar Station

**Summary:**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> December 1945 LAC Leonard a Telegraphist, was discharged from the RAAF. He died on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 1946, and was cremated at the Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney. His name is recorded on the NSW Crematorium Memorial, Sydney NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**72043 Leading Aircraftsman LYONS, Sydney Ernest**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/5/1219 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	346 Radar Station Madang

**Summary:**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> July 1945, a US barge was transporting personnel from the unit to the pictures, and a swell was running that night which caused water to run into the barge apparently swamping it. Unfortunately many on board jumped overboard unaware that this type of barge was unsinkable. AC1 Berry A Fitter DMT), and LAC Lyons, both of 346 Radar Station, who were both poor swimmers, drowned between Krankit Island and Madang, Papua New Guinea.

AC1 Berry is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

LAC Lyons has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Lae Memorial, which stands in the Lae War Cemetery.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**414624 Sergeant MACKAY, Willam Alexander**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/26/169 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Flying Fortress
<b>Serial number:</b>	B17 F41-24543
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	41 Radar Direction Finding Attd 63 Bomber Sqn USAAF

**Summary:**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> June 1943, Flying Fortress B41-24543 took off at 1600 hours from Jackson Field, Port Moresby, to proceed to Dobodura. It took off from Dobodura at 0130 hours on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1943, detailed to carry out a bombing mission against Vanakanua, near Rabaul, New Britain. F41-24543 was one of five aircraft detailed to attack the target during the night independently of each other.

F41-24543 failed to return from the mission, and subsequent searches failed to find any trace of the missing aircraft or crew.

In 1947, the wreck of the aircraft and remains of the crew was found on the Mandres Plantation, Ataliklikum Bay, New Britain, which is west of Rabaul.

**Crew;**

USAAF 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut H S Barnett, Captain (Pilot)  
USAAF 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut S S Bossok, (Co-Pilot)  
USAAF 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut W V Seibert, (Navigator)  
USAAF 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut J G Burke, (Bombardier)  
RAAF 414624 Sgt W A Mackay, (Wireless Air Gunner)  
USAAF T/Sgt A H Woillard, (  
USAAF Sgt R A Burtis, (  
USAAF Sgt J B Candy, (  
USAAF Sgt D W Carlson, (  
USAAF Sgt P J Lohnes, (

The last five crew members were either Radio Operators or Engineers.

All the crew including Sgt Mackay (RAAF) are buried in the St Louis (Jefferson Barracks) National Cemetery, Missouri, USA.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**80427 Leading Aircraftsman McCARTHY, Eric Harvey**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/5/347

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	44 Radar Wing Hq Adelaide River Northern Territory

**Summary:**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1943, a Spitfire aircraft of 457 Sqn ran off the runway at Livingstone field, when taking off on a practice flight, and it struck a vehicle parked on a roadway alongside the strip. Both FO Bell, (A & SD), and LAC E H McCarthy, (Fitter DMT) were killed in the accident.

They are both buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**137163 Leading Aircraftsman MILLS, Maurice James**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/1942 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Dakota
<b>Serial number:</b>	A65-54
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	33 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> November 1945, Dakota A65-54 departed Jacquinot Bay for Rabaul, New Britain, on a transport courier run. The aircraft was last heard from at 0914 hours but failed to arrive at its destination. It was later found that the aircraft had crashed into the side of a mountain, 150 feet below the crest of a 7000 feet range. Three crew and 25 passengers were killed.

**Crew:**

RAAF 423723 Flt Lt Hanrahan, R A Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 404723 Flt Lt Lobwein, G P (Co-Pilot)

RAAF 444773 Flt Sgt D A Bruderlin, (W/T Operator)

**Passengers**

RAAF 410253 Sister V B Sheah, OP/Air (No 1 MAETU Lae)

RAAF 419913 Cpl H Cushing, (Recorder) (No 112 MFCU Bougainville)

RAAF 431713 LAC N H Blake, (Teleg) (No 112 MFCU Bougainville)

RAAF 69362 Cpl S W Bridge, (Guard) (No 313 Radar Station Jacquinot Bay)

RAAF 137163 LAC M J Mills, (Guard) (No 311 Radar Station Jacquinot Bay)

Plus seven Australian Army personnel

Three RAN members

10 Indian Army members.

All the RAAF members are buried in the Rabaul (Bita Paka) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea. Rabaul lies on Blanche Bay inside the hook-nosed north-eastern tip of the Gazelle Peninsula of New Britain. The Cemetery is located approx 50kms south of Rabaul, and approx 5kms south-west of Kokopo.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**74345 Aircraftman Class 1 MOORE, Neville Stanley**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/28/210 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	58 Radar Station Paluma

**Summary:**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> November 1943, AC1 Moore, a Telegraphist, was admitted to No 20 MCS seriously ill He died of his illness on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 1943, and is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**118118 Corporal MORAN, Michael Francis**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/1350 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Dakota
<b>Serial number:</b>	A65-56
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	33 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1945, Dakota A65-56 took off in bad weather at 1015am from Gurney Field, Milne Bay Papua New Guinea, for Dobodura. From reports received, the aircraft after reaching the vicinity of Lau Lau Island turned right in the direction of Ganadoua. Then it apparently turned left heading out in the direction of the bay.

At 1021 hours the aircraft called up the tower and said it was returning, giving no reason, asking to be homed in on the sound of motors. At approx 1028 hours motors were heard in the vicinity of the strip. The aircraft called back saying it was unable to see the strip or find a way out. At approx 1030 hours the aircraft was reported to be returning from south to west over Ladava, and to be very low over the transmitting station and the D/F station, heading westerly. At 1037 the aircraft was instructed by Aeradio to “climb to 5,000 feet and head north east. Strip closed. Call back”. Aircraft acknowledged, “OK will try”.

Although repeatedly called, no further signal was heard from the aircraft. The wreckage of the aircraft was later found in the south west corner of the bay between the mouth of the Gumini River and Gamadoda. All on board had lost their lives.

**Crew:**

RAAF 253615 Flt Lt Beer, E C Captain (Pilot)  
 RAAF 403946 Flt Lt Mulcahy, F X (2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot)  
 RAAF 449405 Sgt F X Sullivan (Wireless Operator Air)

**Passengers**

RAAF 17286 Sgt K H Devenish, (Air Force Hdqts, Pt Moresby)  
 RAAF 159583 LAC A J Haslam, ((RAAF Nth Cmd Pt Moresby)  
 RAAF 139076 Cpl N C Mackay, (RAAF Nth Cmd Pt Moresby)  
 RAAF 418569 LAC W D G Stevens, (43 Op Base)  
 RAAF 118118 Cpl M F Moran, (347 Radar Station Admiralty Island)  
 RAAF 50353 Sgt W G Doran, ( “ “ “ “ )  
 RAAF 435578 FO Reedman, W P (6 Sqn)  
 RAAF 433345 Flt Sgt J N Davis, (6 Sqn)  
 RAAF 433825 Flt Sgt K F Rutherford, (6 Sqn)  
 RAAF 419569 FO Gordon, W J (6 Sqn)  
 RAAF 88705 LAC E L Eastall, (No 7 TMO Madang)  
 RAAF 151902 LAC A G Walton, (RAAF Nth Cmd Port Moresby)  
 RAAF 162787 LAC P B Healy, (302 Radar Stn, Port Moresby)  
 RAN 5058 G Liddell, (Officer Cook)  
 ARMY Lt Williams, ARMY VX65318 Sapper K Smith

All aboard have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, which is located in the Pt Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, PNG.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**43685 Aircraftsman Class 1 PENGELLY, Douglas Bruce**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 163/150/139 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	1 Radar School Richmond

**Summary:**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> February, 1942, AC1 Pengelly, a Radio Mechanic, was killed in a road accident in Windsor Road, Windsor, NSW. He is buried in the Bundaberg General Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**252207 Flight Lieutenant PERCEVAL, William Alexander De Burgh**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA: A705, 166/32/274 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	329 Radar Station Shellborough

**Summary:**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> January 1944, Flt Lt Perceval, A & SD, collapsed on duty and died of an illness at Port Headland, Western Australia. He is buried in the Geraldton War Cemetery.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**412717 Pilot Officer ROBERTSON, Graham Brindley John**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A9300 Barcode 5262757 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Bombardment Sqn USAAF

**Summary:**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> September 1942, PO Robertson, a Pilot, was killed in an aircraft accident at Iron Range, Queensland. He is buried in the Mareeba Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**132440 Leading Aircraftsman RODGERS, Warren Russell**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A9301 Barcode 53536621 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	322 Radar Station

**Summary:**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1944, LAC Rodgers a Guard, was accidentally killed by a falling tree at Tanahmerah, Dutch New Guinea. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**402552 Flying Officer THOMAS, Ronald Gilbert**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/18/231 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	DH84 Dragon
<b>Serial number:</b>	A34-25
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	42 Radar Direction Finding Wing Townsville

**Summary:**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> December 1943, A34-25 took off from Garbutt, Townsville, for a non-operational flight transporting radar equipment to No 313 Radar Station. The Pilot intended refuelling at 290BU at Inverell, but the aircraft failed to arrive.

