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Alan Storr. A WW2 photo of the Author

RAAF WW2 FATALITIES BY CATEGORIES

| CATEGORIES | RAAF FATALITIES | HOW ARRANGED |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| RAAF HQs, STATION HQs 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 |
| RAAF BEAUFORT SQNS & SUPPORT UNITS | 458 | BY SQNS & UNITS THEN AIRCRAFT NO. |
| RAAF SQUADRONS | | |
| 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 | " " |
| RNZAF Sqns 487, 489 | 3 | " " |
| RAAF SUPPORT UNITS | | |
| 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 | " " |
| NURSING SERVICE, WAAAF | 62 | ALPHA NAME ORDER |
| TOTAL CASUALTIES BY CATEGORIES LISTED (Alan Storr) 1/3/2010 | 3950 | |

REFERENCE SOURCES:

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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.

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Commonwealth War Graves records.

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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

50050 Corporal ABE, Bernard Victor

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/3/215 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 11th June 1944, Cpl Abe an Equipment Assistant, died of an illness at No 6 RAAF Hospital, Heidelberg. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

252031 Squadron Leader BIRCHALL, Frederick George

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/24/243 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 17th April 1946, Sqn Ldr Birchall, (A & SD) was engaged in the investigation by the War Crimes Tribunal. He was one of a party proceeding by motor car along the roadway near the village of Tjaningin, approx 30 miles south of Buitenzorg, Java. Buitenzorg is approx 35/40 miles south of Batavia, Indonesia. The party was ambushed suddenly by assailants, and shot. Sqn Ldr Birchall escaped from the vehicle, but his body was found a few days later by the Indonesian police.

Others to lose their lives were

Flt Lt H M McDonald (A & SD) of RAAF Hdqrs (North Western Area) Darwin, and
Capt A M MacKenzie (Army).

Indonesian sources said the atrocity had been committed by a band of marauders led by two Japanese deserters.

The three killed are buried in the Jakarta War Cemetery, Indonesia.

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

431530 Flight Sergeant BURTON, Graeme Ernest Charles

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/6/897 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 16th January 1945, Flt Sgt Burton a Navigator Wireless, drowned in the sea at Seaford, Victoria. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

6109 Sergeant CLAPINSON, Henry William

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/7/444 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Liberator |
| Serial number: | 42-72801 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 st TAF Hdqtrs Attd USAAF |

Summary:

Liberator 42-72801 was one of two Liberator aircraft which took off from Darwin on the night of 18th March 1944, detailed to bomb the Vogelkop area in Dutch New Guinea. The mission was also to drop SRD personnel in Dutch New Guinea. Approx two hours after take off, one of the aircraft developed engine trouble and had to return to base. Liberator 42-72801 was also recalled to base, and for approx 3.5 hours after that, W/T messages to the aircraft were not answered by the aircraft which failed to return to base.

Later searches found the wreck of the aircraft and the remains of the missing crew near FakFak in Dutch New Guinea, some 50 miles west of Babo.

Crew

USAAF 1st Lt O H Martens Captain (Pilot)
 USAAF 2nd Lt E R Hedges
 USAAF 2nd Lt C M Odegaard
 USAAF Tech Sgt Rabbitt, Jnr
 USAAF Tech Sgt A Schechtel
 USAAF Staff Sgt C F Burtis
 USAAF Staff Sgt H P Flanagan
 USAAF Staff Sgt H W Muon
 USAAF :Staff Sgt W R Dellinger
 RAAF 6109 Sgt H W Clapinson, (Fabric Worker)
 AIF Cpl J N McPherson
 AIF Cpl A W Filewood
 AIF Cpl M C Taylor
 AIF Cpl E C Marshall
 NZ Lance Sgt K D Ireland

All on board were interred in the St Louis (Jefferson Barracks) National Cemetery, Missouri, USA.

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

36979 Corporal CORBETT, Edward Cuthbert

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301, Barcode 4591205 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 9th September 1943, Cpl Corbett a Clerk Stores, died from injuries received playing softball. She is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

255206 Flight Lieutenant CORNWALL, Geoffrey Walton

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/8/397 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 19th March 1944, Flt Lt Cornwall (A & SD) collapsed and died of an illness at the Ringwood Railway Station, Melbourne. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne Victoria.

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

17286 Sergeant DEVENISH, Keith Hugh

Source:

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

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| Aircraft Type: | Dakota |
| Serial number: | A65-56 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 33 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 11th 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 (2nd 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

9325 Warrant Officer DAWSON, Geoffrey Douglas

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/9/797 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 13th October 1945, WO Dawson a Clerk Pay, and his wife accidentally drowned at Gunnawarra Station, Mount Garnett, North Queensland, 100 miles from Cairns. They are buried Gunnawarra Private Cemetery, North Queensland.

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

260968 Squadron Leader DAWSON, Lelsie Roy

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/9/395 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | DT9-41 |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 7th September 1944, Sqn Ldr Dawson, (A & SD) was a passenger on NEI Air Force aircraft DT9-41 on a travel flight from Merauke, Dutch New Guinea to Cairns, Q'Land, but the aircraft failed to arrive. It had signalled that the weather was very bad, and the last bearing on the aircraft was nine miles from Cairns. Numerous searches were carried out for the missing aircraft but they were unsuccessful.

Sqn Ldr Dawson had been a Liaison Officer at NEI Hdqrts, Melbourne.

Crew:

NEI Flt Officer HJH Daamen (Pilot)
NEI Flt Officer WA Torn, (Pilot)
NEI Sgt E Kernijk, (Wireless Air Gunner)
NEI Sgt J F Damwijk, (Mechanic)

There were 12 Dutch aircrew/civilians , 1 RAAF and 2Royal Navy passengers on board.

The body of Sqn Ldr Dawson was later recovered and he is buried in the Cairns Cemetery..

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

277483 Flight Lieutenant DICK, Norman Henry

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5377236 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Overseas Hdqtrs Ceylon |

Summary:

On the 2nd October 1943, Flt Lt Dick (A & SD) drowned at Mount Lawimia, Ceylon. He is buried in the Colombo (Liveramentu) Cemetery, Sri Lanka.

Flt Lt Dick was formerly a member of the RAF Volunteer Reserve, and transferred to the RAAF with effect from 1/7/1941, Gazette 252/44 refers.

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

5441 Pilot Officer EVA, John Oliver

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/30/69 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 20th August 1942, PO Eva (Admin duties), died of an illness a No 2 RAAF Hospital Ascot Vale. He was cremated in the Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne, and his name is recorded in the Victoria Cremation Memorial.

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

2281 Warrant Officer EVANS, Neale Eustace

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/109/54 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

WO Evans an Ammunition Examiner, was last known to have been engaged in demolishing the drome at Vunakanu on the evacuation of Rabaul, and was last seen to be doing that duty. It had been presumed that he was missing as a result of the Japanese occupation of Rabaul.

Captain McInnes of the 2/22 Btn AIF was in charge of a party of New Britain escapees who escaped from Rabaul on 23/1/42, and left New Britain by pinnace. WO Evans was in this party and on the 20th March 1942 he died of malaria at Melik Plantation near cape St George, New Ireland, and was buried near that plantation.

WO Evans has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Rabaul Memorial which is located in the Rabaul War Cemetery, which 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

261585 Squadron Leader GEAKE, William Henry Gregory

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/15/202 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 14th March 1944, Sqn Ldr Geake (A & SD), died of an illness at No 3 RAAF Hospital Concord West, Sydney. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

251051 Squadron Leader HARMAN, Charles James MID

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/17/131 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 2nd May 1943, Sqn Ldr Harman, (Equipment Officer) died of an illness at No 6 RAAF Hospital Heidelberg, He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

Sqn Ldr Harman was RAAF Liaison to the Contracts Board. He was also a member of No 1 Australian Flying Squadron in WW1, and was mentioned in despatches.

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

76203 Leading Aircraftsman HARRIS, George James

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4940640 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Command Brisbane |

Summary:

On the 11th August 1945, LAC Harris (Cooks Assistant) was discharged from the RAAF at his own request. He died of an illness on the 3rd April 1947, and is buried in the Bulimba Cemetery, Queensland.

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

1688 Squadron Leader HENRY, James Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/466 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Dragon DH84 |
| Serial number: | A34-58 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 4 Communications Unit Archerfield |

Summary:

On the 20th March 1944, Dragon A34-58 crashed at 1150 hours at the edge of Toowoomba drome, and all on board lost their lives. The aircraft was on a non-operational flight, and was attempting a down wind landing, during which the aircraft overshot, hit a fence, crashed into trees and caught fire.

Crew:

RAAF 409131 Flt Sgt J H Bird, (Pilot) (4 Com Unit member)
RAAF 70460 LAC J R Twyford, (4 Com Unit member)
RAAF 261104 Sqn Ldr Cantor O T PAX (Equipment)(Hdqrs NW Area Darwin)
RAAF 1688 Sqn Ldr Henry, J J PAX Equipment Officer (Hdqrs RAAF Melbourne)

All the four are buried in the Toowoomba Cemetery, Queensland.

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

1021 Flying Officer HERNAN, Thomas John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/17/268 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 19th August 1943, FO Hernan (A & SD) was killed when he fell from a tram in St Kilda Road, Melbourne. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

4545 Warrant Officer HULME, Ernest George

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/18/944 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 22nd November 1946, WO Hulme a Fitter Armourer, collapsed and died at Flinders Railway Station, Melbourne. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

2413 Flight Lieutenant JAMES, Philip Montague

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/38/33 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Qantas DH86 |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 20th March 1942, Flt Lt James was killed when he was en route to Cloncurry by Qantas DH86 when it crashed near Belmont, Brisbane. He is buried in the Brisbane General Cemetery, Queensland.

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

266551 Flying Officer KEOGH, Geoffrey Michael

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/22/111 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 30th August 1943, B24 Liberator of the 43rd Bombardment group USAAF, took off from Jackson Field Port Moresby, and when flying at 4,000 feet failed to clear the summit of a hill and crashed at Bootless Bay a few miles down the coast south east of Port Moresby. The plane blew up on impact and all on board were killed. The plane had been detailed to carry out an early morning recce and supply drop mission.

Lt W B Cox (USAAF) was Captain of the aircraft, and FO Keogh (A & SD) a passenger on the aircraft, who was engaged in operations in the New Guineas area for the Far Eastern Liaison Office

FO Keogh is buried in the St Louis (Jefferson Barracks) National Cemetery, USA.

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

134295 Leading Aircraftsman KIMMEL, Frederick George

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/22/619 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 2nd October 1945, LAC Kimmel a Flight Mechanic, died of injuries received in a road accident at the corner of Pennant Hills and Albion Road, Pennant Hills, NSW. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

23411 Warrant Officer LYNCH, John Joseph

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/25/369 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Command Brisbane |

Summary:

On the 6th September 1945, WO Lynch a Telegraphist, collapsed at his home and died. He is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

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

110 Wing Commander MACPHERSON, Donald James

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5254797 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Overseas Headquarters London |

Summary:

On the 2nd April 1943, Wg Cdr Macpherson was presumed dead by Air Ministry
He has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing,
Runnymede Surrey, UK.

Wg Cdr Macpherson was an Air Cadet in the RAAF on 15th July 1935.

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

262821 Fligh Lt Lieutenant MARTIN, Philip Carrick

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/27/268 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 2nd December 1943, Flt Lt Martin (A & SD) died of an illness at 6 RAAF Hospital, Heidelberg. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Queensland.

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

33516 Pilot Officer MILNE, Francis Debenham

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/45/208 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Douglas |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | ATTD 6 Troop Carrier Sqn No 1 Admin Wing USAAF |

Summary:

On the 26th November 1942, a Douglas aircraft of No 6 Troop Carrier Sqn USAAF, crashed south of Poppendatta Papua New Guinea, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

USAAF Lt E B Lattier, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 33516 PO Milne, F D (Co-Pilot)
USAAF Sgt J E Paul, (Engineer)
USAAF A Bellev, (Radio Operator)

All the crew including PO Milne are buried in the Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, USA.

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

1700 Flying Officer ORR, Murray Donald

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/50/26 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 29th July 1941, FO Orr a W/T Operator, died of an illness at Kerang, Victoria.
He is buried in the Kerang Cemetery, Victoria.

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

10706 Warrant Officer PARTON, Horace Arnold

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/32/228 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 29th December 1943, WO Parton a Clerk General, died of an illness at No 6 RAAF Hospital. 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

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 5th January 1943, Cpl Redman a Service Policeman, died of an illness at No 2 RAAF Hospital Ascot Vale. He is buried in Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

2746 Group Captain ROBERTSON, William Alexander

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/36/121 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 12th October 1943, Grp Capt Robertson (A & SD) died of an illness at No 6 RAAF Hospital Heidelberg. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

2669 Leading Aircraftsman SKILLEN, James Emmanuel

Source:

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

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 25th 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

428028 Aircraftman Class 1 SMITH, Edgar Raymond

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/38/334 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 7th November 1943, AC1 Smith while on leave was accidentally drowned at Third Basin, Launceston. He is buried in the Carr Villa General Cemetery, Launceston, Tasmania.

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

A19 Group Captain SWINBOURNE, Thomas Anthony OBE

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166t/38/1401 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne. |

Summary:

On the 17th September 1940, Gr Capt Swinbourne (General Duties) died of an illness at Mercy Hospital Melbourne. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria. He was born in 1897 and first enlisted in the RAAF as an airman on the 31st March 1921, initially in the Stores & Accounting Branch, before transferring to the GD Branch in 1923.

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

251651 Squadron Leader THOMPSON, William Bethel

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/39/464 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | P82Y5R Buno 7075 |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 12th February 1945, Sqn Ldr Thompson an Equipment Officer lost his life when an US Naval Air transport plane crashed when attempting to make a landing at a lagoon at Ebeye in the Marshall Islands. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

253939 Flight Lieutenant VIAL, Leigh Grant

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/42/17 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Liberator |
| Serial number: | B24D 42-40352 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

Flt Lt Vial, (A & SD), was the Liaison Officer at the AFHQ Far East Office. On the 30th April 1943, he was a member of the crew of USAAF Liberator B24D of the 321 Bomb Sqn, 90th Bomb Group, engaged in a general reconnaissance, and the nature of his duty was the dropping of propaganda pamphlets and food supply to Spotters. The aircraft failed to return from the mission. The crew consisted of eleven American and one RAAF member. The wreck of the aircraft was later found in the vicinity of Bena Bena New Guinea, and all onboard had been killed.

Flt Lt Vial is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

40288 Leading Aircraftsman WILSON, Cyril Gage

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/178/288 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 13th March 1942, LAC Wilson an Office Orderly, died of an illness at No 1 RAAF Hospital, Laverton. He is buried in the Glenthompson Public Cemetery, Victoria. The Cemetery is on the Glenelg Highway about 30 miles north east of Hamilton, Victoria. LAC was age 19 when he died and is the only WW2 fatality in the cemetery.

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

88774 Leading Aircraftsman WILSON, Terry Desmond

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/43/1768 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarter Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 28th February 1946, LAC Wilson a Motor Cyclist, died of injuries received in a road accident when his motor cycle and a vehicle collided in Punt Rd near Commercial Road South Yarra. At the time he was attached to the RAF Mission in Melbourne. LAC Wilson is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

264204 Flight Lieutenant ABBOTT, Roy Edgar

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/37/245 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Douglas |
| Serial number: | VH CGK |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 21 st Troop Carrier Sqn USAC |

Summary:

On the 16th November 1943, a Douglas VH CGK of the 21st 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

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, (9 Replenishing Centre 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

3072 Pilot Officer ADAMS, Leslie Clarence

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/21/24 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 30th January 1942, PO Adams died of an illness at 113 AGH Concord West, NSW. He was cremated in the Sydney (Eastern Suburbs) Crematorium, and his name is recorded on the NSW Crematorium Memorial, Sydney.

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

253 Squadron Leader ANDERSON, Jack Fellow

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/778 Commonwealth War Graves Records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Sqn |

Summary:

Flt Lt W V D White, (Pilot), and Sgt's Baker and Read (both Wireless Air Gunners), of 2 Sqn, were in a group of 11 RAAF personnel attempting to escape to Ceram, from the Japanese, in order to be picked up at some pre-arranged point. The group was in charge of Wg Cdr E D Scott, of RAAF Station HQ Darwin.

The personnel comprising the party were :

250101 Wg Cdr Scott, (Pilot) of Station HQ Darwin, Died a POW 6/2/1942 .

253 Sqn Ldr J F Anderson, (Pilot) of Station HQ Darwin, died a POW 20/2/1942

260624 Flt Lt W V D White, DFC (Pilot) of 2 Sqn, died a POW 20/2/1942.

290745 FO F N Meyer, (Pilot) of 13 Sqn, died a POW 20/2/1942.

261029 FO H G Verey, (A & SD) of Station HQ Darwin, died a POW 6/2/1942.

406222 Sgt I W Read, (Wireless Air Gunner) of 2 Sqn., died a POW 20/2/1942

402700 Sgt J Baker, (Wireless Air Gunner) of 2 Sqn, died a POW 20/2/1942

16645 Cpl F W Gaskin, (Fitter Armourer) of 13 Sqn , died a POW 6/2/1942.

37304 AC1 F A Evans, (Teleprint Op).of Station Hq Darwin, died a POW 6/2/1942

27521 LAC VL D Walker, (W/T Op) of Station Hq Darwin, died a POW 20/2/1942.

24987 AC1 J A Harris, (W/T Op) of RAAF Station, Darwin, died a POW 20/2/1942.

The following is a extract of a report submitted by Lt McBride (A.I.F) :-

“On the 3rd February 1942, Capt White, who was the Medical Officer, at Laha, informed me that Wg Cdr Scott and a party of 10 RAAF personnel had obtained food supplies in order to cross the mountains to the north coast of Ambon. Two days later while at

Ambon, I was informed by natives that this party had arrived and had been captured by a Japanese Naval patrol while attempting to cross over to Ceram the previous day. Constant enquiries were made by my party whilst proceeding down the coast of Ceram, but negative results obtained.”

A report submitted by “N DE GATE” reveals that Wg Cdr Scott and party left “A.D.C”, at 1900 hours on the 2nd February 1942, for the Island of Ceram. Approx four days later, a Japanese Naval pinnace picked this party up. (This information was supplied by a native school teacher who was an eye witness to occurrence and subsequently confirmed by other native inhabitants).

Wg Cdr Scott and three of the group were executed by the Japanese at Lahs on Ambon Island on the 6/2/1942. They are buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia. Ambon Island lies close to the south west coast of Ceram in the Molucca Group of Islands.

The other seven RAAF personnel were executed by the Japanese on the 20/2/1942. They have no known grave, and their names are commemorated on the Ambon Memorial. The Memorial stands on the first terrace in the Ambon War Cemetery, (known locally as the Australian Cemetery).

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

6694 Sergeant ANDREWS, George Stewart

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163.87/247 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|---|
| Aircraft Type: | Fortress |
| Serial number: | 41-2656 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | ATTD 435 Bomber Sqn USAAF Hq North Eastern Area |

Summary:

On the 14th August 1942, Fortress 41-2656 departed from Port Moresby at 0620 hours to carry out a lone patrol over the New Guinea area. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

USAAF Lt Cook, W L Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 6694 Sgt G S Andrews, (Co-Pilot)
USAAF H S Mobfly,
USAAF J K Cunningham,
USAAF J J Dunbar,
USAAF I W McMichael,
USAAF C M Hartman,
USAAF R K Pastor,
USAAF D B Beattie

After the war, Wng Cdr Rundle reported that the RAAF search organization had kept a consistent lookout for the missing aircraft but no information had been obtained, and it was presumed that there were no survivors.

Sg Andrews has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, Papua New Guinea. The Memorial is situated in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, which is located approx 19kms north of Port Moresby on the road to Nine Mile.

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

11085 Leading Aircraftsman ANTHONY, Frederick Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/27/110 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Catalina |
| Serial number: | A24-11 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 11 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 15th January 1942, Catalina A24-11 took off at 1800 hours from Kavieng, New Ireland, hit open sea and crashed. All on board were killed.

The aircraft took off on a cross-wind and hit open sea and heavy swell before flying speed was attained. It bounced 10 times. Dropped the port wing. Recovered. Hit the next swell which broke the back of the plane. The aircraft turned vertical and began to sink. The tail was seen to sink in 100 feet of water. One third of a wing was afloat for 15 minutes and then sank.

