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He is a member of Canberra Legacy.

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Alan Storr. A WW2 photo of the Author

RAAF WW2 FATALITIES BY CATEGORIES

CATEGORIES	RAAF FATALITIES	HOW ARRANGED
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:

Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour print outs.

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

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

AWM 65 () Citations held by Australian War Memorial.

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

Veteran Affairs Nominal Roll 1939-1947 RAAF members.

Commonwealth War Graves records.

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

SECOND WORLD WAR OVERVIEW: ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

36531 Corporal ALLEN, John McLennon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/3/339 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	A16-68
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 20th December 1944, Hudson A16-68 crashed on its landing approach at the Richmond drome and all on board were killed.

All were members of No 2 Aircraft Depot, except PO Broderick who was a member of No 2 Aircraft Pool, Richmond.

Crew:

RAAF 411199 Flt Lt Shore, R W Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 409022 PO Broderick, J J (2nd Pilot)

Passengers:

RAAF 64697 LAC F F Smith, (Fitter 11A)

RAAF 36531 Cpl J McL Allen, (Fitter 11A)

WAAAF 109913 ACW N M Ralph, (

RAAF 35228 Cpl R H McIlroy, (Instrument Maker)

RAAF 62705 LAC J M Gleeson, (Fitter 11E)

RAAF 15786 LAC N B Chamberlain, (Fitter 11E)

All are buried in the Richmond War Cemetery, NSW.

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

15678 Corporal ARMSON, Bernard George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/88/193 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Pool Bankstown, NSW

Summary:

On the 26th June 1943, Cpl Armson, a Fitter 11E, was injured when he fell down some concrete steps at home, and struck the concrete with the back of his head. He died from his injuries on the 4th July 1943, and was cremated in the Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney, NSW.

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

43440 Leading Aircraftsman ATKINS, James Bernard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/138 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 Aircraft Depot Oakey, Queensland.

Summary:

On the 24th June 1944, LAC Atkins, a Fitter 11E, was riding his motor cycle which collided with a car and he died in the ambulance on the way to hospital. The accident occurred between Mihi Creek and Boodys Store on the main Brisbane-Toowoomba road. LAC Atkins is buried in the Ipswich General Cemetery, Queensland.

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

20825 Leading Aircraftsman BARKER, Carl Edmund

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/370 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 27th November 1943, LAC Barker, a Fitter 11E, was admitted to No 3 RAAF Hospital Concord West, dangerously ill. He died on the 8th December 1943 of subacute bacterial endocarditis, and is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

2380 Flight Lieutenant BARTY, Bernard Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/591 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 Stores Depot Macrossan Queensland

Summary:

On the 28th June 1944, Flt Lt Barty, an Accountant, died of injuries received in a collision between a RAAF and Army vehicle on the Townsville/ Charters Towers road, about 8 miles east of Charters Towers.

The following members of the WAAAF also died of injuries received in the accident :

90550 Sgt M C Wynack, (WAAAF)

91885 Cpl T E McConnel, (WAAAF) and

99391 ACW E M Scaroni, (WAAAF)

All four are buried in the Charters Towers War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

58252 Lading Aircraftsman BELL, Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4601401 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 29th August 1943, LAC Bell, a Turner, was discharged from the RAAF medically unfit for further service. He died on the 14th August 1946, and is buried in the Preston General Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

260777 Flight Lieutenant BLUNDELL, Kenneth William Fraser

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/1285 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	A52-1013
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 17th August 1945, Mosquito A52-1013 crashed at 1455 hours, while performing a one engine manoeuvre at Laverton, and the pilot was killed. The aircraft was participating in a flying display at Laverton, and was making a run at 1000 feet with the port engine deliberately feathered. The run was straight and level and after passing the drome, the aircraft climbed at a moderate rate. About one mile from the drome at about 1500 feet, the aircraft slewed violently to port in the horizontal plane, with the starboard engine running normally. The aircraft then apparently stalled, but the Pilot recovered it in a shallow dive, The port wing then stalled and the aircraft hit the ground bursting into flames, and the pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 260777 Flt Lt Blundell, K W F (Pilot)

Flt Lt Blundell is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

409019 Sergeant BOYD, Archie Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5522341 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Kittyhawk
Serial number:	A29-40
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2AP Bankstown

Summary:

On the 22nd April 1943, Sgt Boyd, a Pilot, was reported missing in Kittyhawk A29-40 in the vicinity of Proserpine, Queensland. The aircraft was on a ferry flight from Wagga to Milne Bay in Papua New Guinea.

Sgt Boyd 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

56881 Aircraftman Class 1 BOYS, Robert John Kitchener

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/93/691 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 30th September 1942, AC1 Boys, a Stores hand, died suddenly in bed of a coronary occlusion. He is buried in the Swan Hill Public Cemetery, Victoria.

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

409022 Pilot Officer BRODERICK, John James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/3/339 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	A16-68
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 20th December 1944, Hudson A16-68 crashed on its landing approach at the Richmond drome and all on board were killed.

All were members of No 2 Aircraft Depot, except PO Broderick who was a member of No 2 Aircraft Pool, Richmond.