No trace of the missing aircraft was found, until in 1950 the wreck of the aircraft and its crew were located near Croydon, North Queensland.

**Crew:**

RAAF 402552 FO Thomas, T G (Pilot)

RAAF 8719 Cpl T J Hutchinson, (Fitter 11E)

Both the crew are buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**69204 Leading Aircraftsman THOMPSON, Desmond Walter**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/39/712 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Radio Development & Instructional Unit Somers

**Summary:**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1945, LAC Thompson,. A General Hand, was killed in a motor truck accident near Frankston, Victoria. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**81855 Leading Aircraftsman WARHAM, William Norman**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/43/125 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	32 Radar Station Rottnest Island

**Summary:**

On the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1943, LAC Warham, a Guard, died of natural causes. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**42766 Corporal WATT, Thomas Keith McDowell**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/63 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Douglas
<b>Serial number:</b>	A30-16
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	36 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1943, a Douglas C-47 A30-16 of 36 Sqn RAAF, took off at 0505 hours from Archerfield drome in darkness and conditions of poor visibility. At 0515 hours it crashed 2 miles from the drome in heavy timber and caught fire. All on board were killed. The crew were all members of 36 Squadron.

**Crew:**

RAAF 400454 FO Arnold, A K Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 414233 Sgt J Hammond, (2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot)

RAAF 413001 Sgt L C Morgan, (Wireless Air Gunner)

RAAF 629 LAC S I Wiles, (Fitter 11E)

Passengers :

3 WAAF and 13 RAAF plus 1 Army Officer, 2 US Officers

All 20 RAAF/WAAF members are buried in the Brisbane (Lytwyche) Cemetery, Queensland, Australia.

Among the passengers was Cpl Watt, an RDF Mechanic, of No 28 RDF Station Fitzroy Island, Cairns.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**45541 Aircraftman Class 1 WHITE, Vincent Thomas**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 163/124/153 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	20 Radar Station Nelsons Bay

**Summary:**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1942, LAC Hutchinson, a Radio Operator, and AC1 White, a Radio Mechanic, both drowned while fishing at Nelson Bay, NSW.

LAC Hutchinson is buried in the Newcastle (Sandgate) War Cemetery, NSW.

AC1 White has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Sydney Memorial, which is located in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**77676 Corporal WHITMAN, Jack Dermot**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/43/606 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	340 Radar Station Port Moresby

**Summary:**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> April 1944, Cpl Whitman, a RDF Operator, was evacuated by RAAF launch from Bat Island, New Guinea, to No 26 MCS, suffering from scrub typhus. He died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1944, and is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**426513 Warrant Officer BATCHELOR, George Hay**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/5/1233 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	2 Air Ambulance Unit

**Summary:**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> August 1945, WO Batchelor, a Navigator Wireless, died of Hodgkins disease, in the 112<sup>th</sup> Military Hospital, Greenslopes. He is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**47042 Sergeant BLACKMORE, Francis Leonard Harry**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/1196 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Dakota
<b>Serial number:</b>	A65-61
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	38 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> September 1945, Dakota A65-61 when on a non-operational flight was reported missing between Biak and Merauke, in Dutch New Guinea. The aircraft took off from the Wama strip at Biak Island in Dutch New Guinea at 1121 hours, for a travel flight to Higgins Field via the Vogelkop Neck, with Merauke as an alternative. The weather was good but the aircraft failed to arrive. Extensive searches were carried out at the time, but no trace of the missing aircraft or of those on board was found.

**Crew:**

RAAF 411069 WO A J Hunter, Captain (Pilot)  
 RAAF 424566 WO A C Hughes, (Co-Pilot)  
 RAAF 405949 WO E Wilkinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)  
 RAAF 27141 Flt Sgt K R Wiles, (Wireless Air Gunner)  
 RAAF 6188 Flt Sgt A G Sawrey, (Fitter)

**Passengers :**

RAAF \* 412376 WO A Campbell, (Wireless Operator Air) (38 Sqn)  
 RAAF \* 421110 FO Stibbard, N R ( 38 Sqn)  
 RAAF 170241 LAC W R Dunderdale, (Flight Mechanic) (38 Sqn)  
 RNS 501399 Sister M E Craig, (Nurse)  
 RAAF 47042 Sgt F L H Blackmore, (Medical Orderly) of No 2 MAETU Morotai  
 Plus 18 Army stretcher medical evacuation cases.

\* were members of another aircraft of 38 Sqn which was held up at Biak and they apparently got on the missing aircraft.

All the RAAF/RNS members are buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea. The Cemetery is 19kms north of Port Moresby, on the road to Nine Mile.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**21710 Sergeant CATTON, Norman**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/9/381      Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Gannett
<b>Serial number:</b>	A14-4
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	2 Air Ambulance Unit

**Summary:**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> August 1944, Gannett A14-4 was to proceed on an urgent travel flight to Argyle Downs Station, Western Australia, via Corunna Downs, at the request of Dr Roberts, the PMO Derby, to attend a critical case. The aircraft took off from Exmouth Gulf at 0519 hours, and crashed at 0525 hours 50 yards off shore and one mile from the landing strip. The three on board the aircraft were killed.

**Crew:**

RAAF      401423 FO Dix, G E (Pilot)

RAAF      21710 Sgt N Catton, Wireless Operator)

RAAF      281703 Sqn Ldr Sangster, J C (Medical Branch) of 4 MRS PAX

All three are buried in the Geraldton War Cemetery, Western Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**401423 Flying Officer DIX, Gordon Edward**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/9/381 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Gannett
<b>Serial number:</b>	A14-4
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	2 Air Ambulance Unit

**Summary:**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> August 1944, Gannett A14-4 was to proceed on an urgent travel flight to Argyle Downs Station, Western Australia, via Corunna Downs, at the request of Dr Roberts, the PMO Derby, to attend a critical case. The aircraft took off from Exmouth Gulf at 0519 hours, and crashed at 0525 hours 50 yards off shore and one mile from the landing strip. The three on board the aircraft were killed.

**Crew:**

RAAF 401423 FO Dix, G E (Pilot)

RAAF 21710 Sgt N Catton, Wireless Operator)

RAAF 281703 Sqn Ldr Sangster, J C (Medical Branch) Of 4 MRS PAX

All three are buried in the Geraldton War Cemetery, Western Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**88183 Aircraftsman Class 1 ELWELL, Arthur Joseph**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/11/40 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	6 Medical Receiving Station Townsville

**Summary:**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1943, AC1 Elwell, a General Hand, was travelling by train at 8.15pm from Townsville to Stuart, Queensland. As he train was crossing Ross Creek railway bridge which was constructed on a decided curve, AC1 Elwell accidentally slipped and fell into the river. Four airmen dived into the river but had great difficulty in locating Elwell. One managed to reach him and hold him for a short time, but a strong tide swept him away. AC1 Elwell's body was recovered the next day, and he is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland..

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**5859 Sergant FENTON, Vivian Neville**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/13/497 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	5 Medical Receiving Station Labuan

**Summary:**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1945, Sgt Fenton, a General Hand, was shot by a Japanese sniper at approx 1100 hours at Labuan, Borneo, and killed. Sgt Fenton was a member of a party of six in search of timber for the building of wards on the west side of the airstrip. He is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**272324 Flight Lieutenant HILL, Charles Stanford**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/19/8

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Ryan Monoplane
<b>Serial number:</b>	A50-10
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	2 Air Ambulance

**Summary:**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1942, Ryan A50-10 landed at Macrossan strip Queensland, at approx 11.30am. At approx 1430 hours it took off, climbed steeply, and the aircraft swung to the south into a gusty cross wind. At approx 200 feet, it turned on its back, dived into the ground and both on board lost their lives..

**Crew:**

RAAF 400803 FO Ingham, L J (Pilot) Killed

RAAF 2334 Flt Lt Hill, C S Died of Injuries

Both the crew are buried in the Charters Towers War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**400803 Flying Officer INGHAM, Leonard Jack**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/19/8

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Ryan Monoplane
<b>Serial number:</b>	A50-10
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	2 Air Ambulance

**Summary:**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1942, Ryan A50-10 landed at Macrossan strip Queensland, at approx 11.30am. At approx 1430 hours it took off, climbed steeply, and the aircraft swung to the south into a gusty cross wind. At approx 200 feet, it turned on its back, dived into the ground and both on board lost their lives..