Crew:

RAAF 163 Sqn Ldr Davies, T H MID Captain (Pilot)
 RAAF 406105 FO Hender, R G (2nd Pilot)
 RAAF 7118 Cpl H W Hornby, (Fitter 11A)
 RAAF 32081 LAC C Ogilvie, (Fitter 11A)
 RAAF 33898 LAC J H Marks, (Fitter Armourer)
 RAAF 8137 LAC B C J Wilcox, (W/T Operator)
 RAAF 20549 LAC L T Hoare, (Flight Mechanic)
 RAAF 11085 LAC F H Anthony, (W/T Operator)(Stn Hdqrs Port Moresby)

Sqn Ldr Davies and LAC Marks 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.

All the others have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Rabaul Memorial, Papua New Guinea. The Memorial is situated in the Rabaul War Cemetery.

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

2708 Sergaent ATHERTON, John

Source:

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

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|-------------------------|---------|
| Aircraft Type: | Douglas |
| Serial number: | A30-16 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 36 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 27th 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, (2nd 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 Atherton, a Clerk General of Hdqrs North Eastern Area Townsville.

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

407161 Flight Lieutenant BADGER, Neil Thomas DFC

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/5/523 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Liberator |
| Serial number: | B24 42-41117 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | ATTD 532 Sqn USAAF Hq N Western Area |

Summary:

On the 8th May 1944, Liberator 42-4117 was one of a formation of six Liberators detailed To carry out a reconnaissance of the north-west coast of Sumatra. All the aircraft took off at 0645 hours, and nothing untoward happened until the formation approached Effman Island, in Dutch New Guinea. At approx 1230, the formation was attacked by eleven enemy fighters. Two engines of 42-41117 was put out of action by canon fire and the aircraft began to lose height. At 2000 feet the Captain informed the other aircraft that he would have to ditch the aircraft on the sea, and hoped to make a good landing. Bur after gliding over the sea for a very short distance the empennage broke off and the whole aircraft began to submerge.

Two of the other aircraft saw two survivors wave their arms but no others were seen. The aircraft ditched at about 1430 hours some 60 miles from the nearest lands. On the 9th and 10th May, air searches for the missing aircraft or survivors were unsuccessful

Crew:

USAAF R M Parker, Captain (Pilot)
 RAAF 407161 Flt Lt Badger, N T DFC (2nd Pilot)
 USAAF F P Baumann, (Navigator)
 USAAF J G Eggleston, (Bombardier)
 USAAF B F Farr, (Engineer)
 USAAF D L Haga, (Asst Engineer)
 USAAF J C Holt, (Radio Operator)
 USAAF G A Miller, (Asst Radio Operator)
 USAAF R E Kerns, (Gunner)
 USAAF D A Lewis, (Photographer)
 USAAF C L Hollingsworth, (Gunner)

Flt Lt Badger has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Lae Memorial, Papua New Guinea,. which is located in the Lae war Cemetery..

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to Flt Lt badger then of HQ NW area is as follows :
 “Flt Lt Badger was a pilot in a formation of five which was attacked by a Zero. Flying in No 4 position he realized that the fourth aircraft made the formation unwieldy and that the persistency of the head on attack placed it in a dangerous position. He broke away regardless of the danger to himself and was attacked by two Zeros, one of which was shot down. His initial act of bravery and sacrifice leaving the formation when he was almost certain to be attacked alone, together with his excellent tactics, indicate distinguished and disciplined flying and show courage and doggedness of the most outstanding nature.
 (London Gazette 26/2/1943, Page 1414)

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

405710 Sergeant BAILEY, Lloyd Maxwell

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/113/205, 163/178/327 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Mitchell |
| Serial number: | 41-12466 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 13 Bombardment Sqn USAAF |

Summary:

Mitchell 41-12466 of 13 Bombardment Sqn USAAF, was detailed as one of a formation to attack Lae drome, New Guinea. The aircraft was attacked by Zeros and heavy ack-ack while over Lae, and crashed 20 miles south east of Salamau, near the coast of New Guinea.

The Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt Mitchell (USAAC) who eventually reached the mainland, confirmed that Sgt Friday had been killed in action, No knowledge was held of any burial as it was understood the Lt Mitchell, the only survivor was too weak to take such action.

NAA File 163/178/327 records that Sgt Wise was slightly injured in the attack receiving shrapnel wounds in both knees. He survived the mission and the war being discharged from the RAAF a WO in Feb 1946.

Other crew member details are not recorded on the above Casualty files

Crew:

USAAF 2nd Lt Mitchell, Co-Pilot
RAAF 405710 Sgt L M Bailey(Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408805 Sgt A I Friday, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408201 Sgt T A Wise, (Wireless Air Gunner) Wounded

Sgt Friday and Sgt Bailey have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Lae Memorial, Papua New Guinea. Lae is a town and port on the Huon Gulf at the mouth of the Markham River. The Memorial is located in the Lae War Cemetery which is adjacent to the Botanical Gardens in the centre of Lae.

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

18368 Leading Aircraftsman BARTON, Leonard Arthur

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/90/235 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 19th February 1942, seven RAAF personnel of Station Headquarters Darwin, were killed by enemy action at Darwin, Northern Territory. Also killed were three USA personnel.

The seven RAAF personnel were :

RAAF 76 Wng Cdr Tindall, A R (Area Armaments Officer)
RAAF 18368 LAC L A Barton, (Fitter DMT)
RAAF 20361 AC1 F Neaylon, (DMT)
RAAF 32932 LAC P S Latham, (DMT)
RAAF 45738 AC1 S G Smith, (DMT)
RAAF 26040 Cpl R F Simons, (Guard)
RAAF 28222 LAC A V L Schultz, (Mess Steward)

Those killed are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia.

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

43169 Aircraftman Class 1 BECKETT, William Oliver

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/91/161 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Qantas "Corio" Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 30th January 1942, Qantas "Corio" Flying boat took off from Darwin for Sourabaya with a RAAF installation party on board. When the aircraft was approaching Koepang, Timor, it was attacked while flying at 400 feet by seven Zeros and shot down. The RAAF party of seven were killed in the attack and there were five survivors who were not RAAF members.

One of the survivors reported that the engines caught alight in the attack and the flying boat broke its back when alighting on the water. The survivors were able to swim ashore, although wounded.

The RAAF members who lost their lives, all members of Station Headquarters Darwin , were as follows.

RAAF Sgt J C McMillan (Fitter 11A)
 RAAF 43169 AC1 W O Beckett (Office Orderly)
 RAAF 18607 Cpl E G Kerr (W/T Operator)
 RAAF AC1 J De Pinna (Office Orderly)
 RAAF AC1 G C Van Treight (Office Orderly)
 RAAF AC1 W N Lee (W/T Operator)
 RAAF AC1 J H Holliday (Office Orderly)

The seven RAAF members have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Northern Territory Memorial, which is located in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia.

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

28274 Leading Aircraftsman BENSON, John Warner

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/91/595 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Pearce |

Summary:

On the 21st October 1942, LAC Benson a Fitter 11A, died of an illness at the AGH Hollywood, West Australia. He was cremated in the Perth (Karrakatta) Crematorium, Western Australia.

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

35952 Pilot Officer BEVAN, Keith Harry

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/5/346 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Liberator |
| Serial number: | B24 42-40967 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Northern Command Brisbane |

Summary:

On the 21st November 1943, Liberator 42-40967 took off from Fenton at 0715 hours detailed to carry out a bombing strike on Manokwari and Sarong in Dutch New Guinea. The Manokwari target on the North West coast of Dutch New Guinea was reached at 1500 hours, and after completing its bombing run from a height of 10,000 feet, 42-40967 was turning to continue to sarong, when it was hit in the nose by a direct hit from enemy ack-ack fire. The aircraft went into three spirals and then crashed about one mile from Manokwari, bursting into flames. No parachutes were observed to leave the stricken plane, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

USAAF 1st Lieut M W Beller, (1st Pilot)
USAAF 2nd Lieut Trexler, J M (2ns Pilot)
USAAF 2nd Lieut Atkins Junior, K R (Bombardier)
USAAF Flt Officer Root, L R (Co-Pilot)
USAAF Sgt Churchek, A W (Engineer)
USAAF Sgt Johnson, W (Radio Operator)
USAAF Sgt Rakow, F E (Asst Engineer)
USAAF Sgt Thomson, W M (Asst Radio Operator)
USAAF Sgt Reera, E (Air Gunner)
USAAF Sgt Migrini, P (Air Gunner)
RAAF 35952 PO Bevan, K H (Wireless Air Gunner)

PO Bevan (RAAF) 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

46227 Leading Aircraftsman BLECHYNDEN, Roger Vncent

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/5/372 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | HQ Western Area Perth |

Summary:

On the 11th December 1943, LAC Blechynden a Motor Cyclist, died from injuries received from a collision between his motor cycle and a motor truck.

He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

256823 Flight Lieutenant BRODRICK, Warren Robert

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9300, Barcode 5377647 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Station Laverton |

Summary:

On the 9th May 1943, Flt Lt Brodrick a Doctor of the Medical Branch, was killed in a flying accident at Mt Macedon, Victoria. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

143037 Leading Aircraftsman BROWN, Bernard Vincent

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/6/768 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Station Tocumwal |

Summary:

On the 3rd November 1944, LAC Brown a Painter, died at home in South Caulfield, while on leave from Tocumwal. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

37562 Aircraftman Class 1 BROWN, John Keith MacDonald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/55/154 Commonwealth War Graves Records

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| Aircraft Type: | Wirraway |
| Serial number: | A20-16 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 4 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 6th January 1942, Wirraway A20-16 crashed at Williamtown, NSW, and both on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 406116 PO Ross, S E (Pilot)

RAAF 37562 AC1 J K MacD Brown, (PAX) (Clerk Pay) (HQ Williamtown)

PO Ross is buried in the Canberra (Woden) Public Cemetery, ACT

AC1 Brown was cremated in the NSW Crematorium Memorial Sydney. The Memorial is within the building which forms the entrance to the Sydney War Cemetery.

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

4764 Corporal BULLEN, James Jeffery

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/94/157 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Parkes |

Summary:

On the 18th November 1941, Cpl Bullen a Fabric Worker, was killed in a motor accident eight miles from Parkes, NSW. He was cremated in the Sydney (Eastern Suburbs) Crematorium, and his name is recorded on the NSW Crematorium Memorial..

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

19574 Leading Aircraftsman BURNS, John Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/28/92 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Catalina |
| Serial number: | A24-18 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 11 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 4th May 1942, Catalina A24-18 took off from Cairns at 0600 hours to carry out a recce in the Solomon Islands area. At 0017 hours on the 5th May, a wireless message was received, saying the aircraft was being attacked by enemy fighters and a position of Lat 8deg S Long 155deg E was given. This was over the sea and south west of Bougainville. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft which failed to return to base.

All the crew were picked up by a Japanese vessel and taken to Rabaul and were POW's. They were executed by the Japanese on 4/11/1942, their remains being found in a mass grave.

They are buried in the Rabaul (Bitu 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.

Crew:

RAAF 407006 FO Norman, A L Captain (Pilot) (20 Sqn)
RAAF 427708 FO Diercks, F A R (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 403118 FO Anderson, F O'C ((Observer)
RAAF 6853 Cpl A H Lanagan, (Fitter 11E)
RAAF 18005 Cpl A R Hocking, (Fitter 11E) (SHQ Port Moresby)
RAAF 19574 LAC J J Burns, (Fitter 11A) (SHQ Port Moresby)
RAAF 20343 LAC W M Parker, (Wireless Mechanic)
RAAF 17635 LAC V H Hardwick, (W/T Operator)
RAAF 10253 LAC E J McDonald, (Armourer)

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

261104 Squadron Leader CANTOR, Oswald Terence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/466 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Dragon DH84 |
| Serial number: | A34-58 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 4 Communications Unit Archerfield |

Summary:

On the 20th March 1944, Dragon A34-58 crashed at 1150 hours at the edge of Toowoomba drome, and all on board lost their lives. The aircraft was on a non-operational flight, and was attempting a down wind landing, during which the aircraft overshot, hit a fence, crashed into trees and caught fire.

Crew:

RAAF 409131 Flt Sgt J H Bird, (Pilot) (4 Com Unit member)
RAAF 70460 LAC J R Twyford, (4 Com Unit member)
RAAF 261104 Sqn Ldr Cantor O T PAX (Equipment)(Hdqtrs NW Area Darwin)
RAAF 1688 Sqn Ldr Henry, J J PAX Equipment Officer, (Hdqrs RAAF Melbourne)

All the four are buried in the Toowoomba Cemetery, Queensland.

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

21072 Leading Aircraftsman CARROLL, Edward John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 1056057 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Rathmines |

Summary:

On the 17th February 1942, LAC Carroll a Messman, was accidentally electrocuted at Rathmines, whilst cleaning a kitchen appliance. He is buried in the Newcastle (Sandgate) General Cemetery, NSW.

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

3093 Corporal CHESTER, Charles Whitley

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 42329081 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Pearce |

Summary:

On the 18th July 1946, Cpl Chester a Fitter DMT was killed in a motor transport accident at Pearce W.A. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

22581 Leading Aircraftsman CHRIST, Walter Alfred

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/96/124 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Townsville |

Summary:

On the 17th April 1942, LAC Christ a Painter, was accidentally killed in a motor accident at Townsville. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

163211 Aircraftman Class 1 CLARKE, George Gavin Cedric

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/7/686 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Canberra |

Summary:

On the 5th November 1944, AC1 Clarke a Guard, died from self-inflicted gun shot wounds. He is buried in the Canberra (Woden) Public Cemetery, ACT.

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

1109 Flight Sergeant COLE, James Arthur

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/8/1409 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Laverton |

Summary:

On the 6th October 1939, Flt Sgt Cole a Photographer, died of injuries received in a motor cycle accident on Koroit road, Williamstown. He was cremated at the Fawkner Crematorium, and his name is recorded on the Victorian Cremation Memorial.

Flt Sgt Cole was a Permanent Air Force member, having first enlisted on the 6th December 1926..

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

5611 Flight Lieutenant COLLINS, John William Fitzclarence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/51/67

Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Civil Aircraft |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 EFTS Archerfield |

Summary:

On the 21st May 1941, a civil aircraft, flown by Flt Lt Collins, (a ground Instructor), crashed at 8.30pm at night, after take off from the Archerfield drome, and the two on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF * 5611 Flt Lt Collins, J W F (Civilian Pilot)

RAAF 860 Sqn Ldr Phillipps, R C MC DFC (A & SD) PAX

* a member of Station Headquarters Archerfield

Flt Lt Collins is buried in the Mundoolun Private Cemetery located on the Mundoolun Cattle Station, 16kms west of Beaudesert, and about 48lms south of Brisbane.

Sqn Ldr Collins was cremated at the Mt Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane, and his name is recorded on the Queensland Cremation Memorial located in the Brisbane, (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Brisbane, Queensland.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to the then Captain Phillipps, MC, of No 2 Sqn Aust Flying Corps is as follows : “ While on an offensive patrol, this officer destroyed personally four enemy aeroplanes: He has also shown the greatest gallantry during recent operations in attacking enemy troops and transports on the roads, and dropping bombs from a very low altitude.” (CAG 191-12/12/1918)

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

405833 Pilot Officer COVELL, James Eric

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/26/242 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Tiger Moth |
| Serial number: | A17-242 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Townsville |

Summary:

On the 19th July 1942, Tiger Moth A17-242 took off from Townsville at approx 9.35am on a travel flight to Cairns of approx 2 hours duration. A small aircraft probably the Tiger Moth, was seen half an hour after take off flying over Tully in a northerly direction, and a short time later over El Arish flying in a NNW direction, when it appeared that the engine was not functioning properly. Nothing further was seen of the aircraft and it failed to arrive at its destination. Searches for the aircraft and crew were unsuccessful.

Crew:

RAAF 49583 PO Covell, J E (Pilot)

RAAF 272080 FO Thomas, M S (Station Navigation Officer)

The missing crew 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

60211 Aircraftman Class 1 DE PINNA, James

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/91/161 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Qantas "Corio" Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 30th January 1942, Qantas "Corio" Flying boat took off from Darwin for Sourabaya with a RAAF installation party on board. When the aircraft was approaching Koepang, Timor, it was attacked while flying at 400 feet by seven Zeros and shot down. The RAAF party of seven were killed in the attack and there were five survivors who were not RAAF members.

One of the survivors reported that the engines caught alight in the attack and the flying boat broke its back when alighting on the water. The survivors were able to swim ashore, although wounded.

The RAAF members who lost their lives, all members of Station Headquarters Darwin , were as follows.

RAAF Sgt J C McMillan (Fitter 11A)
RAAF 43169 AC1 W O Beckett (Office Orderly)
RAAF 18607 Cpl E G Kerr (W/T Operator)
RAAF AC1 J De Pinna, (Office Orderly)
RAAF AC1 G C Van Treight (Office Orderly)
RAAF AC1 W N Lee (W/T Operator)
RAAF AC1 J H Holliday (Office Orderly)

The seven RAAF members have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Northern Territory Memorial, which is located in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia.

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

63643 Aircraftman Class 1 DILLON, William Frederick

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/9/3 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Headquarters Eastern Area Sydney |

Summary:

On the 5th January 1943, AC1 Dillon a Motor Cyclist, died from injuries in a motor cycle accident in Sydney when on duty. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

CX102276 Flying Officer DOLPHIN, Arnold Victor

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/10/662 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Wirraway |
| Serial number: | A20-5 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Laverton |

Summary:

On the 5th September 1939, Wirraway A20-5 crashed when the pilot stalled the aircraft in a steep gliding turn at approx 100 feet above ground. He was attempting to force land A20-5 on the Darwin civil drome at the time of the crash. The two on board the aircraft died as a result of their injuries in the crash, and are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

FO Dolphin was a member of the Permanent Air Force being an Air Cadet on the 18th January 1937.

Crew:

RAAF CX102276 FO Dolphin A V (Pilot)

RAAF 1727 Cpl H W Johnson, (Observer) a member of 12 Sqn RAAF

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

19465 Aircraftsman Class 1 DORAN, Thomas Joseph

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/103/93 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Station Point Cook |

Summary:

On the 14th June 1941, AC1 Doran a Trainee W/T Operator at the Signal School, Point Cook, died suddenly at home in Glen Iris, when on leave. He is buried in the Brighton General Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

2882 Sergeant DORAN, Vincent Arthur

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/137/140 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 27th April 1942, Cpl Lewis was killed during an enemy air raid when on guard duty at RAAF Station Darwin. Also killed in the raid was Sgt Doran a Cook. Both are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

131394 Corporal DORN, Raymond John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5361938, Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Rathmines |

Summary:

On the 3rd March 1946, Cpl Dorn was killed in a ground accident at Rathmines, NSW. He was cremated in the Newcastle Crematorium, and his name is recorded on the NSW Cremation Memorial, Sydney.

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

Wing Commander DUFF-FYFE, Malcolm John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : 9300 Barcode 5370853, Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Headquarters Northern Command Port Moresby |

Summary:

On the 6th July 1945, the appointment of Wg Cdr Duff-Fyfe was terminated in order to resume his civil occupation. He died on the 15th October 1946 and was cremated in the Eastern Suburbs Crematorium, Botany, NSW.

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

403325 Flight Sergeant EARP, Frederick Wentworth DFC (USA)

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5523302 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Flying Fortress |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF North Eastern Area Attd 93 rd Bombardment Sqn USAAC |

Summary:

On the 7th August 1942, Flt Sgt Earp, a Pilot, was reported missing on air operations over New Britain, Papua New Guinea. Flt Sgt Earp was 20 years of age when he lost his life.