Crew:

RAAF 411199 Flt Lt Shore, R W Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 409022 PO Broderick, J J (2nd Pilot)

Passengers:

RAAF 64697 LAC F F Smith, (Fitter 11A)

RAAF 36531 Cpl J McL Allen, (Fitter 11A)

WAAAF 109913 ACW N M Ralph, (

RAAF 35228 Cpl R H McIlroy, (Instrument Maker)

RAAF 62705 LAC J M Gleeson, (Fitter 11E)

RAAF 15786 LAC N B Chamberlain, (Fitter 11E)

All are buried in the Richmond War Cemetery, NSW.

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

34214 Corporal BROWNJOHN, Bruce Allan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/876 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dragon
Serial number:	A34-65
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 5th January 1945, Dragon A34-65 crashed at 1215 hours at Plumpton Mt Druit, NSW, some three miles east of the Mt Davis strip. The aircraft was on a travel flight and had been making a forced landing. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Ashurst G Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Biggs, K A H (Co-Pilot)
RAF WO I C Powell,. (Pilot)
RAAF 34214 Cpl B A Brownjohn, (Fitter 11E) PAX
RAAF 65276 LAC H A Taylor, (Fitter 11E) PAX

All five are buried in the Richmond War Cemetery, NSW.

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

10873 Corporal BRYANT, William David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/93/538 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 5th June 1942, Cpl Bryant, a Fitter DMT, died in a motor car collision on the Geelong road, Footscray.. The car he was driving, collided with a convoy of five transport vehicles proceeding to 1AD from the docks, carrying Beaufighter fuselages. He is buried in the Fawkner Memorial Park Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

262751 Flight Lieutenant BUCKLAND, Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/233 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Aircraft Depot Wagga

Summary:

On the 15th August 1943, Flt Lt Buckland, a Dental Officer, died at Ushers Hotel Sydney. He was cremated in the Woronora Crematorium, Sutherland, NSW.

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

256571 Flight Lieutenant CAPRON, Lionel Manton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/506 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 18th July 1944, Flt Lt Capton, A & SD, was admitted to SSQ Richmond and then transferred to No 3 RAAF Hospital, Concord West, seriously ill. He died on the 20th July 1944, from a coronary occlusion, and is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

57612 Leading Aircraftsman CARMODY, John Patrick Josphe

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/1123 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 17th August 1945, LAC Carmody, an Equipment Assistant, was killed in an accident at St Kilda, Melbourne. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

20678 Corporal CARROLL, Victor John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/435 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 4th march 1944, Cpl Carroll, an Equipment Assistant, died of injuries self inflicted. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

51756 Leading Aircraftsman CAVANAGH, Ronald James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/749 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	A47-24
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 11th December 1944, Mitchell A47-24 crashed at 1107 hours, six miles east of Anglesea in the Torquay Sea Range, Victoria. The aircraft was detailed to carry out an armament test flight at the Torquay Sea Range. It took off from Laverton at 1045 hours, It flew over the target area at a normal height (probably 1000 feet) heading to sea, and flat dived towards the sea firing its front guns. The plane continued on and struck water, bounced upwards and then sank back.

During the dive, Flt Lt Claire was operating the turret and had fired some short bursts into the water. He noticed smoke and extricated himself from the turret to find the fuselage full of dense black smoke through which he could not see. He and one of the armourers found extinguishers but their use was unavailing. The aircraft then struck the water and broke open, and Flt Lt Claire and LAC Roberts were thrown clear. The automatic dinghy operated perfectly, and was within a few yards of Claire who boarded it, and then assisted Roberta to embark. The aircraft sank and nothing was seen of the other occupants.

Crew:

RAAF	402432 Flt Lt Wines, R A Captain (Pilot)	Missing
RAAF	575 Sqn Ldr McGrill, F R (2 nd Pilot)	Missing
RAAF	273495 Flt Lt Claire, A G (Wireless Air Gunner)	Slightly Injured
RAAF	51756 LAC R J Cavanagh, (Fitter Armourer)	Missing
RAAF	23394 LAC D R Roberts, (Test Armourer)	Safe

The three missing crew members have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Sydney Memorial, which is located in the Sydney War Cemetery, some 17kms west of Sydney, NSW.

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

15786 Leading Aircraftsman CHAMBERLAIN, Noel Austen

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/3/339 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	A16-68
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

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Passengers:

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RAAF 36531 Cpl J McL Allen, (Fitter 11A)

WAAAF 109913 ACW N M Ralph, (

RAAF 35228 Cpl R H McIlroy, (Instrument Maker)

RAAF 62705 LAC J M Gleeson, (Fitter 11E)

RAAF 15786 LAC N A Chamberlain, (Fitter 11E)

All are buried in the Richmond War Cemetery, NSW.

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

416544 Warrant Officer CLARE, David Forbes

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/693 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	A52-18
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Pool Bankstown

Summary:

On the 8th November 1944, Mosquito A52-18 crashed at 1700 hours, at the south west end of the Bankstown drome and both the crew were killed. The aircraft had been on an acceptance test flight.