**Crew:**

RAAF 400803 FO Ingham, L J (Pilot) Killed

RAAF 2334 Flt Lt Hill, C S Died of Injuries

Both the crew are buried in the Charters Towers War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**116312 Leading Aircraftsman LOGUE, Lloyd**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/25/258 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	1 Medical Receiving Station Darwin

**Summary:**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1945, LAC Logue, a WM Mechanic, at North Western Area detachment at Millingimbie, Northern Territory, was seriously injured when petrol exploded while refuelling a 25KVA Generator. He was evacuated to No 1 MRS Darwin and died of his injuries on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1945. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**252297 Flight Lieutannt LORD, Frank Haighton**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/123 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Catalina
<b>Serial number:</b>	A24-52
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	11 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> September 1943, Catalina A24-52 crashed at 1848 hours at Cleveland Bay, Townsville, Queensland, when alighting after a travel flight. Thirteen on board were killed in the accident, and six were slightly injured.

**Crew:**

RAAF	405317 Flt Lt Miles, C J Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	400037 Flt Lt Canterbury, W J (2 <sup>nd</sup> Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	402496 FO Ferguson, R I (3 <sup>rd</sup> Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	411089 FO Hockey, G J R (Navigator Bomb Aimer)	Killed
RAAF	420317 FO Weeks, R A (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	420585 Flt Sgt B V McInerney, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	61254 Cpl W R Lobb, (Fitter 11E)	Killed

**Passengers:**

RAAF	251334 Air Cdre Cobby, A H	Slightly injured
RAAF	261015 Wg Cdr McFarlan, B P	Slightly Injured
RAAF	1175 Wg Cdr Stephens, W L B	Slightly Injured
RAAF	281940 Sqn Ldr Hogan, L M (Hq NEA Townsville)	Killed
RAAF	119559 FO Ratcliffe, C H (Hq NEA Townsville)	Killed
RAAF	252693 Sqn Ldr Angus, J V (Hq NEA RAAF Canteen Services)	Killed
RAAF	252297 Flt Lt Lord, F H (No 6 Med Receiving Station)	Killed
RAAF	3418 Flt Lt Wilkinson, W A (12 Signals Unit T'ville)	Killed
RAAF	423181 PO Shearman, B F(43 Sqn posting to RAAF Cmd)	Killed
RAAF	23699 Sgt M B Dore, (Fitter 11E)	Slightly Injured
RAAF	22211 Cpl R C Smith, (Fitter 11A)	Slightly Injured
RAAF	62546 Cpl A L Fowler, (Armourer)	Slightly Injured.

Those killed are buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**26728 Leading Aircraftsman MALONE, Arthur Bernard**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/27/330 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	6 Medical Receiving Station Merauke

**Summary:**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> January 1944, LAC Malone, a Cook, died of a coronary thrombosis, He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**281703 Squadron Leader SANGSTER, John Clive**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/9/381 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Gannett
<b>Serial number:</b>	A14-4
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	2 Air Ambulance Unit

**Summary:**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> August 1944, Gannett A14-4 was to proceed on an urgent travel flight to Argyle Downs Station, Western Australia, via Corunna Downs, at the request of Dr Roberts, the PMO Derby, to attend a critical case. The aircraft took off from Exmouth Gulf at 0519 hours, and crashed at 0525 hours 50 yards off shore and one mile from the landing strip. The three on board the aircraft were killed.

**Crew:**

RAAF 401423 FO Dix, G E (Pilot)

RAAF 21710 Sgt N Catton, Wireless Operator)

RAAF 281703 Sqn Ldr Sangster, J C (Medical Branch) of No 4 MRS PAX

All three are buried in the Geraldton War Cemetery, Western Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**3929 Flying Officer THORLEY, Athur Francis**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/39/134 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Dragon
<b>Serial number:</b>	A34-19
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	2 Air Ambulance Unit

**Summary:**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> September 1943, Dragon A34-19 crashed during a non-operational flight and the Pilot was killed and passenger injured.

Owing to the weather, the Pilot discontinued his flight to Kingaroy (to which place he was returning after taking patients to Mascot), and the aircraft turned back to Toogoolawah, Queensland, where apparently flying low over the strip to have a look before landing, the aircraft struck a dead tree and crashed.

**Crew:**

RAAF 3929 FO Thorley, A F (Pilot) Killed

RAAF 32596 Flt Sgt F J Newton, PAX Seriously Injured (member of 3 ITS)

FO Thorley is buried in the Taabinga Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**163039 Leading Aircraftsman BARHAM, William Edward MID**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/5/853 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	3 Airfield Construction Squadron Mindoro

**Summary:**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> December 1944, LAC Barham, a General Hand, was detailed with others to assist some Americans in unloading ships at Red Beach. Mindoro, Phillipines. While doing this Japanese aircraft flew over. One of their aircraft was shot down, and the Pilot endeavoured to crash the plane on the ship itself. The aircraft blew up just before it reached the ship right over a large number of drums containing petrol, and these in turn blew up. LAC Barham had taken shelter in a nearby truck, but he was killed and others were injured by fragments of the crashed aircraft

LAC Barham is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia. Labuan (part of Sabah, Malaysia) is a small island in Brunei Bay, off the coast of north-west Borneo.

LAC Barham was Mentioned in Despatches : Authority P5 282/46 of 12/3/1946.  
(Enclosure 2A of above NAA Casualty file refers.)

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**8406 Sergeant BRADSHAW, Keith Gittus**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/6/1163 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	8 Airfield Construction Squadron 8MWS Tarakan

**Summary:**

On the 31<sup>st</sup> May 1945, Sgt Bradshaw, a General Hand, was killed by enemy action and others were injured, when a Japanese infiltrated their tent and a hand grenade exploded. Sgt Bradshaw is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia. Labuan (part of Sabah, Malaysia) is a small island in Brunei Bay off the coast of north-west Borneo.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**69467 Leading Aircraftsman BROWN, George Alan**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705,166/6/1109 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	8 Airfield Construction Squadron Balikpapan

**Summary:**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1945, LAC Brown, a DMT, collapsed and died of heat stroke when taking a shower. He was on board LST 1035 which was conveying troops from Morotai to Tarakan, and the LST was anchored at the time awaiting facilities to disembark troops and equipment.

He is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**144663 Leading Aircraftsman CAMPBELL, John**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/7/933

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	1 Airfield Construction Squadron Morotai Island

**Summary:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1945, LAC Campbell, a DMT, was electrocuted when he was removing the camps public address broadcasting apparatus to a new location. He had previously done the connecting up of the apparatus (in civilian life he was a telephone linesman). During the course of this duty it was necessary to detach the apparatus from the unit electrical power lines by the removal of a plug, and in doing so his left hand came into contact with a live wire.

LAC Campbell is buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**47626 Leading Aircraftsman CHENEY, Clarence Albert**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/7/992

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	3 Airfield Construction Mindoro

**Summary:**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1945, LAC Cheney, a Fitter Armourer, died when he committed suicide by asphyxiation in a car at Kilburn, South Australia. He is buried in the Adelaide (Centennial Park) Cemetery, South Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**64313 Sergeant CLARK, Keith Joseph**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/7/1111 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	1 Airfield Construction Squadron Morotai

**Summary:**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> August 1945, Sgt Clark, a Fitter DMT, was admitted to No 3 RAAF Hospital Concord West, suffering from a serious illness. He died on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1945 and is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**157233 Leading Aircraftsman COOK, William Walter**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/8/1413 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	5 Airfield Construction Squadron Iwakuni Japan

**Summary:**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1947, LAC Cook, a Plant Operator, was diagnosed seriously ill with a cerebral tumour at Iwakuni, Japan, and repatriated to Australia on HMAS Kanimbla. He was admitted to No 6 RAAF Hospital on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1947, and transferred to the Alfred Hospital Melbourne, where he died on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 1947. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**2161 Flight Lieutenant MATHESON, Duncan**

**Source:**

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/162/364 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	RAAF Operation Base Birdum

**Summary:**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> May 1942, LAC Skillen was killed when a US Army transport aircraft C37/5505 VH-CCA crashed soon after take off at Alice Springs. LAC Skillen a Labourer, was at the time a member of the RAAF Liaison detachment at Alice Springs, and was proceeding on leave to Sydney to visit his seriously ill wife.

Also killed in the crash was Flt Lt Matheson, who was proceeding to take up duty at RAAF Operation Base, Birdum, being posted from No 2 BAGS.