Flt Sgt Earp is buried in the Rabaul (Bita Paka) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea. Rabaul lies on the 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 of Kokopo.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC (USA) awarded to Flt Sgt Earp is as follows :

“ For extraordinary heroism in action between Queensland, Australia and Rabaul, New Britain on August 6-7 1942. When the airplane, in which he was co-pilot returned to its base in Queensland, Australia, from a bombing mission at Lae, New Guinea because of a disabled engine, Flt Sgt Earp knowing that his Group was to execute on the following day an important mission in which every available airplane was essential, volunteered to accompany his airplane commander on this mission in an airplane which had been declared unserviceable for combat duty. Rejoining his Squadron at Port Moresby after having flown almost continuously during the preceding nineteen hours, he took off, after only three hours rest, in a mass attack by his group on an enemy occupied airdrome near Rabaul, New Britain. Despite interception by about 30 enemy fighters as the target was approached, the group made a highly successful bombing attack. During the hostile fighter action, the airplane in which Flt Sgt Earp was a crew member, was on the wing which bore the brunt of the enemy attack lasting for twenty five minutes. It was observed to drop a blazing bomb bay tank and fall behind the formation. It did not return to its base.”

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

119995 Leading Aircraftsman EDWARDS, Owen

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/11/386 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Southern Area Headquarters Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 21st September 1946, LAC Edwards a Dental Orderly, was returning from a party to his home in Sunbury, Victoria, in a motor vehicle which overturned and he was killed. He is buried in the Sunbury General Cemetery, Victoria.

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

8547 Corporal ELLIS, Stanley Herbert

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/107/123 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Bradfield Park Sydney |

Summary:

On the 6th October 1942, Cpl Ellis, a Mess Steward, died of an illness at No 3 RAAF Hospital NSW. He is buried in the Woronora General Cemetery, Sutherland, NSW.

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

37304 Aircraftsman Class 1 EVANS, Frederick Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/778 Commonwealth War Graves Records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Sqn |

Summary:

Flt Lt W V D White, (Pilot), and Sgt's Baker and Read (both Wireless Air Gunners), of 2 Sqn, were in a group of 11 RAAF personnel attempting to escape to Ceram, from the Japanese, in order to be picked up at some pre-arranged point. The group was in charge of Wg Cdr E D Scott, of RAAF Station HQ Darwin.

The personnel comprising the party were :

250101 Wg Cdr Scott, (Pilot) of Station HQ Darwin, Died a POW 6/2/1942 .

253 Sqn Ldr J F Anderson, (Pilot) of Station HQ Darwin, died a POW 20/2/1942

260624 Flt Lt W V D White, DFC (Pilot) of 2 Sqn, died a POW 20/2/1942.

290745 FO F N Meyer, (Pilot) of 13 Sqn, died a POW 20/2/1942.

261029 FO H G Verey, (A & SD) of Station HQ Darwin, died a POW 6/2/1942.

406222 Sgt I W Read, (Wireless Air Gunner) of 2 Sqn., died a POW 20/2/1942

402700 Sgt J Baker, (Wireless Air Gunner) of 2 Sqn, died a POW 20/2/1942

16645 Cpl F W Gaskin, (Fitter Armourer) of 13 Sqn , died a POW 6/2/1942.

37304 AC1 F A Evans, (Teleprint Op).of Station Hq Darwin, died a POW 6/2/1942

27521 LAC VL D Walker, (W/T Op) of Station Hq Darwin, died a POW 20/2/1942.

24987 AC1 J A Harris, (W/T Op) of RAAF Station, Darwin, died a POW 20/2/1942.

The following is a extract of a report submitted by Lt McBride (A.I.F) :-

“On the 3rd February 1942, Capt White, who was the Medical Officer, at Laha, informed me that Wg Cdr Scott and a party of 10 RAAF personnel had obtained food supplies in order to cross the mountains to the north coast of Ambon. Two days later while at

Ambon, I was informed by natives that this party had arrived and had been captured by a Japanese Naval patrol while attempting to cross over to Ceram the previous day. Constant enquiries were made by my party whilst proceeding down the coast of Ceram, but negative results obtained.”

A report submitted by “N DE GATE” reveals that Wg Cdr Scott and party left “A.D.C”, at 1900 hours on the 2nd February 1942, for the Island of Ceram. Approx four days later, a Japanese Naval pinnace picked this party up. (This information was supplied by a native school teacher who was an eye witness to occurrence and subsequently confirmed by other native inhabitants).

Wg Cdr Scott and three of the group were executed by the Japanese at Lahs on Ambon Island on the 6/2/1942. They are buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia. Ambon Island lies close to the south west coast of Ceram in the Molucca Group of Islands.

The other seven RAAF personnel were executed by the Japanese on the 20/2/1942. They have no known grave, and their names are commemorated on the Ambon Memorial. The Memorial stands on the first terrace in the Ambon War Cemetery, (known locally as the Australian Cemetery).

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

72542 Leading Aircraftsman EVERS, Alfred Lloyd

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301, Barcode 4604555 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Headquarters North Western Area Darwin |

Summary:

On the 20th November 1945, LAC Evers a Clerk pay, 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

122523 Leading Aircraftsman FISHER, Frank Hugh

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/13/389 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Station Darwin |

Summary:

On the 28th January 1945, LAC Fisher a Flight Mechanic, died from severe burns received as a result of an explosion when burning out latrines at RAAF Station Darwin. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

9031 Leading Aircraftsman FORMSBY, George Lancelot

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/91/168 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Catalina |
| Serial number: | A24-13 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 11 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 24th February 1942, Catalina A24-13 of No 20 Sqn RAAF, took off from Port Moresby harbour, to attack enemy targets in the Rabaul area. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 260 Sqn Ldr Beaumont, E V Captain (Pilot) (20 Sqn)
RAAF 407056 FO Edwards, M W (2nd Pilot) (20 Sqn)
RAAF 401017 Sgt R J Richardson, (Wireless Air Gunner) (11Sqn)
RAAF 5463 Cpl R J Adams, (Fitter 11E) (11 Sqn)
RAAF 14840 LAC M D R Berghouse, (Fitter 11E) (11 Sqn)
RAAF 9031 LAC G L Formby, (W/T Operator) (SHQ Port Moresby)
RAAF 32040 LAC C Grainger, (Fitter 11A) (11 Sqn)
RAAF 13829 AC1 L L Farrands, (Armourer) (11 Sqn)

All the crew have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Rabaul Memorial, Papua New Guinea. Rabaul lies on Blanche Bay inside the hook-nosed north eastern tip of the Gazelle Peninsular of New Britain. The Memorial is situated in the Rabaul (Bika Paka) War Cemetery, which is approx 50kms south of Rabaul, and 5kms south west of Kokopo.

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

408805 Sergeant FRIDAY, Arthur Ian

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/113/205, 163/178/327 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Mitchell |
| Serial number: | 41-12466 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 13 Bombardment Sqn USAAF |

Summary:

Mitchell 41-12466 of 13 Bombardment Sqn USAAF, was detailed as one of a formation to attack Lae, New Guinea. The aircraft was attacked by Zeros and heavy ack-ack while over Lae, and crashed 20 miles south east of Salamau, near the coast of New Guinea.

The co-Pilot, 2nd Lt Mitchell (USAAC) who eventually reached the mainland, confirmed that Sgt Friday had been killed in action, No knowledge was held of any burial as it was understood the Lt Mitchell, the only survivor was too weak to take such action.

NAA File 163/178/327 records that Sgt Wise was slightly injured in the attack receiving shrapnel wounds in both knees. He survived the mission and the war being discharged from the RAAF a WO in Feb 1946.

Other crew member details are not recorded on the above Casualty files

Crew:

USAAF 2nd Lt Mitchell, Co-Pilot
RAAF 405710 Sgt L M Bailey(Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408805 Sgt A I Friday, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408201 Sgt T A Wise, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sgt Friday and Sgt Bailey have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Lae Memorial, Papua New Guinea. Lae is a town and port on the Huon Gulf at the mouth of the Markham River. The Memorial is located in the Lae War Cemetery which is adjacent to the Botanical Gardens in the centre of Lae.

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

406561 Flight Sergeant GARDINER, Austin Herbert Dickson

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/115/166 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Headquarters North Eastern Area Townsville |

Summary:

On the 23rd November 1942, Flt Sgt Gardiner a Pilot, drowned when swimming in the Townsville baths. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

7112 Aircraftman Class 1 GENT, Lionel Alexander

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 53/1/604

Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Pearce |

Summary:

On the 3rd December 1939, AC1 Gent a Driver M/T, died from injuries received in a motor car/motor cycle collision at the intersection of Adelaide Terrace and Bay St., Perth. He is buried in the Perth (Karrakatta) General Cemetery, Western Australia.

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

35933 Aircraftsman Class 1 GRAHAM, James Albert

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/118/317 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 21st February 1942, AC1 Graham a W/T Operator assisting in the necessary work of demolishing the Koepang drome in Timor following the Japanese attack on Koepang. He then left with a party of RAAF personnel to find a means of escaping from Timor. His health suffered and he contracted malaria. On the 3rd April 1942, when the party was about four miles from Toeakaoe, he slipped from the saddle when his horse lost its footing, and died as a result of injuries received. He is buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia.

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

414374 Sergeant GRAHAM, John Alexander

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/16/112 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Liberator |
| Serial number: | B24D 41-23688 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | ATTD 319 Sqn USAAF 44 Radar Direction Finding |

Summary:

On the 23rd June 1943, Liberator 411-23688 was reported missing from air operations over Macassar, Celebes.

Crew:

USAAF Capt Olsen, R W Captain (Pilot)
USAAF 2nd Lt String, K F
USAAF 1st Lt Durkin, T H
USAAF 2nd Lt R R Setterblade,
RAAF 414374 Sgt J A Graham, (
USAAF R F Cole,
USAAF Sgt R H Enders,
USAAF Sgt W C Simon,
USAAF Sgt H Muscato,
USAAF Sgt F A Huspeth

Sgt Graham has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Ambon Memorial. Ambon Island lies close to the south west coast of Ceram in the Molucca Group of Islands. The Memorial stands on the First terrace of the Ambon War Cemetery, which is located about 5kms north east of Ambon on the road to Galala.

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

406393 Pilot Officer GREEN, Alan William

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/16/7

Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Lancer |
| Serial number: | A56-7 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarter Laverton |

Summary:

On the 29th April 1943, Lancer A56-7 was reported missing on a travel flight from Wagga to Laverton. An aircraft believed to be A56-7 was sighted near the Dindi sawmills area at Healesville, Victoria, but searches failed to find any trace of the aircraft or the pilot. The area consisted of very dense scrub and heavily timbered country.

On the 10th June 1958, the remains of the missing pilot was recovered near Healesville, and he is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

Crew :

RAAF 406393 PO Green, A W (Pilot)

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

119689 Aircraftsman Class 1 GUY, Charles Frederick

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/16/19 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Laverton |

Summary:

On the 19th February 1943, AC1 Guy a Nursing Orderly, died of an illness at No 2 RAAF Hospital Ascot Vale. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

133422 Leading Aircraftsman HADFIELD, Allan Alfred

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/17/1539 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Station Canberra |

Summary:

On the 29th January 1946, LAC Hadfield a Guard, was killed as a result of a road accident at the intersection of the Federal and Yass Highways. He is buried in the Canberra (Woden) Public Cemetery, ACT.

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

363 Warrant Officer HALL, Charles

Source:

AWM 237(65)

Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Laverton |

Summary:

On the 9th February 1947, WO Hall died of an illness at RAAF Hospital Heidelberg, He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

405378 Sergeant HAMILTON, Ian Chetwood DFC (USA)

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/17/827 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | BA25-JP |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 90 th Bombardment Sqn USAAF |

Summary:

On the 26th July 1942, B25-JP together with four other aircraft took off from Port Moresby, detailed to carry out a mission to Gasmata in New Britain. On the way to he target the formation was attacked by 20 Zeros over Buna, and the bomber formation was forced to turn back when both BA25-JP and the Leaders aircraft were shot down.

Crew :

USAAF Capt Bender, F P Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 406129 Flt Sgt E H Hawter, (Co-Pilot)
RAAF 405378 Sgt I C Hamilton, DFC USA (Wireless Air Gunner/Lower Gunner)
USAAF Sgt R T Middleton, (Bombardier)
USAAF Sgt V McBroom, (Engineer)
USAAF Sgt A M Thompson, (Upper Gunner)

Plus five Aust Army personnel.

Flt Sgt Hawter is buried in the Vicksburg National Cemetery, Mississippi, USA
Sgt Hamilton is 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

24987 Aircraftman Class 1 HARRIS, John Allan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/778 Commonwealth War Graves Records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Sqn |

Summary:

Flt Lt W V D White, (Pilot), and Sgt's Baker and Read (both Wireless Air Gunners), of 2 Sqn, were in a group of 11 RAAF personnel attempting to escape to Ceram, from the Japanese, in order to be picked up at some pre-arranged point. The group was in charge of Wg Cdr E D Scott, of RAAF Station HQ Darwin.

The personnel comprising the party were :

250101 Wg Cdr Scott, (Pilot) of Station HQ Darwin, Died a POW 6/2/1942 .

253 Sqn Ldr J F Anderson, (Pilot) of Station HQ Darwin, died a POW 20/2/1942

260624 Flt Lt W V D White, DFC (Pilot) of 2 Sqn, died a POW 20/2/1942.

290745 FO F N Meyer, (Pilot) of 13 Sqn, died a POW 20/2/1942.

261029 FO H G Verey, (A & SD) of Station HQ Darwin, died a POW 6/2/1942.

406222 Sgt I W Read, (Wireless Air Gunner) of 2 Sqn., died a POW 20/2/1942

402700 Sgt J Baker, (Wireless Air Gunner) of 2 Sqn, died a POW 20/2/1942

16645 Cpl F W Gaskin, (Fitter Armourer) of 13 Sqn , died a POW 6/2/1942.

37304 AC1 F A Evans, (Teleprint Op).of Station Hq Darwin, died a POW 6/2/1942

27521 LAC L D Walker, (W/T Op) of Station Hq Darwin, died a POW 20/2/1942.

24987 AC1 J A Harris, (W/T Op) of RAAF Station, Darwin, died a POW 20/2/1942.

The following is a extract of a report submitted by Lt McBride (A.I.F) :-

“On the 3rd February 1942, Capt White, who was the Medical Officer, at Laha, informed me that Wg Cdr Scott and a party of 10 RAAF personnel had obtained food supplies in order to cross the mountains to the north coast of Ambon. Two days later while at

Ambon, I was informed by natives that this party had arrived and had been captured by a Japanese Naval patrol while attempting to cross over to Ceram the previous day. Constant enquiries were made by my party whilst proceeding down the coast of Ceram, but negative results obtained.”

A report submitted by “N DE GATE” reveals that Wg Cdr Scott and party left “A.D.C”, at 1900 hours on the 2nd February 1942, for the Island of Ceram. Approx four days later, a Japanese Naval pinnace picked this party up. (This information was supplied by a native school teacher who was an eye witness to occurrence and subsequently confirmed by other native inhabitants).

Wg Cdr Scott and three of the group were executed by the Japanese at Lahs on Ambon Island on the 6/2/1942. They are buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia. Ambon Island lies close to the south west coast of Ceram in the Molucca Group of Islands.

The other seven RAAF personnel were executed by the Japanese on the 20/2/1942. They have no known grave, and their names are commemorated on the Ambon Memorial. The Memorial stands on the first terrace in the Ambon War Cemetery, (known locally as the Australian Cemetery).

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

159583 Leading Aircraftsman HASLAM, Albert John

Source:

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

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| Aircraft Type: | Dakota |
| Serial number: | A65-56 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 33 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 11th 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 (2nd 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

406129 Flight Sergeant HAWTER, Edgar Horace

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/17/827 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | BA25-JP |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 90 th Bombardment Sqn USAAF |

Summary:

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RAAF 405378 Sgt I C Hamilton, DFC USA (Wireless Air Gunner/Lower Gunner)
USAAF Sgt R T Middleton, (Bombardier)
USAAF Sgt V McBroom, (Engineer)
USAAF Sgt A M Thompson, (Upper Gunner)

Plus five Aust Army personnel.

Flt Sgt Hawter is buried in the Vicksburg National Cemetery, Mississippi, USA
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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

433297 Flight Sergeant HERBERT, Donald Norrie

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/17/776 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Liberator |
| Serial number: | B24J 44-40398 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | ATTD 531 Sqn USAAF HQ NW Area |

Summary:

On the 9th October 1944, Liberator 44-40398 flown by Lt Prest USAAF, was one of a formation of six aircraft detailed to attack Koepang, Timor. After the release of bombs on the target, and at a height of 16,000 feet, 44-40398 was seen to be hit and on fire. He aircraft crashed mid-point into Koepang Bay, but five chutes were seen by the other aircraft to bale out from the stricken aircraft at heights between 14,000 and 12,000 feet.

In February 1947, a search aparty located the wreck in the sea not far from the beach, near he village of Namsain, two miles south east of Koepang. A plate with the aircraft serial no was found, and three bodies were recovered, including that of Flt Sgt Herbert.

Crew:

USAAF Lt Prest, Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 433297 Flt Sgt D N Herbert, (Navigator/Wireless RCM Operator)

No other crew details are available on the A705 file held by Archives.

Flt Sgt Herbert is buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia. Ambon Island lies close to the south west coast of Ceram in the Molucca Group of Islands. .

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

41847 Aircraftman Class HILTON, Chelsea Gordon

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/122/105 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 8th April 1942, AC1 Hilton a Guard, was accidentally shot in the shoulder when on duty at No 6 gun post on the RAAF drome at RAAF Station Darwin. He was sitting on a box near his gun post with his rifle leaning on a tree beside him.

He evidently dragged the rifle towards him and a piece of undergrowth caught in the trigger guard and discharged the rifle. The bullet entered his shoulder and he was taken to Fortress Hospital, Darwin where he died later that day. .

He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Australia.

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

18005 Corporal HOCKING, Alfred Roland

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/28/92 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Catalina |
| Serial number: | A24-18 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 11 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 4th May 1942, Catalina A24-18 took off from Cairns at 0600 hours to carry out a recce in the Solomon Islands area. At 0017 hours on the 5th May, a wireless message was received, saying the aircraft was being attacked by enemy fighters and a position of Lat 8deg S Long 155deg E was given. This was over the sea and south west of Bougainville. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft which failed to return to base.

All the crew were picked up by a Japanese vessel and taken to Rabaul and were POW's. They were executed by the Japanese on 4/11/1942, their remains being found in a mass grave.

They are buried in the Rabaul (Bitu 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.

Crew:

RAAF 407006 FO Norman, A L Captain (Pilot) (20 Sqn)
 RAAF 427708 FO Diercks, F A R (2nd Pilot)
 RAAF 403118 FO Anderson, F O'C ((Observer)
 RAAF 6853 Cpl A H Lanagan, (Fitter 11E)
 RAAF 18005 Cpl A R Hocking, (Fitter 11E) (SHQ Port Moresby)
 RAAF 19574 LAC J J Burns, (Fitter 11A) (SHQ Port Moresby)
 RAAF 20343 LAC W M Parker, (Wireless Mechanic)
 RAAF 17635 LAC V H Hardwick, (W/T Operator)
 RAAF 10253 LAC E J McDonald, (Armourer)

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

281940 Squadron Leader HOGAN, Leo Matthew

Source:

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

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| Aircraft Type: | Catalina |
| Serial number: | A24-52 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 11 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 7th 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:

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| RAAF | 405317 Flt Lt Miles, C J Captain (Pilot) | Killed |
| RAAF | 400037 Flt Lt Canterbury, W J (2 nd Pilot) | Killed |
| RAAF | 402496 FO Ferguson, R I (3 rd 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

25824 Leading Aircraftsman HOLLOWAY, Sylvester Claude

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/123/278 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Headquarters Amberley |

Summary:

On the 17th July 1942, LAC Holloway a Storekeeper was accidentally killed when he was run down by a USA transport while proceeding on leave at Amberley Queensland. He is buried in the Uralla Cemetery, NSW. Uralla is on the New England highway 12 miles south east of Armidale.

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

156779 Leading Aircraftsman KELLY, Raymond Alfred

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/22/681 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Laverton |

Summary:

On the 9th November 1946, LAC Kelly a Driver M/T, was killed in a transport accident. He was driving a service utility when it collided with a tram in Belmont, Geelong, Victoria. Two others were slightly injured in the accident. LAC Kelly is buried in the Geelong (Eastern) Cemetery, Victoria.

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

18607 Corporal KERR, Edward George

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/91/161 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Qantas "Corio" Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 30th January 1942, Qantas "Corio" Flying boat took off from Darwin for Sourabaya with a RAAF installation party on board. When the aircraft was approaching Koepang, Timor, it was attacked while flying at 400 feet by seven Zeros and shot down. The RAAF party of seven were killed in the attack and there were five survivors who were not RAAF members.

One of the survivors reported that the engines caught alight in the attack and the flying boat broke its back when alighting on the water. The survivors were able to swim ashore, Although wounded.

The RAAF members who lost their lives, all members of Station Headquarters Darwin , were as follows.

RAAF Sgt J C McMillan (Fitter 11A)
RAAF 43169 AC1 W O Beckett (Office Orderly)
RAAF 18607 Cpl E G Kerr (W/T Operator)
RAAF AC1 J De Pinna (Office Orderly)
RAAF AC1 G C Van Treight (Office Orderly)
RAAF AC1 W N Lee (W/T Operator)
RAAF AC1 J H Holliday (Office Orderly)

The seven RAAF members have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Northern Territory Memorial, which is located in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia.

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

14981 Leading Aircraftsman KING, Claude Verchmans

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/133/1156 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Headquarters Eastern Area Sydney |

Summary:

On the 17th July 1942, LAC King a Messman, died of his injuries after being struck by a tram in Anzac parade, Maroubra. He is buried in the Botany General Cemetery, NSW.

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

204 Group Captain KING, Elwyn Roy DFC DSO

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/41/59 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Station Headquarters Pt Cook |

Summary:

On the 8th November 1941, Grp Capt King (A & SD) died suddenly of an illness at Point Cook. He was cremated at the Fawkner Crematorium, Melbourne, and his name is recorded on the Victorian Cremation Memorial.

Grp Capt King was a member of No 4 Sqn Australian Flying Corps, where he was awarded the DSO and DFC.

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

12142 Corporal KING-PATRICK, James GordonWilliam

Source:

AWM 237(65) Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Bankstown |

Summary:

On the 14th June 1941, Cpl King-Patrick died as a result of a ground accident at Randwick, NSW. He is buried in the

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

70686 Leading Aircraftsman KIRK, Ivanhoe

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/22/203 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Station Pearce |

Summary:

On the 29th February 1944, LAC Kirk a Met Charter, was killed in a motor transport accident when returning from Nundaring to Pearce in a military utility wagon. The accident was on the Great Western Highway about nine miles from Cunderdin when the utility struck a culvert and overturned. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

123033 Corporal LARSEN, Conrad

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 55/1/758, Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Rathmines |

Summary:

On the 24th December 1944, Cpl Larson died as a result of burns received when an explosion occurred on the 18th December on a fuel barge at Rathmines, which was lying alongside the wharf at the refuelling point.

Twelve hundred gallons of fuel had just been taken on board, and the explosion occurred in the engine cockpit when Cpl Larsen endeavoured to start the motor. Although badly burnt in the explosion, he courageously seized a fire extinguisher on the barge and contained the fire to the engine room for 3 to 4 minutes until help arrived.

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

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

32932 Leading Aircraftsman LATHAM, Phillips Stonham

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/90/235 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 19th February 1942, seven RAAF personnel of Station Headquarters Darwin, were killed by enemy action at Darwin, Northern Territory. Also killed were three USA personnel.

The seven RAAF personnel were :

RAAF 76 Wng Cdr Tindall, A R (Area Armaments Officer)
RAAF 18368 LAC L A Barton, (Fitter DMT)
RAAF 20361 AC1 F Neaylon, (DMT)
RAAF 32932 LAC P S Latham, (DMT)
RAAF 45738 AC1 S G Smith, (DMT)
RAAF 26040 Cpl R F Simons, (Guard)
RAAF 28222 LAC A V L Schultz, (Mess Steward)

Those killed are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia.

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

30961 Leading Aircraftsman LEAMAN, Henry David

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/137/154 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Laverton |

Summary:

On the 29th May 1942, LAC Leaman, a Guard, was a passenger to Flinders Island, in Bass Strait, in a Australian National Airways civil aircraft DF89. The aircraft crashed into the sea near the island as a result of the failure of one engine, and LAC Leaman was killed. He has no known grave, and 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

403513 Aircraftsman Class 1 LEE, John Henry

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/91/161 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Qantas "Corio" Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 30th January 1942, Qantas "Corio" Flying boat took off from Darwin for Sourabaya with a RAAF installation party on board. When the aircraft was approaching Koepang, Timor, it was attacked while flying at 400 feet by seven Zeros and shot down. The RAAF party of seven were killed in the attack and there were five survivors who were not RAAF members.

One of the survivors reported that the engines caught alight in the attack and the flying boat broke its back when alighting on the water. The survivors were able to swim ashore, although wounded.

The RAAF members who lost their lives, all members of Station Headquarters Darwin , were as follows.

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RAAF AC1 J De Pinna (Office Orderly)
RAAF AC1 G C Van Treight (Office Orderly)
RAAF AC1 W N Lee (W/T Operator)
RAAF AC1 J H Holliday (Office Orderly)

The seven RAAF members have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Northern Territory Memorial, which is located in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia.

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

34535 Aircraftsman Class 1 LEE, William Norman

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/91/161 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Qantas "Corio" Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

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RAAF AC1 W N Lee (W/T Operator)
RAAF AC1 J H Holliday (Office Orderly)

The seven RAAF members have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Northern Territory Memorial, which is located in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia.

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

17280 Corporal LEWIS, Francis Kenneth

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/137/140 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 27th April 1942, Cpl Lewis was killed during an enemy air raid when on guard duty at RAAF Station Darwin. Also killed in the raid was Sgt Doran a Cook. Both are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

3552 Pilot Officer LITTLEJOHN, Thomas Orsmond

Source:

AWM 237 (65 NAA : A705, 163/113/188 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Hqts North Western Area Darwin |

Summary:

On the 16th March 1942, FO Littlejohn (A & S D), of North Western Area, was killed during an enemy air raid on RAAF Station Darwin. Sgt Forrest, (a Wireless Air Gunner) of 13 Sqn, was also killed in the same air raid. Two other RAAF personnel were seriously wounded, and another seven slightly wounded.

Both FO Littlejohn and Sgt Forrest are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia. Adelaide River is a township lying 116kms south of Darwin on the main north-south road from the capital to Alice Springs.

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

120571 Flight Lieutenant McDONALD, Hector Murdoch

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/24/243 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Headquarters (NW Area) Darwin |

Summary:

On the 17th April 1946, Flt Lt McDonald (A & SD) was engaged in an investigation by the War Crimes Tribunal. He was one of a party proceeding by motorcar along the roadway near the village of Tjaningin, approx 30 miles south of Buitenzorg, Java. Buitenzorg is approx 35/40 miles south of Batavia, Indonesia. The party was ambushed suddenly by assailants, and shot.

Others to lose their lives were

Sqn Ldr F G Birchall, (A &SD) RAAF Hdqrs Melbourne and Capt A M MacKenzie (Army). Sqn Ldr Birchall escaped from the vehicle, but his body was found a few days later by the Indonesian Police.

Indonesian sources said the atrocity had been committed by a band of marauders led by two Japanese deserters.

The three killed are buried in the Jakarta War Cemetery, Indonesia.

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

139076 Corporal MACKAY, Neil Stuart

Source:

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

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| Aircraft Type: | Dakota |
| Serial number: | A65-56 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 33 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 11th 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 (2nd 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

6544 Sergeant McMILLAN, James Charles

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/91/161 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Qantas "Corio" Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

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

Air Cadet MACPHERSON, Allan John

Source:

AWM 237(65) Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Pearce |

Summary:

On the 20th March 1940, Air Cadet Macpherson died in an accident at Perth, WA. He is buried in Perth (Karrakatta) General Cemetery, Western Australia.

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

147931 Leading Aircraftsman McQUEEN, Laurence Frank Augustine

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/26/1182 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Garbutt |

Summary:

On the 10th February 1942, LAC McQueen a General Hand, drowned in the Ross River, Townsville, at a time when it was in flood. He has no known grave and 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

5336 Corporal MALES, Rupert Percival

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/142/398 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Townsville |

Summary:

On the 10th July 1942, Cpl Males a Mess Steward, died of injuries received in a collision between an RAAF transport and a USA truck. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Townsville Queensland.

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

133345 Leading Aircraftsman MARCH, Claude Alfred

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5359172 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Rathmines |

Summary:

On the 12 October 1946 LAC March a DMT, died of injuries from a motor transport accident at Teralla. He is buried in the Newcastle (Sandgate) War Cemetery, NSW.

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

135356 Corporal MATTHEWS, Ronald Henry

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/27/300 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Station Tocumwal |

Summary:

On the 14th December 1943, Cpl Matthews a Service Policeman, downed when attempting to swim across the Murray River at Tocumwal. He is buried in the Tocumwal General Cemetery, NSW.

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

9034 Leading Aircraftsman MEADOW, Arthur Drohen

Source:

AWM237(65) NAA : A705, 163/98/425 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Catalina |
| Serial number: | A24-9 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 11 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 21st January 1942, Catalina A24-9 was attacked by enemy aircraft in the vicinity of Salamaua, New Guinea. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

US Navy Lieut Hutchinson, C L Captain (Pilot)
 RAAF 400293 FO Rowe, T N (2nd Pilot)
 RAAF 12217 Cpl J R Wyche, (Fitter 11E)
 RAAF 9351 Cpl T H Keen, (Fitter 11A)
 RAAF 22050 LAC J E B Craigie, (Fitter Armourer)
 RAAF 15165 AC1 K L Murphy, (Fitter 11E)
 RAAF 407763 Sgt D C Coote, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 9034 LAC A D Meadow, (W/T Operator) (a member of SHQ Port Moresby)
 RAAF 16809 LAC A Downes, (W/T Operator) (a member of 20 Sqn RAAF)

FO Rowe, Sgt Coote and AC1 Murphy 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 located adjacent to the Botanical Gardens in the centre of Lae.

Cpl Wyche, LAC Craigie, LAC Meadows and LAC Downes have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Lae Memorial which is situated in the Lae War Cemetery. Lt Hutchinson's name is not recorded on the CWG records.

Cpl Keen survived the crash, and he later made the following statement :

"I was a member of aircraft A24-9 on Wednesday 21st January 1943. We were flying about 40 miles past Lae at 1000 feet when we saw 12 Japanese fighters, flying in opposite direction and parallel to us. The Pilot climbed to 5000 feet. Lt Hutchison was flying to make some cloud about 7000 feet. The fighters passed us and then came down astern in formation. PO Rowe came down to act as control in the blister. Four planes attacked first. They fanned out with one higher than the others, and while the fighters were still some distance astern, I saw white smoke come out the front of one of them. The blister glass alongside me flew to pieces. As he was out of range I held my fire. Another white flash followed by a crash on the hull. He came into my range and I gave him a burst. He fired at the same time and a row of holes appeared alongside me. He faltered in his flight so I gave him a prolonged burst. He faltered again and then dived. PO Rowe said "You've got him." While I was watching him dive I heard a crash beside my head and there was another one attacking. I heard the port gun start to fire, I smelt fire and looked in the cabin. There was smoke coming out and I heard Craigie, the other gunner

screaming and holding his shoulders. Another attack and they seemed to be coming from all directions. The fabric above my head was on fire and all fabric had gone in a twinkling. I heard Lt Hutchinson through the phone 'Calling Control. I am going to jettison bombs.' The phone went dead and I didn't hear another sound. The flames were licking in through the glass onto my back and I was getting No 2 stoppages. Twin sights on the left hand gun were shot away. The trouble was cartridge guide spring but I had no chance of correcting it. The plane although in the climbing position was starting to lose height. I left the guns. Craigie was just sitting in his seat holding his gun. He was staring out astern. He was dead. I went forward as the plane started to dive very slowly and evenly. I couldn't get into the compartment for smoke and flames. I put my chute on and abandoned the aircraft. The bombs were still in the plane and I was afraid the heat would explode them. The slipstream tore my harness up and split my mouth. The whole pack was above my head. I climbed up on side of it until I could reach the pack and held it in front of me with one hand and pulled the ripcord with the other. I looked up and a fighter was diving at me. He flattened out and I heard some slugs go past my left leg. I shammed dead. I heard a crash and an explosion that threw me up in the air some distance. The aircraft was blazing on a ridge about a mile away. I then lost sight of the plane behind some trees. The parachute tangled in trees which left me 10 feet from the ground. I released the harness and fell to the ground. I hid behind the trees because the fighters were still circling overhead. I reasoned that the coast would be on the opposite side to the mountains, and crept through the jungle along pig paths til I came to a native road right on the coast. I turned right and eventually came up with some natives who took me to a mission station. I suffered terribly from thirst through licking the blood from my mouth. They took me in relays from village to village until Hipoi Mission Station. It would be impossible for any of the others to be alive. Missionary sent natives to the scene of the crash. I received a note two days after arriving at Lae stating that they found the aircraft. The jungle had been burnt around the plane. Three bodies near the crash. They were dismembered. They brought in some tools, two revolvers with the wood burnt off them. There were no identity discs found." Sgd Thos Keen, 24th February 1942.

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

407799 Flying Officer MOBSBY Edward Tompson

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/45/182 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | B25C |
| Serial number: | 41-12470 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Headquarters North Eastern Area Townsville |

Summary:

On the 26th July 1942, B25 41-12470 of the 3rd Bomb Group, USAAF, was shot down 10 miles north west of Isivita Mission, Papua New Guinea, and all the crew were killed. The aircraft was one of a formation of five aircraft which took off from APO929 for the purpose of attacking flying boats at Gasmata, New Britain. No attack was made and the bombs were jettisoned, when the formation was intercepted by 15 Zeros in the vicinity of Gona. Two aircraft in the formation were shot down.

Crew:

USAAF 1st Lt Schmidt, R L L (Pilot)
RAAF 407799 FO Mobsby, E T (Co-Pilot)
USAAF Sgt R L Barlow, (Bombardier)
USAAF Cpl W N Cook, (Upper Gunner)
USAAF Cpl R M Walker, (Lower Gunner)

FO Mobsby is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

129656 Leading Aircraftsman MOTTERSHEAD, Valentine Raymond

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/28/707 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Point Cook |

Summary:

On the 6th September 1945, LAC Mottershead a Cooks Assistant, died of an illness at SSQ Pt Cook. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

23214 Leading Aircraftsman MURPHY, George Edward

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4585435 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Maryborough |

Summary:

On the 30th May 1942, LAC Murphy a Messman, was discharged from the RAAF on compassionate grounds. He died on the 26th November 1945, and is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

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

20361 Aircraftman Class 1 NEAYLON, Francis

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/90/235 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 19th February 1942, seven RAAF personnel of Station Headquarters Darwin, were killed by enemy action at Darwin, Northern Territory. Also killed were three USA personnel.

The seven RAAF personnel were :

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RAAF 45738 AC1 S G Smith, (DMT)
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RAAF 28222 LAC A V L Schultz, (Mess Steward)

Those killed are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia.

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

17708 Leading Aircraftsman NICHOLSON, John Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/97/128 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Empire Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | A18-12 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 33 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 27th February 1942 A18-12 crashed at Townsville, Q'Land, at 1802 hours, during alighting after a test flight following completion of a 50 hourly inspection.

Crew:

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| RAAF | 400004 FO Love R J Captain (Pilot) 11 Sqn | Died of his injuries |
| RAAF | 407942 PO Devonshire, P S (2 nd Pilot) 11 Sqn | Killed |
| RAAF | 15928 Cpl R Short, (Fitter 11E) 20 Sqn | Died 3/3/42 |
| RAAF | 10429 Cpl W J French, (Fitter 11A) 11 Sqn | Killed |
| RAAF | 34542 LAC K M Poulton, (W/T Operator) | Seriously injured |
| RAAF | 17708 Sgt J G Nicholson, (W/T Operator) (of SHQ Port Morseby) | Missing |
| RAAF | 15065 LAC M Clayton, (Fitter 11E) 11 Sqn | Killed |
| RAAF | 264288 PO Laurence, L C PAX (of RAAF HQ NE Area, Townsville) | Seriously injured |
| WAAAF | 93900 Cpl R S Diggles, (HQ WAAAF) | Missing |
| RAAF | 274159 PO Filmer, A (PAX) | Slightly injured |
| RAAF | 4215 PO Wagner, H J (of RAAF HQ NE Area, Townsville) | Killed |

LAC Poulton, PO Laurence and PO Filmer survived the crash and the war.

FO Love, PO Devonshire, PO Wagner, Cpl Short, Cpl French and LAC Clayton are buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland, Australia.

Sgt Nicholson and Cpl Diggles have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Sydney Memorial, which stands in the Sydney War Cemetery, about 17kms west of Sydney, NSW Australia.

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

128758 Corporal O'CONNELL, Patrick John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5369773, Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Station Headquarters Tocumwal |

Summary:

On the 5th April 1946, Cpl O'Connell a Driver Motor Transport, was discharged on demobilisation. He died on the 30th April 1947 and is buried in the Donald Public Cemetery, Victoria.

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

41258 Leading Aircraftsman OLIVER, Martin

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/31/474, Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Point Cook |

Summary:

On the 29th April 1946, LAC Oliver a Boiler Attendant died of a illness in No 6 RAAF Hospital Heidelberg. Commonwealth War Graves does not record where LAC Oliver is buried.

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

401145 Flying Officer PAGE, Allan Reginald

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5247800 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | B25-472 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | ATTD 13 Bomber Sqn USAAF HQ NE Area |

Summary:

FO Page, a Pilot, was a member of the crew of B25-472 on the 13th Bomber Sqn Group USAAF. The aircraft was reported missing on operations on the 4th September 1942. FO Page has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Lae Memorial, Papua New Guinea. Lae is a town and port at the mouth of the Markham River on the Huon Gulf. The Memorial is situated in the Lae War Cemetery, which is located adjacent to the Botanical gardens in the centre of Lae.

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

412675 Pilot Officer PASSMORE, Lorne Allan John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/51/134 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Marauder |
| Serial number: | B26-1508 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Attd 22 Bomber Sqn USAAF |

Summary:

On the 9th June 1942, Marauder B26-1508 took off, detailed to carry out an operational mission over the Salamau area of New Guinea. In an ensuing engagement, the aircraft was seen to be hit by enemy fire and disintegrated in the air and crashed into the sea, about 30 miles south of Salamau. There was no chance of survival of any of the crew.

Crew:

USAAF Lt Bench, Captain (Pilot)
 RAAF 412675 PO Passmore, L A J (Co-Pilot)
 USAAF Lt Bock, H P (Navigator)
 USAAF E Miles, (
 USAAF R Siegel, (
 USAAF G Rockerfeller, (
 USAAF B Makufh, (
 US Army Col Stevens, PAX

PO Passmore has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Lae Memorial, Papua New Guinea. Lae is a town and port at the mouth of the Markham river on the Huon Gulf. The Memorial is located in the Lae War Cemetery, which is situated adjacent to the Botanical gardens in the centre of Lae.

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

12587 Aircraftsman Class 1 PATERSON, Walter

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4559409 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 2nd March 1942, AC1 Paterson a Guard, was discharged from the RAAF medically unfit for further service. He died on the 18th November 1945, and is buried in the Broken Hill Cemetery, NSW.

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

415442 Corporal PHIPPARD, Robert William

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/32/640 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Perth |

Summary:

On the 3rd February 1945, Cpl Phippard a Works maintenance mechanic, died from severe burns received when he was burnt by a bush fire when on duty the day before. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

416230 Pilot Officer POWER, John Desmond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/21/29 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Hudson |
| Serial number: | A16-190 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 32 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 23rd May 1942, Hudson A16-190 was on an anti-submarine patrol of a convoy escorted by HMAS Swan. The aircraft was flying at a very low speed, suddenly dived into the sea from about 500 feet at 0530Z hours. It crashed near Beverlac Island in the Northumberland group in position 21.30S 149.55E. All the crew were killed in the crash with the body of the Observer being recovered.

Crew:

RAAF 692 Flt Lt Adams, A E Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 416230 PO Power J D (Observer) (of RAAF HQ Pt Moresby).
RAAF 407841 Sgt B R Bright, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 21351 Sgt B K Chandler, (Wireless Air Gunner)

PO Power is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

The other three crew members have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Sydney Memorial, which is located in the Sydney War Cemetery, which is located about 17kms west of Sydney, New South Wales..