Both are buried in the Alice Springs Cemetery, Northern Territory.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**133062 Leading Aircraftsman DURRANT, Allan John**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/10/634 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	5 Airfield Construction Squadron Iwakuni Japan

**Summary:**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1946, LAC Durrant, a DMT, was killed in a motor accident at Iwakuni, Japan, when the vehicle overturned when it ran over an embankment. He is buried in the Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**39426 Sergeant HAMILTON, David**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/806 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	4 Airfield Construction Squadron Noemfoor

**Summary:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1944, Sgt Hamilton, a Works Supervisor, was one of a group of four fishing and shell collecting on a reef on the north shore at Noemfoor Island. Sgt Hamilton was swept off the reef and carried out to sea. He was seen to be in difficulties and later seen floating in the water. Searches could not locate his body and he has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Lae Memorial, which stands in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**139230 Leading Aircraftsman HOLDSTOCK, John Adrian**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/18/672 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	5 Airfield Construction Squadron Labuan

**Summary:**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1945, LAC Holdstock, a General Hand, died of an illness at the No 1 RAAF Hospital. He is buried in the Goulburn General Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**42547 Corporal HUTCHISON, Joseph Neilson**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A9301 Barcode 4595337 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	61 Works Wing Headquarters

**Summary:**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> June 1943, Cpl Hutchison a Nursing Orderly, was discharged from the RAAF medically unfit for further service. He died of an illness on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 1946, and is buried in the Wonthaggi Cemetery, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**61941 Flying Officer JARRETT, Hedley Vicas**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/20/305 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	61 Airfield Construction Wing

**Summary:**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> August 1945, FO Jarrett, an Equipment Officer, attached to 14 ACS Morotai, died of self inflicted gun shot wounds. He is buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**58542 Leading Aircraftsman JENKINS, William Joseph**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/20/269 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	14 Airfield Construction Squadron Morotai

**Summary:**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> May 1945, LAC Jenkins, a Plant Operator, died from injuries at Morotai, in a Ground accident, when a service constructor vehicle ran over him. He is buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**146450 Leading Aircraftsman LUNN, Raymond George**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/25/387 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	9 Airfield Construction Squadron Balikpapan

**Summary**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> October 1945, LAC Lunn, a General Hand, asked LAC Ragen for assistance in moving a table in his tent. LAC Ragen went into the tent and proceeded to assist in moving the table. Noticing a rifle lying against the table, LAC Ragen said “just a minute” and picked up the rifle. While doing so, the butt of the rifle hit the table and exploded. A bullet struck LAC Lunn in the right chest. A Medical Officer was called immediately, but LAC Lunn died of his injuries.

He is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**140448 Leading Aircraftsman MACLEOD, Norman**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/26/893 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	3 Airfield Constriction Squadron Mindoro

**Summary:**

LAC MacLeod, a Cook, was in his tent on the Island of Mindoro in the Phillipines. He picked up a rifle with the intention of cleaning it. A shot was heard and it was found that a bullet had passed through his abdomen. He was conveyed to a US Field Hospital for an operation, but his injuries were too severe, and he died on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 1945. He is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**127518 Leading Aircraftsman McCORMICK, Andrew**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/562 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	5 Mobile Works Squadron Noemfoor

**Summary:**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> August 1944, LAC McCormick, a General Hand, died of burns received when he was cleaning the Airman kitchen at 5 MWS with petrol which caught fire. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**46558 Leading Aircraftsman McGUINNESS, Reginald Brendon**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/26/.1168 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	9 Airfield Construction Squadron Balikpapan

**Summary:**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1945, LAC MacGuinness, an Electrical (Mechanical) Fitter, was accidentally electrocuted. He was taking down the electrical wiring around the campsite in Borneo, when he accidentally cut a live wire. He is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**71022 Leading Aircraftsman MORRIS, Dudley John**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/28/467 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	14 Airfield Construction Squadron

**Summary:**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1944, LAC Morris, an Aircraft Hand, was seriously injured when a hand grenade exploded at Morotai during rubbish burning operations. He died on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1944, and is buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**126364 Leading Aircraftsman O'BRIEN, John George**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/31/316 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	9 Airfield Construction Squadron Mt Martha

**Summary:**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> February 1945, LAC O'Brien, a Plant Operator, was seriously injured in a fall at Mt Martha, Victoria, while undergoing defence training prior to moving to the islands. He died on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 1945 and is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**71269 Leading Aircraft ORPHIN, Walter**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/31/402 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	6 Airfield Construction Squadron

**Summary:**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1945, LAC Orphin, a General Hand, died of injuries when he fell down an open hatch of a Liberty ship whilst at sea from Labuan to Morotai. He is buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**138249 Leading Aircraftsman PAYNE, James Geoffrey**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A9301 Barcode 5365256 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	5 Airfield Construction Squadron Biak Island

**Summary:**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1945, LAC Payne, a General Hand, died from injuries received in a ground accident. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papa New Guinea

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**139880 Flying Officer PERROTTET, Noel Alfred MID**

**Source:**AWM 237 (650 NAA : A9300 Barcode 5261165 Commonwealth War Graves

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	62 Airfield Construction Wing Labuan

**Summary:**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> November 1945, FO Perrottet, (A & S D), appointment was terminated on demobilisation. He died of an illness on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 1946, and is buried in the Northern Suburbs General Cemetery, Sydney. NSW.

**Citation :**

The Citation for the MID issued to FO Perrottet is as follows :

“ FO Perrottet is an expert photographic interpreter. He set out all installations in Noemfoor and Labuan so well that plans made before the invasion had to receive little alteration to suit the terrain conditions on landing.

Soon after arrival in New Guinea, FO Perrottet contracted a serious tropical skin disease, which necessitated him living at No 22 Medical Clearing Station whilst working at No 62 Airfield Construction Wing Headquarters. He begged not to be evacuated, and carried on under extreme difficulties and personal distress with outstanding success. His devotion to duty and good example were a source of inspiration to all who served with him.”  
(Gazette 117/46 of 25<sup>th</sup> June 1946).

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**419141 Leading Aircraftsman RILEY, Alan Walter**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/35/621 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	62 Airfield Construction Wing Labuan

**Summary:**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> July 1945, LAC Riley an Electrical Mechanic, was accidentally electrocuted when he was engaged in inspection of electrical light wiring. He is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**66606 Leading Aircraftsman ROUSSY, John Edward**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/36/344 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	5 Airfield Works Squadron Noemfoor Island

**Summary:**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> August 1944, LAC Roussy, a Powder Monkey, died from injuries as a result of a blasting explosion at Kornasoren strip, Noemfoor Island, Dutch New Guinea. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**42050 Leading Aircraftsman STORER, Gordon William**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/38/793 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	8 Airfield Construction Squadron Randwick

**Summary:**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> November 1944, LAC Storer, a DMT, was accidentally killed with a plant known as the ripper, during a Plant Operators course at Bankstown, NSW.

He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**145140 Leading Aircraftsman WATTS, Rowland Hill**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/43/1749 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	5 Airfield Construction Squadron Labuan

**Summary:**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1945, LAC Watts, a DMT, was dangerously injured when he was accidentally crushed between the bumper bars of heavy vehicles at 5 ACS Labuan. He was transferred to the 2/6<sup>th</sup> AGH at Labuan and died of his injuries on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1945. He is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**122263 Corproal WERNER, Keith Walter**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/43/365 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	4 Airfield Construction Squadron

**Summary:**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> may 1945, Cpl Werner, a Plant Operator, drowned when swimming on his own at Blue beach, Morotai Island. He was not seen to enter the water, and his body was found later. He is buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**76974 Leading Aircraftsman IRVINE, Thomas James**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/19/96 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	2 Airfield Defence Squadron Tarakan

**Summary:**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1945, LAC Irvine, a Guard, died as a result of enemy action, when the Guard post he was at, was attacked with hand grenades and bayonets, by three members of a Japanese party. The enemy party was wiped out by other members of the guard post. LAC Irvine is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**400837 Flight Lieutenant SCHAFFER, Geoffrey William**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 163/160/168 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Seafire PR228
<b>Serial number:</b>	LF111
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	RAAF Air Defence Hqrs Sydney

**Summary:**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1945, Sea fire F111 was returning from drop tank trials at Laverton, when it presumably hit a hill in bad weather conditions at Barnawartha, Victoria, 15 miles north east of Chiltern, near Albury, NSW. The pilot who was killed in the accident, was Senior Test Pilot at RNAS Bankstown, and had been posted to the Air Defence unit for duty with the Royal Navy Air Service at Bankstown..

**Crew:**

RAAF 400837 Flt Lt Schaffer, G W (Pilot)

Flt Lt Schaffer is buried in the Benalla War Cemetery, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**28011 Corporal TULLY, Clarence John**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/40/608 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	2 Airfield Defence Squadron Tarakan

**Summary:**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, Cpl Tully, a Guard, was accidentally shot at night, by another airman at a guard post north east of the Tarakan airfield.

He is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**54166 Leading Aircraftsman BALL, Harold Edward William**

**Source:**

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/199 NAA : A9845, Control 75  
Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Anson
<b>Serial number:</b>	W2039
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	1 OBU Mallacoota

**Summary:**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> December 1943, Anson W2039 crashed when on a test flight, at 1135 hours at the extreme head of Mallacoota Inlet, half a mile downstream from Gipsy Point, Victoria. The aircraft was airborne at approx 0945 hours. Prior to take off a member of the crew informed Flt Lt Shackell, OC B Flight 67 Sqn, who was at Mallacoota at the time, that they were taking off to do some practice bombing on a sea target. The Pilot informed the Ops Room at Mallacoota that he was going to test the aircraft, since it had not been flown for four days.

After completing the bombing, the aircraft proceeded to Gipsy Point and flew past the Gipsy Point Hotel several times, at a height estimated at 200 feet. It then proceeded down the river to Mallacoota Inlet. At a point about three quarters of a mile down from the hotel, the river takes a pronounced turn to the right on the Gipsy point side of a long hill about 500 feet high. When the aircraft reached this point, it was observed to climb steeply and then turn to starboard. The aircraft turned through more than 90 degrees, and then the nose dropped sharply and the aircraft dived into the water at a very steep angle, bursting into flames on impact. From the above, it was considered that the accident was due to "poor technique", or an error of judgement by the pilot whilst indulging in unauthorised low flying in the vicinity of Gipsy Point. All on board were killed in the accident.

**Crew:**

RAAF 410336 Flt Sgt F M Howship, (Pilot) (a member of 67 GR Sqn)  
RAAF 417410 PO Murphy, K P (Navigator BombAimer)) (a Member of 4 O.T.U)  
RAAF 409097 Flt Sgt B F Dufty, (Wireless Navigator) (a member of 67 GR Sqn)  
RAAF 54166 LAC H E W Ball, (Clerk) (a member of 1 OBU Mallacoota) PAX

All those on board are buried in the Bairnsdale War Cemetery, Bairnsdale, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**134443 Aircraftsman Class 1 BEMAN, Harold James**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/5/310

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	7 Stores Depot Toowoomba

**Summary:**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> October 1943, AC1 Beman, an Equipment assistant, died of an illness, and is buried in the Toowoomba Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**144666 Leading Aircraftsman BERRY, Timpron Martin Kenneth**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A9301 Barcode 5343268, Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	8 Stores Depot Macrossan

**Summary:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1945 LAC Berry a Medical Orderly, died from a fall at No 3 Replenishment Centre. He stepped backwards in a doorway and fell down some steps at Charters Towers Queensland. He is buried in the Charters Towers War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**18180 Leading Aircraftsman BIRRELL, John Rupert**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 163/92/69 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	1 Stores Depot Port Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1941, LAC Birrell, a Driver Motor Transport, died of an illness, and is buried in the Karlsruhe Public Cemetery, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**41755 Leading Aircraftsman BIRRELL, Wilson John**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/5/1422 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	1 Stores Depot Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> December 1945, LAC Birrell, a Painter, was accidentally drowned at Rainbow Bay, Coolangatta, Queensland, when he was swept out to sea in a heavy undertow. He is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.  
LAC Birrell was at No 3 Personnel Pool, Sandgate, awaiting transport to No 81 Wing.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**72169 Aircraftman Class 1 BROMLEY, Edward**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/6/51

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	2 Stores Depot Sydney

**Summary:**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> March 1943, AC1 Bromley, a General Hand, died of an illness, and he is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**56553 Leading Aircraftsman BROOKS, Walter Charles**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A9301 Barcode 4972171, Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	1 Stores Depot Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1946, LAC Brooks a DMT, was discharged from the RAAF on demobilisation. He died on the

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**144485 Leading Aircraftsman BURCHETT, Mervyn Keith**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/6/321

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	10 Replenishment Centre Nadzab

**Summary:**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1946, LAC Burchett, an Electrician, died of an illness, and is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**443673 Leading Aircraftsman BURGESS, John Royston McDonnell**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/6/1226 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	19 Replenishment Centre Talmoi

**Summary:**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> July 1945, LAC Burgess was admitted to Richmond Hospital, Queensland, where an operation was performed for appendicectomy. He became seriously ill post the operation, and died at No 3 MRS Townsville on 26<sup>th</sup> November 1945.

He is buried in the Townsville Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**140810 Aircraftman Class 1 BUTTERY, Geoffrey Leighton**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/6/392 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	10 Stores depot Merredin West Australia

**Summary:**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> January 1944, AC1 Buttery, an Equipment assistant, drowned at the Railway Dam at Merredin. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**77563 Leading Aircraftsman CARNEY, Kevin**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A9301 Barcode 4576969 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	17 Replenishment Centre

**Summary:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1945 LAC Carney, a Cooks Assistant, was discharged from the RAAF medically unfit for further service. He died of an illness on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 1946 and is buried in the Botany General Cemetery, Sydney, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**81227 Leading Aircraftsman CLAPP, Alexander Frederick**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/1244 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	10 Repair & Salvage Morotai

**Summary:**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> March 1946, LAC Clapp an Electrical Fitter, died of an illness at Northam, Western Australia. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**5841 Sergeant COBERN, Geoffrey Charles**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/78 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Beaufighter
<b>Serial number:</b>	A19-45
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	31 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> May 1943, Beaufighter A19-45 was one of seven aircraft in a formation, which had completed its attack on the Penfui drome Timor, and the formation was on its return journey to Base. A19-45 failed to return from the mission. Its last plotted position was over the sea 90 miles south east of Timor.

**Crew:**

RAAF 417009 FO Taylor, R MacD, (Pilot)

RAAF 5841 Sgt G C Cobern, (Navigator Wireless) of 55 OBU Birdum

Both the crew have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Northern Territory Memorial located in the Adelaide River War Cemetery. Adelaide River is a township 116kms south of Darwin on the main north south road between Darwin and Alice Springs.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**123097 Leading Aircraftsman DAVEY, Kenneth Gilmour**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/807

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	3 Replenishment Centre Charters Towers

**Summary:**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1945, LAC Davey an Armament Assistant, died of an illness. He is buried in the Charters Towers War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**12405 Sergeant DAVOREN, Vincent Joseph**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/9/426 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	1 Stores Depot Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1944, a party of four airmen were detailed to proceed to the yard of Allied Works Council at Port Melbourne, to deposit a load of air conditioning units on transfer from 1SD to the Allied Works Council. The units were on a small trailer together with a portable (5 ton) crane to unload. During the unloading the jib of the crane touched an overhead tension wire, causing a short through the crane to earth.

Both Sgt Davoren (a Stores Hand) and AC1 Mills (a Trainee Technician) were killed and others were injured.

The two who lost their lives are buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**10187 Corporal DELAPORTE, Eric Arnold**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/9/649

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	22 Air Stores Park Morotai

**Summary:**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1945, Cpl Delaporte, a Tailor, drowned at Morotai beach in an area specified for bathing. He was carried away by a strong undertow. His body was recovered, and he is buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**251682 Flight Lieutenant DUFFY, Charles Oswald**

**Source:**

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/63/155 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	3 Stores Depot Brisbane

**Summary:**

ON the 21<sup>st</sup> June 1942, Flt Lt Duffy a Pharmacist, was a member of a RAAF party who set out in a skiff from Port Moresby wharf, to make a trip to Fisherman's Island about seven miles away. On the return journey the sea became very rough, and when about 300 yards from the shore, the skiff turned on its side throwing the occupants into the water. Some of the group swam ashore, but both PO Ward and Flt Lt Duffy were reported missing.

PO Ward and Flt Lt Duffy have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, which is located in the Port Moresby (Bomana) war Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**88705 Leading Aircraftsman EASTALL, Ernest Lochlan**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/1350 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Dakota
<b>Serial number:</b>	A65-56
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	33 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1945, Dakota A65-56 took off in bad weather at 1015am from Gurney Field, Milne Bay Papua New Guinea, for Dobodura. From reports received, the aircraft after reaching the vicinity of Lau Lau Island turned right in the direction of Ganadoua. Then it apparently turned left heading out in the direction of the bay.

At 1021 hours the aircraft called up the tower and said it was returning, giving no reason, asking to be homed in on the sound of motors. At approx 1028 hours motors were heard in the vicinity of the strip. The aircraft called back saying it was unable to see the strip or find a way out. At approx 1030 hours the aircraft was reported to be returning from south to west over Ladava, and to be very low over the transmitting station and the D/F station, heading westerly. At 1037 the aircraft was instructed by Aeradio to “climb to 5,000 feet and head north east. Strip closed. Call back”. Aircraft acknowledged, “OK will try”.

Although repeatedly called, no further signal was heard from the aircraft. The wreckage of the aircraft was later found in the south west corner of the bay between the mouth of the Gumini River and Gamadoda. All on board had lost their lives.