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

Squadron Leader RAINBOW, James Manning

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/56/66 163/48/13
Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Anson |
| Serial number: | A4-5 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Parkes |

Summary:

On the 28th January 1941, Anson A4-5 crashed at Lapstone, Glenbrook, NSW and all on board were killed. PO Sawyer a patient, was being flown from Parkes to Sydney for specialist treatment in the Royal Prince of Wales Hospital. The aircraft failed to arrive at Sydney and was found crashed at Lapstone. The accident was caused by a failure of the port wing which shattered about the middle, shortly after the aircraft was brought down from or through the clouds. .

Crew:

RAAF 819 PO Newman, J I (Pilot)
RAAF Sqn Ldr Rainbow, J M (Station Medical Officer)
RAAF 625 FO Skillman, H T (Navigator Instructor)
RAAF 1704 PO Sawyer, BM (A & SD) (Navigation Instructor) Patient
RAAF 5922 AC1 C R Tysoe, (WT Operator)

PO Newman is buried in the Toowoomba Cemetery, Queensland.

Sqn Ldr Rainbow, FO Skillman and PO Sawyer were cremated at the Sydney (Northern Suburbs) Crematorium, and their names are recorded on the NSW Cremation Memorial.

AC1 Tysoe is buried in the Geelong Western Public Cemetery, Victoria.

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

119559 Pilot Officer RATCLIFFE, Charles Harry

Source:

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

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| Aircraft Type: | Catalina |
| Serial number: | A24-52 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 11 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 7th 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:

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| RAAF | 405317 Flt Lt Miles, C J Captain (Pilot) | Killed |
| RAAF | 400037 Flt Lt Canterbury, W J (2 nd Pilot) | Killed |
| RAAF | 402496 FO Ferguson, R I (3 rd 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

115696 Leading Aircraftsman REYNOLDS, Thomas Patrick

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/35/714 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Port Moresby |

Summary:

On the 11th June 1944, LAC Reynolds, a Guard, died of an illness at No 6 RAAF Hospital, Heidelberg. He is buried in the Adelaide (Centennial Park) Cemetery, South Australia.

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

153648 Corporal RICHARDS, Mostin Malcolm McKenzie

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/35/714 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Port Moresby |

Summary:

On the 13th April 1947, Cpl Richards a Medical Orderly, died at No 112th AGH Greenslopes, of gunshot wounds. He is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

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

412717 Pilot Officer ROBERTSON, Graham Brindley John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5262757, Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 19 th Bombardment Sqn USAAF |

Summary:

On the 13th 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

28222 Leading Aircraftsman SCHULZ, Albert Victor Leske

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/90/235 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 19th February 1942, seven RAAF personnel of Station Headquarters Darwin, were killed by enemy action at Darwin, Northern Territory. Also killed were three USA personnel.

The seven RAAF personnel were :

RAAF 76 Wng Cdr Tindall, A R (Area Armaments Officer)
RAAF 18368 LAC L A Barton, (Fitter DMT)
RAAF 20361 AC1 F Neaylon, (DMT)
RAAF 32932 LAC P S Latham, (DMT)
RAAF 45738 AC1 S G Smith, (DMT)
RAAF 26040 Cpl R F Simons, (Guard)
RAAF 28222 LAC A V L Schultz, (Mess Steward)

Those killed are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia.

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

250101 Wing Commander SCOTT, Ernest Dallas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/778 Commonwealth War Graves Records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Sqn |

Summary:

Flt Lt W V D White, (Pilot), and Sgt's Baker and Read (both Wireless Air Gunners), of 2 Sqn, were in a group of 11 RAAF personnel attempting to escape to Ceram, from the Japanese, in order to be picked up at some pre-arranged point. The group was in charge of Wg Cmd E D Scott, of RAAF Station HQ Darwin.

The personnel comprising the party were :

250101 Wg Cdr Scott, (Pilot) of Station HQ Darwin, Died a POW 6/2/1942 .

253 Sqn Ldr J F Anderson, (Pilot) of Station HQ Darwin, died a POW 20/2/1942

260624 Flt Lt W V D White, DFC (Pilot) of 2 Sqn, died a POW 20/2/1942.

290745 FO F N Meyer, (Pilot) of 13 Sqn, died a POW 20/2/1942.

261029 FO H G Verey, (A & SD) of Station HQ Darwin, died a POW 6/2/1942.

406222 Sgt I W Read, (Wireless Air Gunner) of 2 Sqn., died a POW 20/2/1942

402700 Sgt J Baker, (Wireless Air Gunner) of 2 Sqn, died a POW 20/2/1942

16645 Cpl F W Gaskin, (Fitter Armourer) of 13 Sqn , died a POW 6/2/1942.

37304 AC1 F A Evans, (Teleprint Op).of Station Hq Darwin, died a POW 6/2/1942

27521 LAC VL D Walker, (W/T Op) of Station Hq Darwin, died a POW 20/2/1942.

24987 AC1 J A Harris, (W/T Op) of RAAF Station, Darwin, died a POW 20/2/1942.

The following is an extract of a report submitted by Lt McBride (A.I.F) :-

“On the 3rd February 1942, Capt White, who was the Medical Officer, at Laha, informed me that Wg Cdr Scott and a party of 10 RAAF personnel had obtained food supplies in order to cross the mountains to the north coast of Ambon. Two days later while at

Ambon, I was informed by natives that this party had arrived and had been captured by a Japanese Naval patrol while attempting to cross over to Ceram the previous day. Constant enquiries were made by my party whilst proceeding down the coast of Ceram, but negative results obtained.”

A report submitted by “N DE GATE” reveals that Wg Cdr Scott and party left “A.D.C”, at 1900 hours on the 2nd February 1942, for the Island of Ceram. Approx four days later, a Japanese Naval pinnace picked this party up. (This information was supplied by a native school teacher who was an eye witness to occurrence and subsequently confirmed by other native inhabitants).

Wg Cdr Scott and three of the group were executed by the Japanese at Lahs on Ambon Island on the 6/2/1942. They are buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia. Ambon Island lies close to the south west coast of Ceram in the Molucca Group of Islands.

The other seven RAAF personnel were executed by the Japanese on the 20/2/1942. They have no known grave, and their names are commemorated on the Ambon Memorial. The Memorial stands on the first terrace in the Ambon War Cemetery, (known locally as the Australian Cemetery).

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

66310 Leading Aircraftsman SHIPLEY, Leonard William

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/37/476 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Headquarters Eastern Area Sydney |

Summary:

On the 21st July 1944, LAC Shipley a Butcher, was killed in the permanent way of the Redfern Railway yard Sydney, when he was struck and run over by a train. He had been proceeding to 7SFTS Deniliquin on a movement order.

He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

26040 Corporal SIMONS, Robert Frederick

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/90/235 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 19th February 1942, seven RAAF personnel of Station Headquarters Darwin, were killed by enemy action at Darwin, Northern Territory. Also killed were three USA personnel.

The seven RAAF personnel were :

RAAF 76 Wng Cdr Tindall, A R (Area Armaments Officer)
RAAF 18368 LAC L A Barton, (Fitter DMT)
RAAF 20361 AC1 F Neaylon, (DMT)
RAAF 32932 LAC P S Latham, (DMT)
RAAF 45738 AC1 S G Smith, (DMT)
RAAF 26040 Cpl R F Simons, (Guard)
RAAF 28222 LAC A V L Schultz, (Mess Steward)

Those killed are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia.

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

11353 Leading Aircraftsman SLATER, William Wesley

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/162/351 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Headquarters North West Area Darwin |

Summary:

On the 17th May 1942, LAC Slater a W/T Operator, died from a bullet wound at Observation Point, Point Blaze, 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

413269 Flight Lieutenant SLY, Neil Merson

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/37/1195 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Dakota |
| Serial number: | KN530 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Headquarters Northern Command Madang |

Summary:

On the 24th July 1945, Dakota KN530 of No 243 (Transport) Sqn RAF when en route from Peleliu to Leyte in the Philippines, crashed into the sea south of Tacloban Bay Leyte and all on board were killed. The weather at the time was very poor with 10/10ths cloud at 1,000 feet and a tropical storm with ground fog. The aircraft apparently stalled from 500 feet and disintegrated on hitting the water. All bodies were recovered except for one passenger.

Crew :

RAF FO Steele, J G (1st Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt H Scholes, (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Turton, J H (Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt Sgt P J V Evans (Navigator)

Passengers

Commander Clark (RN) plus Five RN personnel.

RAAF 413269 Flt Lt Sly, N M (Pilot) of Headquarters Northern Command Madang, attached to the Royal Navy

Flt Lt Sly is buried in the Sai Wan War Cemetery, Hong Kong.

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

17462 Corporal SMALPAGE, Reginald Clement

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/162/288 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Port Moresby |

Summary:

On the 22nd January 1942, Cpl Smalpage a W/T Operator, was NCO in Charge Signals at Rabaul Air Operational Base, New Britain, engaged in the evacuation of Rabaul before the occupation of Rabaul by enemy forces.

On the 6th May 1942, LAC Stean of RAAF Temora reported that “ Cpl Smalpage got out with a RAAF evacuation party and was with us for the first 20 miles of our overland trek. Here we called a halt and found that some very secret documents had been left behind at our last stopping place about three miles back. As he was in charge of Signals, Smalpage went back to recover those papers while we waited. He had only six miles to go but he did not return. There were no Japs about in the district at the time and his disappearance was a mystery to us.”

In 1946 FO Lempriere (a repatriated POW) reported that “while trying to get out of Rabaul before he was captured, he met Smalpage and endeavoured to persuade him to accompany him. This Smalpage did but only as far as Toll where he remained, as he had sustained a sprained ankle, and Lempriere did not see him again.”

The Japanese landed at Toll New Britain, on the 3rd February 1942. No one escaped from Toll after the Japanese had landed, and with the exception of five Australian soldier survivors, all the Australians there were killed by the Japanese on the 4th February 1942. One hundred and forty seven bodies were recovered from the massacre at Toll, but only eleven of those could be identified, and Smalpage was not among those eleven. As Cpl Smalpage had become separated from his RAAF party of which he was a member, and had joined a party of Australian Military personnel, there is no official record of his presence at Toll, but it was considered that the evidence of FO Lempriere established this beyond doubt. It was presumed that Cpl Smalpage had lost his life on the 4th February 1942,

Cpl Smalpage has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Rabaul Memorial, Papua New Guinea. Rabaul lies on Blanch Bay inside the hook-nosed north-eastern tip of the Gazelle Peninsula of New Britain. The Memorial is situated in the Rabaul (Bitu Paka) War Cemetery, which 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

62078 Leading Aircraftsman SMEDLEY, Albert

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/38/555 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Bradfield Park |

Summary:

On the 13th June 1944, LAC Smedley a Cook, died of an illness in SSQ Bradfield Park.
He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

39183 Leading Aircraftsman SMITH, John Cecil

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/38/1416 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Port Moresby |

Summary:

On the 16th April 1947, LAC Smith a Driver Motor transport, was severely burnt when he was attempting to start the engines of a Bomb Scow and an explosion occurred causing a petrol fire. He died of his injuries on the 22nd April 1947, and is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua new Guinea.

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

45738 Aircraftsman Class 1 SMITH, Stanley George

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/90/235 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 19th February 1942, seven RAAF personnel of Station Headquarters Darwin, were killed by enemy action at Darwin, Northern Territory. Also killed were three USA personnel.

The seven RAAF personnel were :

RAAF 76 Wng Cdr Tindall, A R (Area Armaments Officer)
RAAF 18368 LAC L A Barton, (Fitter DMT)
RAAF 20361 AC1 F Neaylon, (DMT)
RAAF 32932 LAC P S Latham, (DMT)
RAAF 45738 AC1 S G Smith, (DMT)
RAAF 26040 Cpl R F Simons, (Guard)
RAAF 28222 LAC A V L Schultz, (Mess Steward)

Those killed are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia.

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

75071 Aircraftman Class 1 SPENCER, Walter Raymond

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/163/462 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Amberley |

Summary:

On the 16th August 1942, AC1 Spencer a Messman, died after an illness of some months at No112 AGH Greenslopes. He is buried in the Brisbane General Cemetery, Toowong, Queensland.

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

29489 Flight Sergeant TAPPING, Raymond Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/471 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 14 ARD Pearce |

Summary:

On the 18th July 1946, two RAAF Tenders collided on the Gingin road, three miles south of the RAAF Station at Pearce, W Aust. The following four personnel were killed in the accident and six others were injured.

81826 LAC R A Powell, (Flight Mechanic)
29489 Flt Sgt R T Tapping, (Clerk Accts) Hdqrts Western Area
3093 Cpl C W Chester, (Fitter DMT) 14 ARD Pearce
29351 Cpl P J Wall, (Fitter 11A), 14 ARD

All four are buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

46321 Aircraftman Class 1 TAYLOR, John Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/6 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Beaufort |
| Serial number: | A9 – 174 |
| Radio call sign: | PN – |
| Unit: | 14 SQN RAAF |

Summary:

Beaufort A9-174 took off from RAF Pearce at approx 0530 hours on the morning of 7 January 1943 detailed to carry out an operational patrol. It was the only aircraft of the Squadron engaged on operations at the time.

Approx one minute after take off the aircraft crashed at Bullsbrook WA at the windward end of the aerodrome and a short distance outside the drome boundary. The five on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 408980 PO Dimelow, W B Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 403235 Sgt J B Arnett, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 413264 Sgt C G Saunders, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 29624 Sgt N G Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 46321 AC1 J F Taylor, (Wireless Mechanic) PAX (of Headquarters Pearce)

Those killed are buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia, Australia.

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

272080 Flying Officer THOMAS, Maurice Samuel

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/26/242 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Tiger Moth |
| Serial number: | A17-242 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Townsville |

Summary:

On the 19th July 1942, Tiger Moth A17-242 took off from Townsville at approx 9.35am on a travel flight to Cairns of approx 2 hours duration. A small aircraft probably the Tiger Moth, was seen half an hour after take off flying over Tully in a northerly direction, and a short time later over El Arish flying in a NNW direction, when it appeared that the engine was not functioning properly. Nothing further was seen of the aircraft and it failed to arrive at its destination. Searches for the aircraft and crew were unsuccessful.

Crew:

RAAF 49583 PO Covell, J E (Pilot)

RAAF 272080 FO Thomas, M S (Station Navigation Officer)

The missing crew 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

9417 Flight Sergeant TIER, Roy

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/39/605 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Narromine |

Summary:

On the 14th July 1945, Flt Sgt Tier a Cook was killed in a motor car accident near Narromine Station RAAF. He is buried in the Narromine War Cemetery, NSW.

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

69755 Corporal TIMMINS, Arthur Stanislaw

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4605375 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Headquarters North Western Area Darwin |

Summary:

On the 29th January 1944, Cpl Timmins a Clerk Pay, died from injuries received in a motor car accident on the Darwin Road. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

76 Wing Commander TINDALL Archibald Robert

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/90/235 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 19th February 1942, seven RAAF personnel of Station Headquarters Darwin, were killed by enemy action at Darwin, Northern Territory. Also killed were three USA personnel.

The seven RAAF personnel were :

RAAF 76 Wng Cdr Tindall, A R (Area Armaments Officer)
RAAF 18368 LAC L A Barton, (Fitter DMT)
RAAF 20361 AC1 F Neaylon, (DMT)
RAAF 32932 LAC P S Latham, (DMT)
RAAF 45738 AC1 S G Smith, (DMT)
RAAF 26040 Cpl R F Simons, (Guard)
RAAF 28222 LAC A V L Schultz, (Mess Steward)

Those killed are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia.

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

8041 Aircraftsman Class 1 VAN TREIGHT, Gordon Charles

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/91/161 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Qantas "Corio" Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Darwin |

Summary:

On the 30th January 1942, Qantas "Corio" Flying boat took off from Darwin for Sourabaya with a RAAF installation party on board. When the aircraft was approaching Koepang, Timor, it was attacked while flying at 400 feet by seven Zeros and shot down. The RAAF party of seven were killed in the attack and there were five survivors who were not RAAF members.

One of the survivors reported that the engines caught alight in the attack and the flying boat broke its back when alighting on the water. The survivors were able to swim ashore, although wounded.

The RAAF members who lost their lives, all members of Station Headquarters Darwin , were as follows.

RAAF Sgt J C McMillan (Fitter 11A)
 RAAF 43169 AC1 W O Beckett (Office Orderly)
 RAAF 18607 Cpl E G Kerr (W/T Operator)
 RAAF AC1 J De Pinna (Office Orderly)
 RAAF AC1 G C Van Treight (Office Orderly)
 RAAF AC1 W N Lee (W/T Operator)
 RAAF AC1 J H Holliday (Office Orderly)

The seven RAAF members have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Northern Territory Memorial, which is located in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia.

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

261029 Flying Officer VEREY, Harold George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/778 Commonwealth War Graves Records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Sqn |

Summary:

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The personnel comprising the party were :

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

4215 Pilot Officer WAGNER, Harold John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/97/128 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Empire Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | A18-12 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 33 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 27th February 1942 A18-12 crashed at Townsville, Q'Land, at 1802 hours, during alighting after a test flight following completion of a 50 hourly inspection.

Crew:

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| RAAF | 400004 FO Love R J Captain (Pilot) 11 Sqn | Died of his injuries |
| RAAF | 407942 PO Devonshire, P S (2 nd Pilot) 11 Sqn | Killed |
| RAAF | 15928 Cpl R Short, (Fitter 11E) 20 Sqn | Died 3/3/42 |
| RAAF | 10429 Cpl W J French, (Fitter 11A) 11 Sqn | Killed |
| RAAF | 34542 LAC K M Poulton, (W/T Operator) | Seriously injured |
| RAAF | 17708 Sgt J G Nicholson, (W/T Operator) (of SHQ Port Morseby) | Missing |
| RAAF | 15065 LAC M Clayton, (Fitter 11E) 11 Sqn | Killed |
| RAAF | 264288 PO Laurence, L C PAX (of RAAF HQ NE Area, Townsville) | Seriously injured |
| WAAAF | 93900 Cpl R S Diggles, (HQ WAAAF) | Missing |
| RAAF | 274159 PO Filmer, A (PAX) | Slightly injured |
| RAAF | 4215 PO Wagner, H J (of RAAF HQ NE Area, Townsville) | Killed |

LAC Poulton, PO Laurence and PO Filmer survived the crash and the war.

FO Love, PO Devonshire, PO Wagner, Cpl Short, Cpl French and LAC Clayton are buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland, Australia.

Sgt Nicholson and Cpl Diggles have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Sydney Memorial, which stands in the Sydney War Cemetery, about 17kms west of Sydney, NSW Australia.

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

27521 Leading Aircraftsman WALKER, Laurence Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/778 Commonwealth War Graves Records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

38404 Aircraftsman Class 1 WALSH, James

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/176/128 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Station Laverton |

Summary:

On the 22nd July 1941, AC1 Walsh a Trainee Nursing Orderly, collapsed and died following an operation at RAAF Hospital Laverton. He is buried in the Perth (Karrakatta) General Cemetery, Western Australia.

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

151902 Leading Aircraftsman WALTON, Albert Grant

Source:

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

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| Aircraft Type: | Dakota |
| Serial number: | A65-56 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 33 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 11th 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 (2nd 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

405702 Pilot Officer WARD, Cyril James

Source:

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

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Port Moresby |

Summary:

ON the 21st June 1942, PO Ward a Pilot, 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

35098 Corporal WEIGHTMAN, Alfred Gray

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/43/1433 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Rathmines |

Summary:

On the 13th June 1945, Cpl Weightman a Stewsrdr, died of an illness at Callan park Mental Hospital, Rozelle NSW. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

23203 Leading Aircraftsman WHITE, Sidney

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/177/188 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Bankstown |

Summary:

On the 29th December 1941, LAC White a Tailor, was a member of a Vickers Machine gun crew proceeding to his post on a drop side tender during an air raid alarm practice at RAAF Bankstown. When the tender was turning a corner, LAC White lost his balance and was thrown to the ground. He died at AGH Concord on the 1st January 1942, and was cremated in the Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney, NSW.

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

43833 Corporal WHITEHEAD, Lionel Robinson

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/178/356 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Maryborough |

Summary:

On the 4th July 1942, Cpl Whitehaed a Service Policeman, died of an illness at the Wattlebrae Infectious Diseases Hospital, Brisbane. He was cremated in the Mt Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane, Queensland.