**Crew:**

RAAF 253615 Flt Lt Beer, E C Captain (Pilot)  
RAAF 403946 Flt Lt Mulcahy, F X (2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot)  
RAAF 449405 Sgt F X Sullivan (Wireless Operator Air)

**Passengers**

RAAF 17286 Sgt K H Devenish, (Air Force Hdqts, Pt Moresby)  
RAAF 159583 LAC A J Haslam, ((RAAF Nth Cmd Pt Moresby)  
RAAF 139076 Cpl N C Mackay, (RAAF Nth Cmd Pt Moresby)  
RAAF 418569 LAC W D G Stevens, (43 Op Base)  
RAAF 118118 Cpl M F Moran, (347 Radar Station Admiralty Island)  
RAAF 50353 Sgt W G Doran, ( “ “ “ “ )  
RAAF 435578 FO Reedman, W P (6 Sqn)  
RAAF 433345 Flt Sgt J N Davis, (6 Sqn)  
RAAF 433825 Flt Sgt K F Rutherford, (6 Sqn)  
RAAF 419569 FO Gordon, W J (6 Sqn)  
RAAF 88705 LAC E L Eastall, (Clerk Stores) (No 7 TMO Madang)  
RAAF 151902 LAC A G Walton, (RAAF Nth Cmd Port Moresby)  
RAAF 162787 LAC P B Healy, (302 Radar Stn, Port Moresby)  
RAN 5058 G Liddell, (Officer Cook)  
ARMY Lt Williams, ARMY VX65318 Sapper K Smith

All aboard have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, which is located in the Pt Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, PNG.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**205821 Warrant Officer EDELSTEN, Frederick John**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/11/362 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	24 Air Stores Park Balikpapan

**Summary:**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> September 1945, WO Edelsten an Equipment Assistant, died of his injuries in a road accident at Balikpapan Borneo He is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**225911 Corporal EVANS, Maurice James**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/12/22 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	16 Stores Unit Port Moresby

**Summary:**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1943, Cpl Evans, a General Hand, died of injuries received in an accident, which was caused by the embankment on the road from Koitaki to Pt Moresby collapsing on to a vehicle, causing it to roll over and down the embankment.

Cpl Schweitzer, a Clerk General, also died from his injuries on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 1943.

Both are buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**124323 Leading Aircraftman FARRAR, Francis William**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/300 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	4 Replenishment Centre Port Moresby

**Summary:**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> September 1944, LAC Farrar, as Equipment Assistant, died of an illness at the 112<sup>th</sup> Brisbane Military Hospital, Greenslopes, Queensland. He is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Hospital, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**118193 Flight Lieutenant FOSS, Frank Stanley**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/1765 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Mosquito
<b>Serial number:</b>	RF664
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	84 Operational Base Unit Labuan

**Summary:**

On the 31st January 1946, Mosquito RF664 took off from Labuan airfield to carry out an air test. After a normal take off permission was granted for the aircraft to fly past the control tower to check that the undercarriage was locked up. The Pilot came down to approx 40 feet with the port airscrew feathered and then climbed to 700 feet. An attempt was then made to restart the port engine but this was seen by witnesses to be unsuccessful. The aircraft was then seen to gradually lose height and commence a left hand turn. It was heading back to the airfield when a wheels up landing was made just short of a paddy field in rough ground. After touch down the aircraft struck a steel slope, caught fire and both the crew were killed.

**Crew :**

RAAF 118193 Flt Lt Foss, F S (Pilot)  
RAAF 444068 Flt Sgt E S Willis, (Navigator)

Both the crew are buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**127246 Leading Aircraftsman FOX, Albert Ernest William**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/286 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	27 Air Stores Park Noemfoor

**Summary:**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> October 1944, LAC Fox, a Guard, died as a result of an explosion of gelignite on Noemfoor Island, Dutch New Guinea. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**440279 Flight Sergeant GEISEL, George Morris**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/1382 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Norseman
<b>Serial number:</b>	A71-4
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	5 CU Garbutt

**Summary:**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> February 1946, Norseman A71-4 crashed about eight miles south of Iron Range, Queensland. The aircraft was on a non-operational travel flight on a ration run to Iron Range. All on board were killed.

**Crew:**

RAAF 414048 FO Law, C W (Pilot)

RAAF 440276 Flt Sgt J B Crawford, (Navigator Wireless)

RAAF 440279 Flt Sgt G M Geisel, PAX (Pilot) (Flying Control 27 OBU)

All three are buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**262191 Squadron Leader GRIFFIN, Cuthbert**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/7/1083 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Hudson
<b>Serial number:</b>	A16-47
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Survey Squadron Lowood

**Summary:**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1945, Hudson A16-47 was reported missing on a travel flight between Lowood and Bowen, Queensland. The aircraft was last seen at Lat 22.42S Long 151.18E. It took off from Lowood at 0841 hours on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1943, and between 1000 and 1100 hours, Rockhampton tower heard calls from the aircraft but was unable to establish contact. No further signals were heard. Available evidence at the time suggested that the aircraft crashed into Shoalwater Bay near Akens Island. Extensive searches were carried out but no trace of the missing aircraft or of those on board was found. All on board were members of the Survey Sqn Lowood, except Sqn Ldr Griffin.

**Crew:**

RAAF 416567 Flt Lt Clarke, L E H Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 428807 FO Steel, T J (Navigator Wireless)

**Passengers**

RAAF 260750 Sqn Ldr Pilcher, N M (Pilot)

RAAF 262191 Sqn :Ldr Griffin, C (member of 14 Operational Base Lowood)

RAAF 38868 Cpl W McP Gaze, (Wireless Operator Mechanic)

RAAF 22955 LAC F G Chiverton,.(Fitter 11E)

RAAF 151744 :LAC W K Nielsen, (Aircraft Hand)

All those on board have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Sydney Memorial which is located in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**19643 Leading Aircraftsman GRIFFIN, John Joseph**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/369 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Anson
<b>Serial number:</b>	AW667
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	67 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1944, Anson AW667 during a non-operational test flight, crashed at approx 1400 hours at Yanakie drome, Victoria. The Captain decided to test the aircraft after heavy rain on the night of 16<sup>th</sup> April. The Pilot died of his injuries and the other two on board were killed in the accident.

**Crew:**

RAAF 436096 Flt Sgt D G Shanks, (Pilot)

RAAF 140569 LAC R O Rathke, (Armourer)

RAAF 19643 LAC J J Griffin, (Cook) (of No 15 Aircraft Repair Depot, Pt Moresby)

All are buried in the Sale War Cemetery, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**142679 Corporal GUY, Arthur Edward**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/803 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Dakota
<b>Serial number:</b>	A65-34
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	36 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> February 1945, Dakota A65-34 of the 36 Sqn detachment at Tadjj, crashed at But near Wewak, New Guinea, during a supply drop operation..

**Crew:**

RAAF	261723 Sqn Ldr Jackson, L K	Captain (Pilot)	Seriously Injured
RAAF	407125 Flt Lt Mathews, K R C	(Co-Pilot)	Died of injuries 20/2/45
RAAF	418718 PO Campbell, D G	(Wireless Operator Air)	Killed

**Passengers :**

RAAF	129265 Cpl K Hardham,	(37OBU Tadjj)	Died of Injuries 18/2/1945
RAAF	142679 Cpl A E Guy,	(37 OBU Tadjj)	Killed
ARMY	NX18480 Sgt H M Whaling,		Killed
ARMY	Private J J Law		Injured
ARMY	Private E J Collins		Uninjured

The four RAAF and one Army who lost their lives are buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea. Lae is a town and port at the mouth of the Markham River on the Huon Gulf. The Cemetery is adjacent to the Botanical Gardens in the centre of Lae.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**129265 Corporal HARDHAM, Keith**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/803 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Dakota
<b>Serial number:</b>	A65-34
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	36 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> February 1945, Dakota A65-34 of the 36 Sqn detachment at Tadj, crashed at But near Wewak, New Guinea, during a supply drop operation..

**Crew:**

RAAF	261723 Sqn Ldr Jackson, L K	Captain (Pilot)	Seriously Injured
RAAF	407125 Flt Lt Mathews, K R C	(Co-Pilot)	Died of injuries 20/2/45
RAAF	418718 PO Campbell, D G	(Wireless Operator Air)	Killed

**Passengers :**

RAAF	129265 Cpl K Hardham, (37OBU Tadj)	Died of Injuries 18/2/1945
RAAF	142679 Cpl A E Guy, (37 OBUTadj)	Killed
ARMY	NX18480 Sgt H M Whaling,	Killed
ARMY	Private J J Law	Injured
ARMY	Private E J Collins	Uninjured

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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**138646 Leading Aircraftsman HARRISON, John Emmerson**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/1555 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	2 Stores Depot Sydney

**Summary:**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1946, LAC Harrison, Radar Operator, died of an illness at No 3 RAAF Hospital, Sydney. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**50215 Leading Aircraftsman IVERSON, Charles Malbon**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/125/60 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	12 Repair & Salvage Unit

**Summary:**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> August 1942, LAC Iverson an Aircraft Hand, died of an illness at Rockhampton. He is buried in the Rockhampton War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**56752 Sergeant JONES, Claude Edward**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/21/420 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	1 Stores Depot Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1947, Sgt Jones an Equipment Assistant, at 1SD Tottenham, was struck by a falling stores rack, and died of his injuries. He was engaged in supervising the unloading of a steel rack from a four-wheeled trailer. During the unloading, the rack overbalanced falling on to Sgt Jones and pinning him to the floor. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**88113 Leading Aircraftsman LITTLE, Kenneth Huntley**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/434 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	9 Replenishment Centre Batchelor

**Summary:**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1944, LC Little a General Hand, died of his injuries in a motor accident at 38 mile on the north/south Darwin road, while in transit to a concert party. Cpl Timmins a Clerk Pay also died of his injuries, while others were injured. Both those killed are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**122078 Leading Aircraftsman McINERNEY, Francis Ignatius**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/992 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Air Support Unit Labuan

**Summary:**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1945, LAC McInerney a Works Maintenance Mechanic, was servicing W/T equipment contained in a jeep trailer, when he was electrocuted. He was heard to cry out and then collapsed on the ground.. He is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**36125 Leading Aircraftsman McKINNON, John Benson**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/26/1181 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	6 Stores Depot Dubbo

**Summary:**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1946, LAC McKinnon a Cook, drowned in the Macquarie River, Dubbo NSW, approx three quarters of a mile west of the main barracks at 6SD, while being a member of a swimming party. He is buried in the Dubbo General Cemetery, NSW

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**80349 Leading Aircraftsman McMASTER, Allan**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/26/182 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Operational Base Unit Albany

**Summary:**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1943, LAC McMaster a General Hand, died of an illness and is buried in the Perth War Cemetery & Annex, Western Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**21638 Leading Aircraftman MAXWELL, John Given**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/37/245 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Douglas
<b>Serial number:</b>	VH CGK
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Troop Carrier Sqn USAC

**Summary:**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1943, a Douglas VH CGK of the 21<sup>st</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, USAC, departed Batchelor, Northern Territory at 0730 hours on a non-operational flight with 15 on board, and arrived at Daly Waters to pick up another passenger and then departed for Cloncurry. The aircraft was reported missing between Cloncurry and Chareville, Queensland. There were seven RAAF passengers on board and four Army personnel

**RAAF Passengers :**

RAAF 405265 FO Watkin, A E (452 Sqn )  
RAAF 28071 LAC S K Sims, (452 Sqn)  
RAAF 264204 Flt Lt Abbott, R E (Hdqrts NW Area Darwin)  
RAAF 35720 Cpl W Brady, (105 Fighter Section, Darwin)  
RAAF 21638 LAC J G Maxwell, ( Messman) (55 Operational Base Birdum)  
RAAF 71310 Cpl F P Morris, (110 Mobile Fighter Sector Darwin)  
RAAF 410850 LAC R Pitchford, (55 Operational Base Birdum)

All the RAAF passengers are buried in the Rockhampton War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**70539 Flight Lieutenant MEMBREY, Aubrey Vernon**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/587 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	28 Operational Base Unit Horn Island

**Summary:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1944, Flt Lt Membrey (A & SD), was struck by a falling tree at Higgins Field and died of his injuries. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**153740 Aircraftman Class 1 MILLS, Howard Herbert Delaine**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/9/426 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	1 Stores Depot Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1944, a party of four airmen were detailed to proceed to the yard of Allied Works Council at Port Melbourne, to deposit a load of air conditioning units on transfer from 1SD to the Allied Works Council. The units were on a small trailer together with a portable (5 ton) crane to unload. During the unloading the jib of the crane touched an overhead tension wire, causing a short through the crane to earth.

Both Sgt Davoren (a Stores Hand) and AC1 Mills (a Trainee Technician) were killed and others were injured.

The two who lost their lives are buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**77744 Leading Aircraftsman MURRAY, John Gannon**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A301 Barcode 4576906 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	5 TMO Brisbane

**Summary:**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> October 1944, LAC Murray a Guard, was discharged from the RAAF medically unfit for further service. He died of an illness on the 12th September 1945, and was cremated in the Mount Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**256518 Flying Officer OLNEY, Leslie John Keith**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/62

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	12 Service & Design Unit Katherine

**Summary:**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1943, FO Olney (A & SD) lost his life in an accident fifteen miles south west of Goulburn Island, Northern Territory. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**67862 Leading Aircraftsman O'LOUGHLIN, Patrick John Martin**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/31/248 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	8 Stores Depot Macrossan

**Summary:**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> September 1944, LAC O'Loughlin a Tailor, died of injuries when he was hit by a motor trailer at Townsville after stepping off the pavement at the corner of Flinders & Stokes St. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**65656 Leading Aircraftsman O'ROURKE, John Stephen**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/31/468 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	8 Stores Depot Macrossan

**Summary:**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1946, LAC O'Rourke a Fitter Armourer, died from his injuries when he fell from a balcony. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**28343 Leading Aircraftsman ORTON, Clifford Kither**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/31/198 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	14 Stores Depot Adelaide

**Summary:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1944, LAC Orton a General Hand, when proceeding on leave, was accidentally killed when he left the train while it was in motion at Mt Barker Railway station, South Australia. He is buried in the Adelaide (Centennial Park) Cemetery, South Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**410850 Leading Aircraftsman PITCHFORD, Ronald Keith**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/37/245 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Douglas
<b>Serial number:</b>	VH CGK
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Troop Carrier Sqn USAC

**Summary:**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1943, a Douglas VH CGK of the 21<sup>st</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, USAC, departed Batchelor, Northern Territory at 0730 hours on a non-operational flight with 15 on board, and arrived at Daly Waters to pick up another passenger and then departed for Cloncurry. The aircraft was reported missing between Cloncurry and Chareleville, Queensland. There were seven RAAF passengers on board and four Army personnel

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RAAF 21638 LAC J G Maxwell, (55 Operational Base Birdum)  
RAAF 71310 Cpl F P Morris, (110 Mobile Fighter Sector Darwin)  
RAAF 410850 LAC R Pitchford, (55 Operational Base Birdum)

All the RAAF passengers are buried in the Rockhampton War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**445510 Corporal ROBINSON, George Lyle Richmond**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/36/755 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	7 Stores Depot Toowoomba

**Summary:**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1946, Cpl Robinson a Cipher Assistant, was returning in a civilian taxi from a dance a dance at Crows Nest, 38 miles from Toowoomba, died of his injuries when a taxi crashed. Others in the taxi were injured. Cpl Robinson is buried in the Toowoomba Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**43170 Corporal SCHWEITZER, Albert Barnicot**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/22

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	16 Stores Unit Port Moresby

**Summary:**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1943, Cpl Evans, a General Hand, died of injuries received in an accident, which was caused by the embankment on the road from Koitaki to Pt Moresby collapsing on to a vehicle, causing it to roll over and down the embankment.

Cpl Schweitzer, a Clerk General, also died from his injuries on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 1943.

Both are buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**71467 Leading Aircraftsman SIZE, John Aloysius**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/350 Commonwealth war Graves Records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	10 Works Supply Unit Aitape

**Summary:**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> March 1944, LAC Size a General Hand, died of gunshot wounds received when a rifle being cleaned by another airman accidentally fired. At the time LAC Size was located at the 10 Works Supply Unit Sawmill detachment at Lae. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**8935 Flight Sergeant SKEHAN, Cornelius Joseph**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/37/366 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	8 Stores Depot Townsville

**Summary:**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1944, Flt Sgt Skehan a Clerk Stores, was killed when he was run over by a 4.5 ton truck & tender in Anne St Brisbane. He had hailed the driver for a "lift", and the truck appeared to slow down, and in endeavouring to jump on the running board of the cabin, he slipped and fell under the wheels.

Flt Sgt Skehan is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**25736 Corporal SMTH, Thomas Walter**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A9301 Barcode 4567700 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	3 Shipping & Stores Unit Townsville

**Summary:**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> November 1942, Cpl Smith a DMT, died of gunshot wounds, when a shot was fired by a guard after a verbal challenge by him had been ignored. Cpl Smith had entered a compound to collect motor transport. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**3036 Flight Sergant SOUTH, William Charles**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/38/1395 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	9 Stores Depot Winnellie

**Summary:**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946, Flt Sgt South an Equipment Assistant, died of injuries when a jeep overturned on the main north south highway at Adelaide River. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**418569 Leading Aircraftsman STEVENS, William Douglas Goldie**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/1350 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Dakota
<b>Serial number:</b>	A65-56
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	33 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1945, Dakota A65-56 took off in bad weather at 1015am from Gurney Field, Milne Bay Papua New Guinea, for Dobodura. From reports received, the aircraft after reaching the vicinity of Lau Lau Island turned right in the direction of Ganadoua. Then it apparently turned left heading out in the direction of the bay.

At 1021 hours the aircraft called up the tower and said it was returning, giving no reason, asking to be homed in on the sound of motors. At approx 1028 hours motors were heard in the vicinity of the strip. The aircraft called back saying it was unable to see the strip or find a way out. At approx 1030 hours the aircraft was reported to be returning from south to west over Ladava, and to be very low over the transmitting station and the D/F station, heading westerly. At 1037 the aircraft was instructed by Aeradio to “climb to 5,000 feet and head north east. Strip closed. Call back”. Aircraft acknowledged, “OK will try”.

Although repeatedly called, no further signal was heard from the aircraft. The wreckage of the aircraft was later found in the south west corner of the bay between the mouth of the Gumini River and Gamadoda. All on board had lost their lives.