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

648 Flight Lieutenant WINTER, Richard Raymond Henry AFC

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/64/161 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Brewster Buffalo |
| Serial number: | A51-2 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 P/R Unit Laverton |

Summary:

On the 8th July 1942, Brewster Buffalo A51-2 crashed near Tullarook, Victoria, about 15 minutes after take off from Laverton when on a cross country flight to Canberra. The pilot was killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAAF 648 Flt Lt Winter, R R H, AFC (Pilot)

Flt Lt Winter was cremated at the Springvale Crematorium, and his name is recorded on the Victoria Cremation Memorial.

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

33039 Corporal WOODS, Stanley Thomas

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/44/2

Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Station Headquarters Richmond |

Summary:

On the 1st January 1943, Cpl Woods a Guard was run over by a train at Wentworthville Station, Sydney and killed. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

424856 Corporal ANDERSON, Ronald Goodwin

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5526039 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Personnel Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 24th March 1946, Cpl Anderson an Electroplater, died of an illness. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

128715 Leading Aircraftsman BATTY, Kenneth James

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/5/11403 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Personnel Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 15th October 1945, LAC Batty a Flight Rigger, died of gunshot wounds. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

83519 Leading Aircraftsman BENTLEY, James William

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/5/1443 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 5 Personnel Depot Perth |

Summary:

On the 27th April 1946, LAC Bentley a Flight Mechanic was died of his injuries in a motor cycle accident when on leave. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

146312 Aircraftman Class 1 BETTS, Ernest George

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/5/720 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | |

Summary:

On the 29th September 1944, AC1 Betts a Welder, died in the Rockhampton General Hospital from injuries in a train accident. The accident occurred at Kunwarara on a troop train travelling from Brisbane to Townsville. He was seen to step out on to the observation platform at the rear of car 8, and stand on the lower ledge. Apparently his foot became caught beneath the edge of the platform and he was dragged under the train and badly injured.

AC1 Betts is buried in the Rockhampton War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

129518 Leading Aircraftsman BRAMLEY, Clifton Elswood

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/6/1267 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Personnel Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 10th July 1946, LAC Bramley an Equipment Assistant, died of an illness at No 6 RAAF Hospital; Heidelberg. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

14750 Warrant Officer BURGESS, Colin Ward

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/6/1456 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Personnel Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 16th January 1946, WO Burgess a Photographer, died of an illness at Callan Park Mental Hospital, Rozelle. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

21742 Corporal CAHILL, John Joseph

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/7/1018 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Personnel Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 6th June 1945, Cpl Cahill a Clerk, died of his injuries when he fell off the Allawah Railway platform to the permanent way, and was struck by a train. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

58123 Sergeant CULMER, Archibald Henry Halton

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/8/610 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Personnel Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 7th October 1944, Sgt Culmer a Clerk, died of an illness at No 6 RAAF Hospital Heidelberg. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

128448 Corporal DOWELL, William Gordon Bruce

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/10/299 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Personnel Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 12th February 1945, Cpl Dowell a Cypher Assistant, died of an illness at No 6 RAAF Hospital, Heidelberg. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

142281 Leading Aircraftsman FLETCHER, Edward John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/13/576 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Personnel Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 16th February 1946, LAC Fletcher a Cook died of an illness in the Queens Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital Fairfield. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

15001 Warrant Officer GARBUTT, Norman Herbert

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/15/570 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Personnel Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 12th September 1945, WO Garbutt a Flight Engineer, was killed in motor cycle/
motor car accident between Penrith & Parramatta. He is buried in the Sydney War
Cemetery, NSW.

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

430618 Warrant Officer GUNN, Ernest Robert

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/16/721 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Personnel Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 27th July 1945, WO Gunn a Wireless Operator Air, died of an illness at No 2 RAAF Hospital Ascot Vale. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

81050 Corporal HOOD, George Howard

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/18/480 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 5 Personnel Depot Perth |

Summary:

On the 6th October 1944, Cpl Hood a Clerk General, died of an illness in the 110th Perth Military Hospital. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia..

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

44833 Leading Aircraftsman HOUSTON, William David

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/18/485 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 3 Personnel Depot Brisbane |

Summary:

On the 12th October 1944, LAC Houston a Driver Motor Transport, died of an illness at Ascot Brisbane when off duty awaiting discharge. He was cremated at the Mt Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane.

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

403744 Flight Lieutenant IFOULD, Elton Murray

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5250385 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Personnel Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 21st September 1944, Flt Lt Ifould a Pilot, was fatally injured in an aircraft accident at Bankstown, NSW. He was cremated in the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, NSW.

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

45128 Corporal JEWSON, Robert Leonard

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/20/341 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 5 Personnel Depot Perth |

Summary:

On the 24th October 1945, Cpl Jewson a Cook, was found dead by the Civil police on the lawn outside the Ocean Beach Hotel at Cottesloe, WA. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

401221 Flying Officer KNYVETT, Edmund Murray Hugh

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/23/141 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Personnel Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 16th March 1946, FO Knyvett (General Duties Branch), died of an illness at Alfred Hospital Melbourne. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne Victoria.

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

14536 Flying Officer LEGGETT, Arthur Frederick

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/24/973 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Personnel Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 10th February 1946, FO Leggett an Air Gunner, died of an illness at No 3 RAAF Hospital Concord. He was cremated at the Rookwood Crematorium. FO Leggett had previously served with No 10 Sqn RAAF in the UK in 1942.

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

156223 Leading Aircraftsman MASON, Leslie Norman

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/27/1235 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Personnel Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 6th June 1946, LAC Mason an Equipment Assistant, died of an illness at No 6 RAAF Hospital Heidelberg. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne Victoria.

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

82619 Leading Aircraftsman MEARS, Arthur Frank

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/27/1211 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 3 RAAF Hospital Richmond |

Summary:

On the 10th January 1946, LAC Mears a Fitter MBC, died of an illness at the Lady Davidson Home at Turramurra, NSW. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

73116 Flying Officer MEHARRY, John Scott

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/27/1226 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 5 Personnel Depot Perth |

Summary:

On the 22nd May 1946 FO Meharry (A & SD) died of an illness in Perth. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

17178 Sergeant MEMBREY, Harold Osmond

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/143/39 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 5 Personnel Depot Perth |

Summary:

On the 31st August 1945, Sgt Membrey a Boiler Attendant, died of an illness at Wooraloo Sanatorium, WA. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

207670 Flight Sergeant MITCHELL, Cyril

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/271/989 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Personnel Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 29th August 1945, Flt Sgt Mitchell an Equipment Assistant, was killed when struck by a train while crossing the line at the Everleigh Railway yards, Sydney. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

419326 Flight Lieutenant MORRIS, Lloyd Ashwin

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/28/683 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 3 Personnel Depot Brisbane |

Summary:

On the 6th August 1945, Flt L Morris a Navigator Bomb Aimer, was a member of a B24 crew (Flt Lt L W Cairns (Captain), that travelled from Australia to the USA per ATC. They arrived at USA (Fairfield) on the 8th August.45. On the afternoon of the 9th August Flt Lt Morris complained of being sick during the journey and that he still felt far from well. He was advised by the RAAF Movements at San Francisco to report to the Letterman General Hospital. He reported to the hospital on the 10th August, and was admitted. He died of an illness at the hospital on the 12th August 1945 and is buried in the San Bruno (Golden Gate) National Cemetery, California, USA.

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

71794 Sergeant NEELD, Robert Hamper

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4603403 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Personnel Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 15th October 1945 Sgt Neeld an aerodrome defence instructor, was discharged from the RAAF to resume his civilian occupation. He died on the 14th April 1946, and was cremated in the Sydney (Eastern Suburbs) Crematorium. His name is recorded on the NSW Crematorium Memorial, Sydney.

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

88208 Leading Aircraftsman NICHOLLS, Gordon Oscar

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/29/316 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 5 Personnel Depot Perth |

Summary:

On the 25th February 1946, LAC Nicholls a Fitter DMT, was killed in a motor car accident at Como South Perth, when he was in transit for discharge from the RAAF. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

84526 Leading Aircraftsman RICHMOND, Robert Andrew

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/35/241 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 5 Personnel Depot Perth |

Summary:

On the 10th January 1946, LAC Richmond a DMT, died of an illness at the Wooroloo Sanatorium, Perth. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

154676 Leading Aircraftsman RUSHWORTH, Francis Vawser

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/36/761 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 4 Personnel Depot Adelaide |

Summary:

On the 25th September 1946, LAC Rushworth a Clerk, died of an illness at 105th AMH Springbank SA. He is buried in the Adelaide (Centennial Park) Cemetery, South Australia.

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

43238 Sergeant SAULT, Henry Travers Burt

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4941778 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Replenishment Centre Brisbane |

Summary:

On the 24th May 1945, Sgt Sault a Medical Orderly was discharged from the RAAF Medically unfit for further service. He died on the 19th September 1945, and is buried in the South Brisbane Cemetery, Queensland.

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

165078 Leading Aircraftsman SHAW, John Alexander

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/37/1343 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Personnel Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 15th May 1946, LAC Shaw a Fitter DMT died of injuries received in a street accident. He was posted to 2PD for discharge ex 13ARD, and driving a car which collided with a lorry on the Pacific Highway near Charlestown. He is buried in the Newcastle (Sandgate) War Cemetery, NSW.

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

60474 Flight Lieutenant SMITH, Arthur Leonard Manning

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/38/1370 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Personnel Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 30th March 1946, Flt Lt Smith a Navigator Bombaimer, died of an illness at No 3 RAAF Hospital, Concord West. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

71905 Leading Aircraftsman SMITH, Francis Amiens

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/38/1304 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Personnel Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 9th March 1946, LAC Smith a Turner, died at St Leonard's, when he was attacked in a street brawl in which he was not involved He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

300004 Flying Officer TEMPLETON, Gordon Lander

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/39/691 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Personnel Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 8th October 1945, FO Templeton (A & SD), died of an illness at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Fairfield, Vic. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

401806 Flight Lieutenant TERDICH, Bruce Leonard

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/39/355 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Personnel Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 25th May 1946, Flt Lt Terdich a Pilot, died of an illness in No 6 RAAF Hospital Melbourne. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

437888 Flying Officer TROUT, Colin Joseph

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/40/291 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Personnel Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 5th December 1944, FO Trout a Wireless Air Gunner, died of an illness in No 6 RAAF Hospital Heidelberg. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

10839 Sergeant TURNER, George Frederick

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/40/732 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Personnel Depot Heidelberg |

Summary:

On the 23rd March 1946, Sergeant Turner a Cook, died of an illness at No 6 RAAF Hospital Heidelberg. He is buried in the Springvale WAR Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

41806 Corporal WAKEFIELD, Keith

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 1667/43/467 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Personnel Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 23rd December 1944, Cpl Wakefield a Clerk General, died of an illness at No 6 RAAF Hospital Heidelberg. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

147264 Leading Aircraftsman WALKER, Ernest Albert

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/43/1779 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Personnel Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 9th April 1946 LAC Walker a DMT was discharged from the RAAF. He died of an illness at No 6 RAAF Hospital Heidelberg on the 20th April 1946, and is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

38939 Warrant Officer WALLACE, Alexander

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/43/1770 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 5 Personnel Depot Perth |

Summary:

On the 10th April 1946, WO Wallace a Navigator, died of an illness in the 110th Perth Military Hospital; WA. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

133216 Leading Aircraftsman WILKINSON, Eric

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/22/330 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Personnel Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 9th April 1945, LAC Wilkinson a Fitter11E, was admitted to Newcastle District Hospital dangerously ill. He died on the 22nd June 1945 in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Waratah, NSW. LAC Wilkinson is buried in the Newcastle (Sandgate) War Cemetery, NSW.

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

424252 Pilot Officer WITTS, Geoffrey Paul

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/43/1598 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Personnel Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 26th August 1945, PO Witts a Wireless Air Gunner, was killed in a car accident on the Great Western Road at Penrith. He is buried in the Penrith General Cemetery, NSW.

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

10467 Aircraftman Class 1 BRAND, Ray George

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/93/70 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Recruit Depot Laverton |

Summary:

On the 23rd June 1940, AC1 Brand a Coppersmith, was killed in a car accident on the Geelong road near Werribee. Commonwealth War graves records does not record where AC1 Brand is buried.

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

252495 Squadron Leader COOMBES, Alan Chester

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/8/681

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 6 Recruit Centre Hobart |

Summary:

On the 13th October 1944, Sqn Ldr Coombes (A & SD) collapsed and died in a street in Hobart. He is buried in the Hobart (Corneilian Bay) Cemetery, Tasmania.

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

41239 Sergeant CORRIGAN, Thomas Joseph

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/8/8

Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Recruit Centre Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 9th January 1943, Sgt Corrigan a Clerk General, died of an illness at 6 RAAF Hospital Heidelberg. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

22791 Aircraftman Class 1 DRAYTON, John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301, Barcode 4586348 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Recruit Centre Sydney |

Summary:

On the 10th March 1941 AC1 Drayton a Clerk General, was discharged from the RAAF medically unfit for further service. He died on the 2nd September 1942, and is buried in the Rookwood Necropolis, Sydney, NSW.

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

25695 Aircraftman Class 1 DUTTON, John Clement

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/104/64 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 3 Recruit Centre Brisbane |

Summary:

On the 24th August 1941, AC1 Dutton a Nursing Orderly died of his injuries at Rosemount Hospital, as a result of a collision in Kelvin Grove Brisbane. Commonwealth War Graves does not record where AC1 Dutton is buried.

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

68743 Aircraftman Class 1 EGAN, Daniel Francis

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/106/7 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Recruit Centre Sydney |

Summary:

On the 1st September 1942, AC1 Egan a Trainee Group V, died of an illness at No 3 RAAF Hospital. He is buried in the Field of Mars Cemetery, Ryde, NSW.

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

19781 Aircraftman Class 1 ELLISON, Keith Thomas

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 53/1/797

Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Recruit Depot Laverton |

Summary:

On the 18th December 1940, AC1 Ellison was killed by the Geelong Flyer at the railway crossing on Aviation Road near the Laverton aircrafts siding. He is buried in the Fawkner Memorial Park Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

154063 Aircraftman Class 1 GROVES, James Reginald

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/16/484 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Recruit Depot Shepparton |

Summary:

On the 27th November 1944, AC1 Groves, a Trainee Technician, died of an illness at No 5 RAAF Hospital Tocumwal. He is buried in the Tocumwal General Cemetery, NSW.

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

14232 Leading Aircraftsman HARTMAN, Cecil Joseph

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 53/1/703

Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Personnel Centre Sydney |

Summary:

On the 17th August 1940, LAC Hartman a Clerk General died of an illness. He is buried in the Rookwood Necropolis, Sydney.

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

84080 Aircraftman Class 1 JONES, Herbert James

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/21/106 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 4 Recruit Depot Busselton |

Summary:

On the 1st January 1944, AC1 Jones a Trainee Technical struck his head on the bottom when he plunged into the water on a swimming parade at Busselton. He died of his injuries on the 3rd January 1944 at the 110th AGH, and is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

5344 Aircraftsman Class 1 KEALY, Francis Alfred

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/162/113 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Recruit Depot Laverton |

Summary:

On the 28th May 1940, AC1 Kealy an Office Orderly died of an illness at the Caulfield Repatriation General Hospital. He is buried in the Cheltenham New General Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

32549 Aircraftman Class 1 LAYLAND, George Athelston Muir

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 53/1/879

Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Recruit Centre Sydney |

Summary:

On the 26th December 1940, AC1 Layland a Clerk General died of an illness at his residence at Darlinghurst, Sydney. The Commonwealth War Graves does not record where he is buried.

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

3234 Warrant Officer MACDONALD, William Campbell

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/141/866 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Recruit Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 27th November 1942, WO MacDonald a Warrant Officer Disciplinary, died of an illness at No 3 RAAF Hospital, Bradfield Park. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

58941 Aircraftman Class 1 McNEIL, John Alexander Wilson

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/141/857 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 5 Recruit Depot Rockland |

Summary:

On the 12th May 1943, AC1 McNeil a Nursing Orderly, died of an illness at No 6 RAAF Hospital Heidelberg. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

23485 Leading Aircraftsman MANSON, George James

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/142/211 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 3 Recruit Depot Amberley |

Summary:

On the 4th March 1941, LAC Manson died of natural causes at the Rosemount Repatriation Hospital, Brisbane. He is buried in the Brisbane General Cemetery, Queensland.

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

150219 Aircraftman Class 1 MARKEY, Thomas

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/27/190 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 6 Recruit Depot Brisbane |

Summary:

On the 4th August 1943, AC1 Markey an Aircraft hand died of an illness at Greenslopes Hospital, Brisbane. He is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Hospital, Queensland.

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

128725 Corporal PAPROTH, Leonard Charles

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/32/191 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Recruit Depot Shepparton |

Summary:

On the 22nd September 1943, Cpl Paproth a Drill Instructor, was accidentally killed by a rifle wound, while engaged on a night field craft exercise with a Recruit squadron at Bivouac Camp 1RD Shepparton. He is buried in the Shepparton WAR Cemetery, Victoria.

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

17525 Aircraftsman Class 1 PARBUTT, Percy Francis

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 53/1/750

Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 4 Recruit Depot Pearce |

Summary:

On the 13th September 1940, AC1 Parbutt a Fitter 11A, died. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

162069 Aircraftsman Class 1 PARKS, Jack

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/32/356 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Recruit Depot Cootamundra |

Summary:

On the 14th April 1944, AC1 Parks a General Hand, reported sick at a Bivouac Camp and was admitted to SSQ> He died on the same day and is buried in the Cootamundra War Cemetery, NSW.

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

78648 Corporal PARTRIDGE, Jonathan Charles

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/321/333 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Recruit Depot Shepparton |

Summary:

On the 14th July 1944, Cpl Partridge a Drill Instructor died of an illness at Tweeds Heads, NSW. He is buried in the Tweed Heads Cemetery, NSW.

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

122998 Aircraftman Class 1 PETERSEN, Laurence Theodore

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/32/94 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Recruit Depot Shepparton |

Summary:

On the 23rd May 1943, AC1 Petersen a Trainee Telegraphist died of an illness at Mooroopna Hospital, Victoria. He is buried in the Shepparton War Cemetery, Victoria.

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

154213 Aircraftsman Class 1 SELWAY, Ian Lloyd

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/37/657 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Recruit Depot Shepparton |

Summary:

On the 16th December 1944, AC1 Selway a Trainee Technician, drowned in Lake Victoria, Shepparton, whilst on unit stand down. He is buried in the Shepparton War Cemetery, Victoria.

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

13143 Sergeant SORENSON, William Mervyn

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/38/39 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 3 Recruit Centre Brisbane |

Summary:

On the 13th February 1943, four NCO's members of the Queensland Independent Stocktaking staff attached to No 1 BAGS from 3 Recruit Centre, spent the Saturday morning at Evans Head on the normal week end stand down at 1 BAGS.

At approx 1100 hours three of them including Sgt Sorenson (an Equipment Assistant), were standing about waist high in the water surf fishing, and casting out as the water receded. Sgt Sorenson was drawn by the undertow into deep water, and when his cries showed he was in difficulties, others went out to help him, but within 3 to 4 yards of him saw him disappear under the water and not re-appear. His companions reported that Sgt Sorenson could not swim.

No trace of Sgt Sorenson's body was found and he 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

29060 Corporal WANN, Robert Edward

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 53/1/745

Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 4 Recruit Depot Pearce |

Summary:

On the 17th October 1940, Cpl Wann a Drill Instructor, died of his injuries when he was hit by a car when walking with others at night on their way back to RAAF Station Pearce, WA. He is buried in the Perth (Karrakatta) General Cemetery, Western Australia.

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

440657 Aircraftman Class 1 BOOTH, James William

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/6/1341 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 3 Reserve Personnel Pool Morotai |

Summary:

On the 5th September 1945, AC1 Booth a Clerk Medical Assistant, died of his burns when an explosion of petrol occurred while he was washing medical equipment. He is buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia.

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

408563 Sergeant CHISHOLM, Robert William Tylden

Source:

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

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1RPP Garbutt |

Summary:

On the 27th 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, (2nd Pilot)

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

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

Passengers:

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

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

.Among the RAAF passengers was Sgt R W T Chisholm of RPP Garbutt.

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

63185 Leading Aircraftsman CLOUGH, Ernest Arthur

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/97/203 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 73 Reserve Squadron Cootamundra |

Summary:

On the 8th November 1942, LAC Clough a Guard, was seriously injured by a bullet wound. He died on the 10th November 1942, in the Cootamundra District Hospital. He is buried in the Rookwood Necropolis Sydney, NSW.

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

142471 Leading Aircraftsman CULPH, Peter Brehaut

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5343633, Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 RPP Garbutt |

Summary:

On the 24th August 1944, LAC Culph a General Hand, died of injuries. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

32238 Leading Aircraftsman ELLIS, Alfred James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/119 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Qantas Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | VH-ADU |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 RPP Townsville |

Summary:

On the 22nd April 1943, VH-ADU on a ferry flight from Townsville to Port Moresby crashed in the Coral Sea at night during heavy rain and low cloud at 1922 hours, 21 miles south of the Basilisk Light, Port Moresby. There were 18 survivors in the crash and nine fatalities

Passengers

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| RAAF | 423531 AC1 J A Harris, (Fitter DMT) | 15 ARD Townsville. |
| RAAF | 59312 AC1 A R Stephens, (Fitter 11E) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 51288 AC1 E A Flanagan, (Cook) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 32238 LAC A J Ellis (Cook)) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 55573 AC1 V E Grogan, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 50337 Cpl D W Nicholson, (Fitter Armourer) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 37501 Sgt E J Grady, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 267520 PO Phillips, T J | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |
| RAAF | 267521 PO Bartley, W | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |

All the nine have no known graves. Their names are commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, Papua New Guinea. The Memorial is situated in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, which is located approx 19kms north of Port Moresby on the road to Nine Mile.

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

51288 Aircraftsman Class 1 FLANAGAN, Ernest Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/119 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Qantas Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | VH-ADU |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 RPP Townsville |

Summary:

On the 22nd April 1943, VH-ADU on a ferry flight from Townsville to Port Moresby crashed in the Coral Sea at night during heavy rain and low cloud at 1922 hours, 21 miles south of the Basilisk Light, Port Moresby. There were 18 survivors in the crash and nine fatalities

Passengers

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| RAAF | 423531 AC1 J A Harris, (Fitter DMT) | 15 ARD Townsville. |
| RAAF | 59312 AC1 A R Stephens, (Fitter 11E) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 51288 AC1 E A Flanagan, (Cook) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 32238 LAC A J Ellis (Cook)) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 55573 AC1 V E Grogan, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 50337 Cpl D W Nicholson, (Fitter Armourer) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 37501 Sgt E J Grady, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 267520 PO Phillips, T J | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |
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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

37501 Sergeant GRADY, Ernest John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/119 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Qantas Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | VH-ADU |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 RPP Townsville |

Summary:

On the 22nd April 1943, VH-ADU on a ferry flight from Townsville to Port Moresby crashed in the Coral Sea at night during heavy rain and low cloud at 1922 hours, 21 miles south of the Basilisk Light, Port Moresby. There were 18 survivors in the crash and nine fatalities

Passengers

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| RAAF | 423531 AC1 J A Harris, (Fitter DMT) | 15 ARD Townsville. |
| RAAF | 59312 AC1 A R Stephens, (Fitter 11E) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 51288 AC1 E A Flanagan, (Cook) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 32238 LAC A J Ellis (Cook)) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 55573 AC1 V E Grogan, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 50337 Cpl D W Nicholson, (Fitter Armourer) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 37501 Sgt E J Grady, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 267520 PO Phillips, T J | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |
| RAAF | 267521 PO Bartley, W | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |

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

55573 Aircraftman Class 1 GROGAN, Vincent Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/119 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Qantas Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | VH-ADU |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 RPP Townsville |

Summary:

On the 22nd April 1943, VH-ADU on a ferry flight from Townsville to Port Moresby crashed in the Coral Sea at night during heavy rain and low cloud at 1922 hours, 21 miles south of the Basilisk Light, Port Moresby. There were 18 survivors in the crash and nine fatalities

Passengers

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| RAAF | 423531 AC1 J A Harris, (Fitter DMT) | 15 ARD Townsville. |
| RAAF | 59312 AC1 A R Stephens, (Fitter 11E) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 51288 AC1 E A Flanagan, (Cook) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 32238 LAC A J Ellis (Cook)) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 55573 AC1 V E Grogan, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 50337 Cpl D W Nicholson, (Fitter Armourer) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 37501 Sgt E J Grady, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 267520 PO Phillips, T J | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |
| RAAF | 267521 PO Bartley, W | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |

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

149300 Leading Aircraftsman HADDOW, Douglas Euan

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/17/1405 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 3 Reserve Personnel Pool Morotai |

Summary:

On the 29th August 1945, LAC Haddow a Steward, and Cpl Cheslett set out in a rubber dinghy to a diving raft situated about 300 yards from the shore below the RAAF transit camp at Biak. When returning from the raft the dinghy was accidentally overturned about 20 yards from the raft, and drifted away from them both.

Cpl Cheslett went to assist Haddow who could not swim and succeeded in getting him on to a small rock. As it could only support one person, Cheslett who at this time was very weak swam to another rock about 10 yards away and rested for a period. He then commenced to swim towards Haddow, and he saw Haddow either jump or fall off the rock, come to the top of the water and then sink. Cheslett searched but could not find him. Other searches could not locate LAC Haddow and it was presumed that he had drowned. LAC Haddow 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

167315 Aircraftsman Class 1 HOGAN, John Sidney

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/18/763 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Reserve Personnel Pool Winnellie |

Summary:

On the 23rd June 1945, AC1 Hogan a Clerk pay, died of an illness at Darwin. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

120260 Leading Aircraftsman LEACH, George Hilton

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4831191 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 31 Reserve Depot RAAF Exmouth Gulf |

Summary:

On the 3rd August 1945, LAC Leach an RDF Mechanic, was discharged from the RAAF medically unfit. He died on the 31st May 1947 and was cremated in the Springvale Crematorium, and his name is recorded on the Victorian Cremation Memorial.

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

50337 Corporal NICHOLSON, Donald William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/119 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Qantas Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | VH-ADU |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 RPP Townsville |

Summary:

On the 22nd April 1943, VH-ADU on a ferry flight from Townsville to Port Moresby crashed in the Coral Sea at night during heavy rain and low cloud at 1922 hours, 21 miles south of the Basilisk Light, Port Moresby. There were 18 survivors in the crash and nine fatalities

Passengers

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| RAAF | 423531 AC1 J A Harris, (Fitter DMT) | 15 ARD Townsville. |
| RAAF | 59312 AC1 A R Stephens, (Fitter 11E) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 51288 AC1 E A Flanagan, (Cook) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 32238 LAC A J Ellis (Cook)) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 55573 AC1 V E Grogan, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 50337 Cpl D W Nicholson, (Fitter Armourer) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 37501 Sgt E J Grady, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 267520 PO Phillips, T J | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |
| RAAF | 267521 PO Bartley, W | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |

All the nine have no known graves. Their names are commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, Papua New Guinea. The Memorial is situated in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, which is located approx 19kms north of Port Moresby on the road to Nine Mile.

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

442529 Flight Sergeant PFLAUM, John Elliott

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/32/947 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Kittyhawk |
| Serial number: | A29- |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 3 Replenishment Personnel Pool Morotai |

Summary:

On the 15th November 1945, Kittyhawk A29- crashed from 200 feet after take off at Zamboanga, Mindanao, Phillipines, and crashed into some native huts. The pilot was killed along with six natives. The aircraft which was destroyed by fire was on a ferry duty from 1 RSU Labuan to No 6AD.

Crew:

RAAF 442529 Flt Sgt J E Pflaum, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Pflaum is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

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

59312 Aircraftman Class 1 STEPHENS, Alan Reginald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/119 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Qantas Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | VH-ADU |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 RPP Townsville |

Summary:

On the 22nd April 1943, VH-ADU on a ferry flight from Townsville to Port Moresby crashed in the Coral Sea at night during heavy rain and low cloud at 1922 hours, 21 miles south of the Basilisk Light, Port Moresby. There were 18 survivors in the crash and nine fatalities

Passengers

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| RAAF | 423531 AC1 J A Harris, (Fitter DMT) | 15 ARD Townsville. |
| RAAF | 59312 AC1 A R Stephens, (Fitter 11E) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 51288 AC1 E A Flanagan, (Cook) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 32238 LAC A J Ellis (Cook)) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 55573 AC1 V E Grogan, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 50337 Cpl D W Nicholson, (Fitter Armourer) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 37501 Sgt E J Grady, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 267520 PO Phillips, T J | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |
| RAAF | 267521 PO Bartley, W | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |

All the nine have no known graves. Their names are commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, Papua New Guinea. The Memorial is situated in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, which is located approx 19kms north of Port Moresby on the road to Nine Mile.

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

205827 Flight Sergeant STEVENS, John William

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/38/181 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Reserve Personnel Pool Townsville |

Summary:

On the 26th June 1943, Flt Sgt Stevens, a Drill Instructor, died of a illness at the 112 AGH. He is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

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

25533 Leading Aircraftsman STEWART, Ivan

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/163/521 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 52 Reserve Squadron Evans Head |

Summary:

On the 30th September 1942, LAC Stewart a Mess Steward died of an illness in Lismore Base hospital, NSW. He is buried in the Evans Head General Cemetery, NSW.

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

418203 Flightt Sergant SYKES, Geoffrey Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/204 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Beaufort |
| Serial number: | A9-452 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 13 AIRCRAFT REPAIR DEPOT |

Summary:

A9-452 crashed 5 miles north of Fanning, Queensland, at approx 1315 hours on 21st March 1944. The aircraft was on a travel flight and crashed when the starboard engine caught fire in flight.

Crew:

RAAF 416943 PO Ferguson, D W Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 408494 Flt Sgt J N Wise, (Navigator)
RAAF 413920 Flt Sgt R H Williamson, Pax
RAAF 418203 Flt Sgt G S Sykes, (Nav W) Pax No1 Reserve Pool, Garbutt
RAAF 140268 LAC W G Cadd, Pax 13 ARD Breddon

PO Ferguson and LAC Cadd died of their injuries on 22nd March 1944, and Flt Sgt Sykes died on 23rd March 1944. They are buried in the Charters Towers War Cemetery, Queensland. The other two on board survived the crash.

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

262674 Flight Lieutenant WILLIAMS, John George

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/4/304 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Reserve Personnel Pool Townsville |

Summary:

On the 25th August 1943, Flt Lt Williams (A & SD) died of an illness at No 3 RAAF Hospital. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

5657 Sergeant ALLEN, George Arthur

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/87/162 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 5 Embarkation Depot Perth |

Summary:

On the 17th March 1942, Sgt Allen a Fitter Armourer, died as a result of injuries received at Fremantle. He is buried in the

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

89121 Leading Aircraftsman BENNETT, Allan W

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4954085 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Ex 7 Transport & Movement Office Lae |

Summary:

On the 8th August 1946, LAC Bennett died of an illness in Tasmania. He is buried in the Carr Villa General Cemetery, Launceston, Tasmania.

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

444885 Leading Aircraftsman BOYDELL, Charles Broughton

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/6/1100 Commonwealth War Graves records

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Mosquito |
| Serial number: | HR576 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Transport Movement Office Sydney. |

Summary:

On the 2nd May 1945, Mosquito HR576 crashed at 1145 hours, at Petersham, NSW, during a non-operational test flight, and the two on board were killed. The aircraft caught fire, disintegrated in a dive, and crashed on to some buildings.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Rochford D G (Pilot) of 616 Sqn RAF

RAAF 444885 LAC C B Boydell, (Trainee Aircrew (2P) PAX

Both are buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

147898 Corporal BRIGHT, Harry Sidney

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/6/1517 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Transport & Movement Office Melbourne. |

Summary:

On the 16th May 1947, Cpl Bright a DMT, died from injuries received when a vehicle rolling backwards, pinned him against the wall, at the units Transport Section, Bay St, Port Melbourne, Vic. He was cremated at the Springvale Crematorium, and his name is recorded on the Victorian Cremation Memorial, Melbourne.

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

24786 Leading Aircraftsman BROWN, Roy Thomas

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/6/499 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Embarkation Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 7th April 1944, LAC Brown a Canteen Steward, die of his injuries in No 6 RAAF Hospital, Heidelberg, Vic. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne Victoria.

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

257414 Squadron Leader BUNGEY, Robert Wilton DFC

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/6/175 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 4 Embarkation Depot Adelaide |

Summary:

On the 10th June 1943, Sqn Ldr Bungey a Pilot, who was on special leave following the death of his wife on the 27th May 1943, was found shot dead on the beach at Brighton, South Australia. His son of 15 months was found critically wounded beside the body of Sqn Ldr Bungey, although his young son survived the tragedy.

Sqn Ldr Bungey is buried in the Brighton (St Jude) Church Cemetery, South Australia. Brighton is about 8kms south west of Adelaide. The Cemetery is in Brighton road behind the Parish Church of St Jude. He was age 28 years when he died.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to Sqn Ldr Bungey then of 452 Sqn RAAF is as follows : “ This officer has been almost continuously engaged in operations against the enemy since the war began. During operations in France he carried out many bombings and reconnaissance missions and later fought in the Battle of Britain. Since July 1941, Sqn Ldr Bungey has led the squadron and occasionally the wing, on many operational sorties over Northern France. Brilliant successes have been achieved and during August the unit shot down 24 hostile aircraft. Throughout this officer has displayed gallant and efficient leadership. (London Gazette 7/10/1941 page 5773)

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

140267 Leading Aircraftsman BURNS, Kevan John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/27/.1188 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 7 Transport & Movement Office Finschhafen |

Summary:

On the 14th October 1945, three RAAF members were off shore in the vicinity of Finschhafen, using a belly tank as a boat, when it capsized and sank. Both LAC Mann (DMT) and LAC Burns drowned in the accident and the third member reached the shore.

The two who lost their lives have no known grave. Their names are 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

122722 Aircraftman Class 1 BYRNE, John Garnet

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/6/236 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 6 Transport & Movement Office Townsville |

Summary:

On the 20th September 1943, AC1 Byrne a General Hand, died of an illness at the Townsville General Hospital. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

138754 Aircraftman Class 1 CAMERON, Donald James

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/7/204 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Embarkation Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 23rd September 1943, AC1 Cameron a DMT, was killed in a motor car accident on the Jervis Bay-Nowra road. He is buried in the Nowra War Cemetery, NSW.

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

125474 Leading Aircraftsman CARR, Albert Nelson

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 1166/7/464 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 7 Transport & Movement Office Los Negros |

Summary:

On the 9th April 1944, LAC Carr a DMT, was killed by an explosion of a land mine at Los Negros, Admiralty Islands.. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

17853 Aircraftsman Class 1 CARR, Sydney

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/95/194 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 5 Embarkation Depot Perth |

Summary:

On the 22nd December 1941, AC1 Carr a Fitter 11E, was injured in an accident between a bus and a train at the Guilford railway crossing while returning from duty. He died in the Hollywood Hospital on the 24th December 1941, and is buried in the Perth (Karrakatta) General Cemetery, Western Australia.

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

14178 Leading Aircraftsman CHESTER, Donald Joseph

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/96/144 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Embarkation Depot Ascot Vale |

Summary:

On the 5th July 1944, LAC Chester a Messman, died of an illness at the 115th AGH. He is buried in the Cheltenham New General Cemetery, Victoria..

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

255205 Flight Lieutenant COHEN, Colin Edward

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/8/982 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 9 Transport & Movement Office Tarakan |

Summary:

On the 1st May 1945, Flt Lt Cohen (A & SD) was OIC of a detachment of No9 TMO personnel at Tarakan. He disembarked at Tarakan on May 1st and about 2 o'clock in that afternoon found it necessary to return to the ship near the beach. To do this he had to cross a pontoon bridge between shore and ship. At the same time blasting operations were proceeding nearby. Although a warning was given of each blasting before the charge was let off, it was apparent that he did not hear the warning because of the noise of gun fire. He was half way across the bridge when a piece of metal struck him and he was killed. He is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery Malaysia.

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

3817 Flight Sergeant CROWLEY, Patrick Joseph

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/8/966 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 6 Transport & Movement Office Townsville |

Summary:

On the 23rd April 1945, Flt Sgt Crowley a Clerk Stores, when walking in Eyre St Townsville, was struck by a hit and run car 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

118952 Leading Aircraftsman DOYLE, John Francis

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/10/192 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 6 Transport & Movement Office Townsville |

Summary:

On the 4th March 1944, LAC Doyle a Clerk, died in the Ingham General Hospital from injuries received in a road accident at Ingham. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

81599 Leading Aircraftsman DWYER, Maurice Robert France

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/10/167 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 5 Recruit Depot Perth |

Summary:

On the 15th January 1944, LAC Dwyer a General Hand, drowned in the Swan River Guilford, WA. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery & Annex, Western Australia.

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

88705 Corporal EASTALL, Ernest Lochlan

Source:

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

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| Aircraft Type: | Dakota |
| Serial number: | A65-56 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 33 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 11th 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 (2nd 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

41997 Sergeant EMSLEY, Fred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/59 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Transport & Movement Office Sydney |

Summary:

On the 16th December 1943, Sgt Emsley a Medical Orderly, was washed overboard and drowned when the MV Wanake capsized and was forced onto the Eden Reef and abandoned off Cape Melville Queensland, during a cyclone. Sgt Emsley has no known grave, and his name is commemorated on the Northern Territory Memorial which is located in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

441859 Leading Aircraftsman GODDARD, William Carlisle

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/16/859 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 4 Transport & Movement Office Perth |

Summary:

On the 14th October 1946, LAC Goddard a DMT died of an illness at No 110 Perth Military Hospital, Hollywood, WA. He is buried in the Perth war Cemetery & Annex Western Australia.

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

130691 Leading Aircraftsman HALL, Ernest Mervyn

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/36/131 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Transport & Movement Office Sydney |

Summary:

On the 31st October 1945, WO Rogan a Fitter DMT was killed in a road accident, when a tender crashed into a telegraph pole when in a convoy travelling from Sydney to Brisbane. LAC Hall was also killed in the same accident.

Both are buried in the Newcastle (Sandgate) War Cemetery, NSW.

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

71457 Leading Aircraftsman HARLAND, Edward John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/17/1064 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 7 Transport & Movement Office Tadj |

Summary:

On the 5th March 1945, LAC Harland a General Hand, was reported missing and drowned. He has been engaged in recreational surfing when he was caught in a severe wash. A poor swimmer he was aided by others, who in turn got into difficulty and could no longer support LAC Harland who sank. A search by a crash boat could find no signs of his body and he 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

153310 Aircraftman Class 1 HARVEY, Francis William

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/17/1505 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 9 Transport & Movement Office Morotai |

Summary:

On the 28th October 1945, AC1 Harvey a Stores Hand, died of an illness at the 2/9th AGH. He is buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia.

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

79679 Aircraftman Class 1 HAYDEN, Kevin Patrick

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/171/94 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 3 Embarkation Depot Brisbane |

Summary:

On the 5th April 1943, AC1 Hayden a General Hand, died of wounds at RAAF Station Sandgate, Q\Land. He is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

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

161752 Leading Aircraftsman HIRST, William

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/17/1544 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Transport & Movement Office Sydney |

Summary:

On the 28th February 1946, LAC Hirst a DMT died in the Yass District hospital, of his injuries received in a motorcycle accident. He is buried in the Canberra Woden public Cemetery, ACT.

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

71823 Aircraftman Class 1 HUGHES, Keith Frederic

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/18/18 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Embarkation Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 21st January 1943, AC1 Hughes a Office Orderly, died from injuries accidentally received when walking along the ledge near the top of the Hampton Court Hotel, Kings Cross, and falling on to an allotment of land adjacent to the hotel. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

5964 Leading Aircraftsman Le MERCIER, George Henry

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/137/188 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Embarkation Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 14th August 1942, LAC Le Mercier a Fitter 11E, died of an illness at No 113 AGH Concord West. He is buried in the Botany General Cemetery, NSW.

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

23720 Corporal LINDSAY, William Clyde

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/176/209 Commonwealth War Graves Records

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| Aircraft Type: | Hudson |
| Serial number: | A16-144 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Embarkation Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 17th January 1942, Hudson A16-144, a 14 Sqn aircraft, took off from Ceduna, South Australia, at approx 1400 hours, and crashed bursting into flames. The aircraft was on a Ferry flight.