**Crew:**

RAAF 253615 Flt Lt Beer, E C Captain (Pilot)  
 RAAF 403946 Flt Lt Mulcahy, F X (2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot)  
 RAAF 449405 Sgt F X Sullivan (Wireless Operator Air)

**Passengers**

RAAF 17286 Sgt K H Devenish, (Air Force Hdqts, Pt Moresby)  
 RAAF 159583 LAC A J Haslam, ((RAAF Nth Cmd Pt Moresby)  
 RAAF 139076 Cpl N C Mackay, (RAAF Nth Cmd Pt Moresby)  
 RAAF 418569 LAC W D G Stevens, (DMT) (43 Op Base)  
 RAAF 118118 Cpl M F Moran, (347 Radar Station Admiralty Island)  
 RAAF 50353 Sgt W G Doran, ( “ “ “ “ )  
 RAAF 435578 FO Reedman, W P (6 Sqn)  
 RAAF 433345 Flt Sgt J N Davis, (6 Sqn)  
 RAAF 433825 Flt Sgt K F Rutherford, (6 Sqn)  
 RAAF 419569 FO Gordon, W J (6 Sqn)  
 RAAF 88705 LAC E L Eastall, (No 7 TMO Madang)  
 RAAF 151902 LAC A G Walton, (RAAF Nth Cmd Port Moresby)  
 RAAF 162787 LAC P B Healy, (302 Radar Stn, Port Moresby)  
 RAN 5058 G Liddell, (Officer Cook)  
 ARMY Lt Williams, ARMY VX65318 Sapper K Smith

All aboard have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, which is located in the Pt Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, PNG.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**38664 Leading Aircraftsman TATE, Harold Cecil**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/39/430 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	4 Stores Depot Perth

**Summary:**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> January 1945, LAC Tate a Fitter 11E, died of an illness. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery & Annex, Western Australia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**69755 Corporal TIMMINS, Archer Stanislaus**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/434 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	9 Replenishment Centre Batchelor

**Summary:**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1944, LC Little a General Hand, died of his injuries in a motor accident at 38 mile on the north/south Darwin road, while in transit to a concert party. Cpl Timmins a Clerk Pay, also died of his injuries, while others were injured. Both those killed are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**121505 Leading Aircraftsman TORR, Milton Thomas**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/40/694 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	32 Air Stores Park Labuan

**Summary:**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> October 1945, LAC Torr a DMT, died of an illness at No 6 RAAF Hospital Heidelberg, Victoria. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**69561 Leading Aircraftsman UPTON, Russell Harold**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/41/15      Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	8 Stores Depot Macrossan

**Summary:**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> July 1944, LAC Upton a Electrical Mechanic, died of an illness at No 3MRS RAAF Hospital Townsville. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**72178 Aircraftsman Class 1 WEIR, Hilton Kennedy**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A9301, Barcode 4940326 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	10 Works Supply Unit Milne Bay

**Summary:**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1943, AC1 Weir a General Hand, was killed in a crane accident. He is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**444068 Flight Sergeant WILLIS, Eric Samuel**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/1765 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Mosquito
<b>Serial number:</b>	RF664
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	84 Operational Base Unit Labuan

**Summary:**

On the 31st January 1946, Mosquito RF664 took off from Labuan airfield to carry out an air test. After a normal take off permission was granted for the aircraft to fly past the control tower to check that the undercarriage was locked up. The Pilot came down to approx 40 feet with the port airscrew feathered and then climbed to 700 feet. An attempt was then made to restart the port engine but this was seen by witnesses to be unsuccessful. The aircraft was then seen to gradually lose height and commence a left hand turn. It was heading back to the airfield when a wheels up landing was made just short of a paddy field in rough ground. After touch down the aircraft struck a steel slope, caught fire and both the crew were killed.

**Crew :**

RAAF 118193 Flt Lt Foss, F S (Pilot)  
RAAF 444068 Flt Sgt E S Willis, (Navigator)

Both the crew are buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**139475 Leading Aircraftsman WILSON, Leslie Hamilton**

**Source:**

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/.6/1452 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Dakota
<b>Serial number:</b>	A65-83
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	35 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1945, Dakota A65-83 departed Ambon for Darwin at approx 1140am but failed to arrive at its destination. At approx 1244 pm, the aircraft called Darwin Radio Station. The Wireless Operator was told to transmit his message, but was not heard from again. On the 20<sup>th</sup> December 1945, a radio message was picked up “Alive, I am alive”. Then was heard a series of jumbled letters which were unintelligible. Nothing else was heard. Searches were carried out for 17 days but were unsuccessful.

**Crew:**

RAAF 429742 FO Robinson, F Captain (Pilot)  
 RAAF 401818 Flt Lt Hazle, N J (Co-Pilot)  
 RAAF 440688 Flt Sgt F Bodley, (Navigator Bomb Aimer))  
 RAAF 427802 FO Connell, G R (Wireless Operator)

**Passengers :**

RAAF 60195 Sgt W Mullen, (Medical Orderly) (Headquarters 11 Group)  
 RAAF 139745 LAC L H Wilson, (Clerk Accounts) (30 Air Stores Park)  
 Plus : 18 Army and 1 Navy

All on board have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Ambon Memorial, Indonesia. Ambon Island lies close to the south west coast of Ceram in the Molucca Group of Islands. The Memorial stands of the First Territory of the Ambon War Cemetery, which is 5kms north east of Ambon on the main roads to Galala.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**79153 Sergant WOOD, Arthur Emanuel**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/44/384 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	7 Stores Depot Toowoomba

**Summary:**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1946, Sgt Wood an Equipment Assistant, died of an illness. He is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**70489 Leading Aircraftsman DARNELL, Frederick Walter**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A9301 Barcode 4606888 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Security Guard Unit Darwin

**Summary:**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> February 1942, LAC Darnell a Guard, died of an illness at 101 AGH Katherine. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern territory.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**152517 Corporal DYSON, John**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/10/542 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Service Police Unit Brisbane

**Summary:**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> July 1945, Cpl Dyson a Service Policeman, died of an illness at No 3 RAAF Hospital, Concord. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**146907 Corporal McLEAN, Duncan McKenzie**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/1196 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Service Police Headquarters Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1946, Cpl McLean a Service Policeman, was found drowned in the Yarra River Melbourne. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**30769 Corporal REDMAN, Ernest Frederick**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/2

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Service Police Headquarters Melbourne

**Summary:**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> January 1943, Cpl Redman, a Service Policeman died of an illness. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**262693 Squadron Leader ANGUS, John Vernon**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/123 Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	Catalina
<b>Serial number:</b>	A24-52
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	11 Sqn

**Summary:**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> September 1943, Catalina A24-52 crashed at 1848 hours at Cleveland Bay, Townsville, Queensland, when alighting after a travel flight. Thirteen on board were killed in the accident, and six were slightly injured.

**Crew:**

RAAF	405317 Flt Lt Miles, C J Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	400037 Flt Lt Canterbury, W J (2 <sup>nd</sup> Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	402496 FO Ferguson, R I (3 <sup>rd</sup> Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	411089 FO Hockey, G J R (Navigator Bomb Aimer)	Killed
RAAF	420317 FO Weeks, R A (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	420585 Flt Sgt B V McInerney, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	61254 Cpl W R Lobb, (Fitter 11E)	Killed

**Passengers**

RAAF	251334 Air Cdre Cobby, A H	Slightly injured
RAAF	261015 Wg Cdr McFarlan, B P	Slightly Injured
RAAF	1175 Wg Cdr Stephens, W L B	Slightly Injured
RAAF	281940 Sqn Ldr Hogan, L M (Hq NEA Townsville)	Killed
RAAF	119559 FO Ratcliffe, C H (Hq NEA Townsville)	Killed
RAAF	252693 Sqn Ldr Angus, J V (Hq NEA RAAF Canteen Services)	Killed
RAAF	252297 Flt Lt Lord, F H (No 6 Med Receiving Station)	Killed
RAAF	3418 Flt Lt Wilkinson, W A (12 Signals Unit T'ville)	Killed
RAAF	423181 PO Shearman, B F(43 Sqn posting to RAAF Cmd)	Killed
RAAF	23699 Sgt M B Dore, (Fitter 11E)	Slightly Injured
RAAF	22211 Cpl R C Smith, (Fitter 11A)	Slightly Injured
RAAF	62546 Cpl A L Fowler, (Armourer)	Slightly Injured.

Those killed are buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR  
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

**8124 Sergeant BRITTAIN, Albert Grosvenor**

**Source:**

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/527

Commonwealth War Graves records

<b>Aircraft Type:</b>	
<b>Serial number:</b>	
<b>Radio call sign:</b>	
<b>Unit:</b>	Canteen Service Unit Darwin

**Summary:**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> May 1944, Sgt Brittain a Canteen Steward attached to 530 Base Unit Batchelor, was killed in a motor transport collision, on the main north/south road, approx two miles south of the Middle Arm road. In the accident Flt Sgt McNamara, an Instrument Maker, of 18 Sqn died of his injuries. Other passengers were injured. Both members are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.