Crew:

RAAF 223 Flt Lt D B Bradley, Captain (Pilot) (14 Sqn)
RAAF 406714 Sgt R Dow, (2nd Pilot) (1 Op Training Nhill)
RAAF 84 Sqn Ldr G S Laming, PAX.(1 Training Group, Pearce)
RAAF 401557 Sgt R W Westcott, PAX (6 Sqn)
RAAF 407383 Sgt F A Walker, (Wireless Air Gunner) PAX (6 Sqn)
RAAF 23720 Cpl W C Lindsay, (1ED Melbourne)

Flt Lt Bradley Sgt Dow, Sqn Ldr Laming and Cpl Lindsay are buried in the Ceduna (Murat Bay) Public Cemetery, South Australia.

Sgt Westcott is buried in the Ballarat (Old) General Cemetery, Victoria, Australia.

Sgt Walker is buried in the Adelaide (Centennial Park) Cemetery, South Australia.

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

149289 Aircraftman Class 1 LUCK, Willam Bertram

Source :

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

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| Aircraft Type: | Beaufort |
| Serial number: | A9-106 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 8 CU RAAF |

Summary:

On 29th 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 UNITS

127249 Leading Aircraftsman McCAULEY, John Charles

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/26/1170 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Transport & Movement Office Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 13th December 1945, LAC McCauley a Guard, died from injuries received from a vehicle accident. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

145650 Leading Aircraftsman McMANUS, John Maurice

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/26/623 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 6 Transport & Movement Office Townsville |

Summary:

On the 20th October 1944, LAC McManus a General Hand, died at 3MRS from injuries received when he struck the sea bed while diving in the bathing enclosure at Cleveland Bay, Townsville. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

158077 Leading Aircraftsman MANN, Stanley Dennis

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/27/.1188 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 7 Transport & Movement Office Finschhafen |

Summary:

On the 14th October 1945, three RAAF members were off shore in the vicinity of Finschhafen, using a belly tank as a boat, when it capsized and sank. Both LAC Mann (DMT) and LAC Burns drowned in the accident and the third member reached the shore.

The two who lost their lives have no known grave. Their names are 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

115325 Leading Aircraftsman OSTER, Raymond Kingsley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/203 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Dakota C47 |
| Serial number: | VH-CHR |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 22 Troop Carrying Squadron USAC |

Summary:

On the 19th December 1943, Dakota VH-CHR of the No 22 Troop Carrying Squadron USAC, crashed in bad weather at Canal Creek Station, 26 miles north of Rockhampton, Queensland. There were 21 US Service personnel on board, 6 Aust Army personnel, and two RAAF personnel, viz.

RAAF 426040 LAC D C Cameron, (Flight Mechanic) of 36 Sqn

RAAF 115325 LAC R K Oster, (Carpenter) of No 6 Transport & Movement Office
Townsville

All on board were killed. The two RAAF Members are buried in the Rockhampton War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

123468 Leading Aircraftsman PARSONS, Eric Norman

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/32/942 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 6 Transport & Movement Office Townsville |

Summary:

On the 29th October 1945, LAC Parsons a General Hand, died of an illness at 3MRS Townsville. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

284965 Flight Lieutenant RANKIN, Donald Edward

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/35/195 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 7 Transport & Movement Office Goodenough Island |

Summary:

On the 20th December 1943, Flt Lt Rankin, (A & SD) died of his injuries. 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

421509 Sergeant RIORDAN, Eric Joseph Milton

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/35/23 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 2 Embarkation Depot Sydney |

Summary:

On the 15th February 1943, Sgt Riordan an Air Gunner, died on board SS Nestor travelling to the UK. He was buried at sea, and his name is commemorated on the Malta Memorial situated in the area of Floriana, and is easily identified by the Golden Eagle which surmounts the column. It stands outside the main entrance to Valetta.

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

4612 Warrant Officer ROGAN, Donrick Daniel

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/36/131 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Transport & Movement Office Sydney |

Summary:

On the 31st October 1945, WO Rogan a Fitter DMT was killed in a road accident, when a tender crashed into a telegraph pole when in a convoy travelling from Sydney to Brisbane. LAC Hall was also killed in the same accident.

Both are buried in the Newcastle (Sandgate) War Cemetery, NSW.

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

143716 Leading Aircraftsman ROUSE, Charles Robert

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/36/636 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 6 Transport & Movement Office Townsville |

Summary:

On the 7th July 1945, LAC Rouse a General Hand, died from injuries received when he accidentally fell from the back of a tender at Garbutt drome. He is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

170192 Leading Aircraftsman SEAGON, Henry James

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5552265 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 9 Transport & Movement Office Labuan |

Summary:

On the 5th February 1946 LAC Seagon died in a ground accident in Borneo. He is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

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

85890 Leading Aircraftsman SMEATH, Norman Charles

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/38/1368 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 9 Transport & Movement Office Labuan |

Summary:

On the 26th March 1946, LAC Smeath a General hand, died from injuries received in a collision between a service vehicle and a civilian truck on Perth Road, half a mile from the Bassendean station, WA. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

146748 Aircraftsman Class 1 SMITH, James Henry Albert

Source:

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

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Aircraft Type: | Beaufort |
| Serial number: | A9-106 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 8 CU RAAF |

Summary:

On 29th 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 UNITS

53470 Aircraftman Class 1 SPRY, Arthur Prideaux

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/38/48 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 Embarkation Depot Melbourne |

Summary:

On the 16th March 1943, AC1 Spry an Electrician, died of an illness at No 2 RAAF Hospital Ascot Vale. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

61752 Sergeant STANDING, John Austin

Source :

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

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| Radio call sign: | |
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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

45356 Sergeant TARLING, Ronald Nelson

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/39/206 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 5 Embarkation Depot Perth |

Summary:

On the 11th February 1944, Sgt Tarling a Clerk, died of injuries received. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery & Annex, Western Australia.

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

45327 Leading Aircraftsman VEASEY, Richard William

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4571201 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 5 Embarkation Depot Perth |

Summary:

On the 11th March 1947, LAC Veasey died of an illness. He is buried in the Perth (Karrakatta) General Cemetery, Western Australia.

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

65202 Leading Aircraftsman WATERS, Geoffrey Frederick

Source:

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

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|-------------------------|--------|
| Aircraft Type: | Dakota |
| Serial number: | A30-16 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 11 Sqn |

Summary:

On the 27th 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, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 413001 Sgt L C Morgan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 629 LAC S I Wiles, (Fitter 11E)

Passengers :

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

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

.Among the RAAF passengers was LAC Waters a Clerk General , of No 1 Transport & Movement Office, Sydney.

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

419119 Flying Officer ERSKINE, Ralph Langley

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/44/137 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Vengeance |
| Serial number: | A27-49 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | No 1 Air Performance Unit Laverton |

Summary:

On the 25th May 1944, Vengeance A27-49 and A27-92 crashed at 1150 hours six miles north of Whittlesea, Victoria, and all on board were killed. The aircraft had taken off from Laverton on a non-operational flight to Bowen in Queensland. They were flying in formation at a low altitude over mountains in mist and cloud, and crashed into high ground and burnt near Mt Disappointment..

Crew: A27-49

RAAF 419119 FO Erskine, R L (Pilot)
RAAF 419363 FO Wood, K A (Navigator Wireless)
RAAF 41360 Sgt P West, (Clerk) PAX

Crew : A27-92

RAAF 426002 Flt Sgt R J Hill (Pilot)
RAAF 51407 Cpl W J Falahey, (WM Mechanic) PAX

Both crews are buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

51407 Corporal FALAHEY, William John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/44/137 Commonwealth War Graves records

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

426002 Flight Sergeant HALL, Roy John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/44/137 Commonwealth War Graves records

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Vengeance |
| Serial number: | A27-49 |
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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

41360 Sergeant WEST, Philip

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/44/137 Commonwealth War Graves records

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Vengeance |
| Serial number: | A27-49 |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | No 1 Air Performance Unit Laverton |

Summary:

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Both crews are buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

419363 Flying Officer WOOD, Kenneth Alexander

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/44/137 Commonwealth War Graves records

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

267521 Pilot Officer BARTLEY, Walter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/119 Commonwealth War Graves records

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Qantas Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | VH-ADU |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 RPP Townsville |

Summary:

On the 22nd April 1943, VH-ADU on a ferry flight from Townsville to Port Moresby crashed in the Coral Sea at night during heavy rain and low cloud at 1922 hours, 21 miles south of the Basilisk Light, Port Moresby. There were 18 survivors in the crash and nine fatalities

Passengers

| | | |
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| RAAF | 423531 AC1 J A Harris, (Fitter DMT) | 15 ARD Townsville. |
| RAAF | 59312 AC1 A R Stephens, (Fitter 11E) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 51288 AC1 E A Flanagan, (Cook) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 32238 LAC A J Ellis (Cook)) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 55573 AC1 V E Grogan, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 50337 Cpl D W Nicholson, (Fitter Armourer) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 37501 Sgt E J Grady, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 267520 PO Phillips, T J | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |
| RAAF | 267521 PO Bartley, W | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |

All the nine have no known graves. Their names are commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, Papua New Guinea. The Memorial is situated in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, which is located approx 19kms north of Port Moresby on the road to Nine Mile.

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

267574 Flying Officer BATEMAN, Mervyn William

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 53/1/957 Commonwealth War Graves records

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Empire Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | Circe |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Civil Aircrew (RAAF Reserve) |

Summary:

On the 28th February 1942, Qantas Empire flying boat "Circe" departed from Tjilatjap, Java for Broome. The aircraft contacted the Qantas Operations Manager Capt Brown, through Broome Radio Station about one hour after take off. It was estimated then that the aircraft was approx 150 miles from Tjilatjap, and that apparently all was going well. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft and it failed to arrive at its destination. It was presumed that the aircraft had been lost at sea between Java and Broome. On board the plane were a crew of four and 16 passengers all evacuees from Java.

The aircraft had been engaged in the transport of war supplies and the evacuation of service personnel and others from Java. The "Circe" was one of the last two Empire Flying boats to leave Java for Australia on a regular service before the Japanese invasion.

Crew:

Qantas 296 Flt Lt Purton, W B (Captain)
Qantas 267574 FO Bateman, M W (1st Officer)
Qantas 268073 PO Oates, H G A (Radio Operator)
Qantas 268074 PO Hogan, J L (Purser)

All the crew have no known grave. The names of Flt Lt Purton, PO Oates and PO Hogan are commemorated on the Ambon Memorial which stands in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia. Ambon Island lies close to the south west coast of Ceram in the Molucca Group of Islands. The cemetery is 5kms northeast of Ambon on the main road to Galala.

The name of FO Bateman 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

268072 Flying Officer BERNARD, Clive Robert

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/8/180 166/31/116 Commonwealth War Graves records

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Civil Aircrew (RAAF Reserve) |

Summary:

Flt Lt Crisp was a commercial air Pilot employed by D R Carpenter Airlines Ltd as a Senior Captain, and was in charge of a plane engaged in a series of flights from Cairns to Port Moresby under the directions given to the Company by the Civil Aviation Department to proceed to Port Moresby, to continue the evacuation from the Morobe district of Port Moresby. He had made several such flights, but on the 14th February 1942, he was killed when his plane crashed a few minutes after take off from Cairns drome for New Guinea. The cause of the crash was unknown. FO C R Bernard, a member of the crew was also killed in the crash.

Flt Lt Crisp is buried in the Northern Suburbs General Cemetery, NSW.
FO Bernard is buried in the Newcastle (Sandgate) War Cemetery, NSW.

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

287418 Flight Lieutenant CAMERON, Duncan Gordon

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5260714 Commonwealth War Graves records

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Civil Aircrew (RAAF Reserve) |

Summary:

On the 21st April 1942, Flt Lt Cameron and FO Gray (First Officer), were killed in an aircraft accident on the Annaburro Station, north of Pine Creek, Northern Territory. They are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

261730 Squadron Leader CAMPBELL, William Geoffrey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/20/82 Commonwealth War Graves records

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Qantas Lodestar |
| Serial number: | VH-CAB |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |

Summary:

On the 26th November 1943, Qantas Lodestar VH-CAB crashed at 0400 hours, when it struck the top of a hill shortly after take off from Wards strip, Port Moresby, and all the fifteen on board were killed. The aircraft had been en route from Port Moresby to Townsville on a transport flight.

Crew:

Qantas 261730 Sqn Ldr Campbell, W G Captain (Pilot)

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Qantas 267726 FO Little, K G (Supervisor of Transport Service)

The above were members of the RAAF Reserve (Civil aircrew).

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*Attached to Qantas as a Wireless Operator

Passengers

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Plus six Army personnel, two War correspondents and two couriers

The five RAAF men 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

277547 Flying Officer CLARKE, William Ernest Gm

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/1112 Commonwealth War Graves records

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Douglas C47 |
| Serial number: | DC3 VH-CXD |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 4 Communication Unit Archerfield |

Summary:

On the 5th May 1945, DC3 VH-CXD an Australian National Airlines aircraft under charter for military purposes to the USAAF, crashed at Higgins Field, Cape York Peninsular, at 0518 hours in darkness, and all on board were killed. The aircraft was on a travel flight ferrying passengers and freight to northern areas, when it struck the top of a hill whilst landing in darkness at Higgins Field.

Crew:

RAAF 277547 FO Clarke, W E Captain (Pilot) (RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew)

RAAF 432183 WO J H Hornbrook,. (2nd Pilot) (4 Com Unit member)

RAAF 436542 Flt Sgt N T Browne, (Extra 2nd Pilot) (4 Com Unit member)

RAAF 415975 WO A H Gidley, (Radio Operator) (4 Com Unit member)

Plus Two US passengers

FO Clarke was cremated in the Mt Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane, Queensland.
The other three RAAF members are buried in the Townsville War Cemetery,
Queensland.

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

267519 Flight Lieutenant CRISP, Elwyn Derek

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/8/180 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
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IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

267534 Pilot Officer CRUIKSHANK, William George

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/31/116 (Enclosure 32a)
Commonwealth War Graves records

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Civil Aircrew (RAAF Reserve) |

Summary:

On the 30th January 1942, PO Cruikshank, W G, PO Patterson, A S and LAC S C Elphick were in the same crew who lost their lives in the vicinity of Koepang, Timor, whilst engaged on charter flights on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.

The three members 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 Ambon Memorial stands on the first terrace of the Ambon War Cemetery which is 5kms north-east of Ambon on the main road to Galala.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR
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301034 Leading Aircraftsman ELPHICK, Sydney Charles

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287419 Flying Officer GRAY, William Thomas

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5260714 Commonwealth War Graves records

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Civil Aircrew (RAAF Reserve) |

Summary:

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

410863 Pilot Officer HENDERSON, John Randolph Fleming

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/20/82 Commonwealth War Graves records

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

268074 Pilot Officer HOGAN, James Lionel

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 53/1/957

Commonwealth War Graves records

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Empire Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | Circe |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Civil Aircrew (RAAF Reserve) |

Summary:

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Qantas 267574 FO Bateman, M W (1st Officer)
Qantas 268073 PO Oates, H G A (Radio Operator)
Qantas 268074 PO Hogan, J L (Purser)

All the crew have no known grave. The names of Flt Lt Purton, PO Oates and PO Hogan are commemorated on the Ambon Memorial which stands in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia. Ambon Island lies close to the south west coast of Ceram in the Molucca Group of Islands. The cemetery is 5kms northeast of Ambon on the main road to Galala.

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

267726 Flying Officer LITTLE, Keith George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/20/82 Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | Qantas Lodestar |
| Serial number: | VH-CAB |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 13 Aircraft repair Depot Breddon |

Summary:

On the 26th November 1943, Qantas Lodestar VH-CAB crashed at 0400 hours, when it struck the top of a hill shortly after take off from Wards strip, Port Moresby, and all the fifteen on board were killed. The aircraft had been en route from Port Moresby to Townsville on a transport flight.

Crew:

Qantas 261730 Sqn Ldr Campbell, W G Captain (Pilot)
 Qantas 410863 PO Henderson J R F (Engineer)
 Qantas 267726 FO Little, K G (A & SD)(Supervisor of Transport Service)
 The above were members of the RAAF Reserve (Civil aircrew).
 RAAF 417064 Flt Sgt N G Evan, (WAG) (of 4 Com Flight Archerfield)*
 *Attached to Qantas as a Wireless Operator

Passengers

RAAF 8868 Flt Sgt L H Jenke, (Equipment Asst) (of 13 ARD Breddon)
 Plus six Army personnel, two War correspondents and two couriers

The five RAAF men 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

268073 Pilot Officer OATES, Herbert George Anzac

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 53/1/957 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Empire Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | Circe |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Civil Aircrew (RAAF Reserve) |

Summary:

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The aircraft had been engaged in the transport of war supplies and the evacuation of service personnel and others from Java. The “Circe” was one of the last two Empire Flying boats to leave Java for Australia on a regular service before the Japanese invasion.

Crew:

Qantas 296 Flt Lt Purton, W B (Captain)
Qantas 267574 FO Bateman, M W (1st Officer)
Qantas 268073 PO Oates, H G A (Radio Operator)
Qantas 268074 PO Hogan, J L (Purser)

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

268075 Pilot Officer PATTERSON, Archibald Sloan

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/31/116 (Enclosure 32a)

Commonwealth War Graves records

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| Aircraft Type: | |
| Serial number: | |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | Civil Aircrew (RAAF Reserve) |

Summary:

On the 30th January 19142, PO Cruikshank, W G, PO Patterson, A S and LAC S C Elphick were in the same crew who lost their lives in the vicinity of Koepang, Timor, whilst engaged on charter flights on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.

The three members 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 Ambon Memorial stands on the first terrace of the AmbonWar Cemetery which is 5kms north-east of Ambon on the main road to Galala.

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

267520 Pilot Officer PHILLIPS, Theodore John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/119 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Qantas Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | VH-ADU |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 1 RPP Townsville |

Summary:

On the 22nd April 1943, VH-ADU on a ferry flight from Townsville to Port Moresby crashed in the Coral Sea at night during heavy rain and low cloud at 1922 hours, 21 miles south of the Basilisk Light, Port Moresby. There were 18 survivors in the crash and nine fatalities

Passengers

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| RAAF | 423531 AC1 J A Harris, (Fitter DMT) | 15 ARD Townsville. |
| RAAF | 59312 AC1 A R Stephens, (Fitter 11E) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 51288 AC1 E A Flanagan, (Cook) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 32238 LAC A J Ellis (Cook)) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 55573 AC1 V E Grogan, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 50337 Cpl D W Nicholson, (Fitter Armourer) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 37501 Sgt E J Grady, (Fitter DMT) | 1 RPP Townsville |
| RAAF | 267520 PO Phillips, T J | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |
| RAAF | 267521 PO Bartley, W | RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew) |

All the nine have no known graves. Their names are commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, Papua New Guinea. The Memorial is situated in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, which is located approx 19kms north of Port Moresby on the road to Nine Mile.

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

296 Flight Lieutenant PURTON, William Bloxham

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 53/1/957 Commonwealth War Graves records

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Empire Flying Boat |
| Serial number: | Circe |
| Radio call sign: | |
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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

300549 Warrant Officer RAWSON, Hayden Selby

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/827 Commonwealth War Graves records

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Aircraft Type: | Douglas |
| Serial number: | C48 VH-CDC |
| Radio call sign: | |
| Unit: | 4 Communication Unit Archerfield |

Summary:

On the 13th November 1945, Douglas VH-CDC, an ANA aircraft under charter for 322 Troop Carrier Wing, USAAF, crashed in the sea about one mile from Takloban strip, Leyte, Phillipines. The aircraft was on a travel flight from Archerfield to Manila and return. The plane could not land owing to rain and wind, and crashed after a retake off owing to bad weather.

Crew:

RAAF 300549 WO H S Rawson, Captain (Pilot) RAAF Reserve (Civil Aircrew)

RAAF 417476 WO C M Good, (Pilot)

RAAF 425645 Flt Sgt L G Jones, (WAG/Radio Operator)

Plus nine passengers

All the crew and passengers were killed except Lt McCabe an American, who was rescued. Among the passengers killed was Able Seaman W King, of the Aust Merchant Navy

All the crew and Able Seaman King are buried in the Sai Wan Bay Cemetery, Hong Kong.