Crew:

RAAF 404237 Flt Lt Crouch, T E N (Pilot)

RAAF 416544 WO D F Clare, (Wireless Operator Air)

Both are buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

82102 Leading Aircraftsman COX, James Leslie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/204 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	4 Aircraft Depot Boulder W Aust

Summary:

On the 24th August 1943, LAC Cox, a Flight Rigger, lost his life by electrocution at No 4AD. He had been measuring the height from a transom to the ground at No 4 hangar, when he inadvertently touché a high tension wire.

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

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

404237 Flight Lieutenant CROUCH, Thomas Edward Nelson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/693 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	A52-18
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Pool Bankstown

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Crew:

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RAAF 416544 WO D F Clare, (Wireless Operator Air)

Both are buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

409089 Pilot Officer CUST, Peter James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/26/218 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wirraway
Serial number:	A20-560
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Pool Bankstown

Summary:

On the 13th June 1942, Wirraway A20-560 crashed at 0936 hours, approx three quarters of a mile south of Bankstown drome, NSW, and the two on board were killed.

The aircraft had been on a test flight to test the generator. It dived into the ground from approx 1500 feet after a turn.

Crew:

RAAF 409089 PO Cust P J (Pilot)

USAAF Sgt M L York, PAX 11th Material Sqn USAAF.

PO Cust was cremated in the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Sydney, NSW.

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

205762 Leading Aircraftsman DARTNALL, Ronald Lawrence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/93 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 18th May 1941, LAC Dartnall, a Carpenter General, was killed in a motor cycle accident at Roused Hill, NSW. He was cremated in the Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne Victoria. His name is recorded on the Victoria Cremation Memorial.

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

88842 Leading Aircraftsman DAVIS, Albert Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/487 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Aircraft Depot Amberley

Summary:

On the 31st August 1944, LAC Davis, a Clerk Stores, was admitted to No 6 RAAF Hospital, Victoria seriously ill. He died on the 25th February 1945 from broncho pneumonia, and was buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

18489 Leading Aircraftsman DYER, William Arthur Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/142/329 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 2nd April 1942, a panel van tender overturned on the Princes Highway, half a mile east of Werribee, Victoria. The following RAAF personnel were died in the accident

RAAF	13274 LAC V Matuschka, (Labourer)	1 Aircraft Depot
RAAF	31188 LAC L E Nunn, (Labourer)	1 Aircraft Depot
RAAF	11077 LAC A Palamountain, (Fitter 11E)	1 Aircraft Depot
RAAF	LAC W A C Dyer, (Fitter 11A)	7 Sqn

LAC Matuschka is buried in the Tabor Lutheran Cemetery, Victoria. Tabor is 6 miles west of Penshurst between Penshurst and Hamilton, Victoria.

LAC Nunn is buried in the Red Hills (Bushy Park) Cemetery, Tasmania. The Cemetery is about 34 miles north west of Hobart on the Derwent River.

LAC's Palamountain and Dyer are buried in the Box Hill General Cemetery, Victoria.

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

400919 Flight Lieutenant DOWN, William Downes

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/153 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	Ferry Flight Laverton

Summary:

On the 24th November 1943 Flt Lt Down, a Pilot, was admitted to RAAF Hospital, Heidelberg, Victoria, seriously ill. He died on the 27th January 1944 from broncho pneumonia, and chronic epithelionta.

He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne Victoria.

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

69822 Aircraftman Class 1 FITZGERALD, Francis Vincent

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/177 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Aircraft Depot Wagga

Summary:

On the 29th January 1944, AC1 Fitzgerald, a Fitter 11A, died from drowning when swimming in the Murrumbidgee River, three miles upstream from Wagga. He is buried in the Wagga Wagga War Cemetery, NSW.

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

265696 Flight Lieutenant GALLAWAY, Horace, MID

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5260443 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Aircraft Depot Amberley

Summary:

On the 10th January 1946, Flt Lt Gallaway, A & SD, was discharged from the RAAF on demobilisation. He died on the 29th October 1946, and is buried in the Casino General Cemetery, NSW.

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

62705 Leading Aircraftsman GLEESON, Joseph Michael

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/3/339 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	A16-68
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 20th December 1944, Hudson A16-68 crashed on its landing approach at the Richmond drome and all on board were killed.

All were members of No 2 Aircraft Depot, except PO Broderick who was a member of No 2 Aircraft Pool, Richmond.

Crew:

RAAF 411199 Flt Lt Shore, R W Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 409022 PO Broderick, J J (2nd Pilot)

Passengers:

RAAF 64697 LAC F F Smith, (Fitter 11A)

RAAF 36531 Cpl J McL Allen, (Fitter 11A)

WAAAF 109913 ACW N M Ralph, (

RAAF 35228 Cpl R H McIlroy, (Instrument Maker)

RAAF 62705 LAC J M Gleeson, (Fitter 11E)

RAAF 15786 LAC N B Chamberlain, (Fitter 11E)

All are buried in the Richmond War Cemetery, NSW.

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

413985 Flying Officer GOODWIN, Arthur Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/16/813 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Kittyhawk
Serial number:	A29-105
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 21st September 1945, Kittyhawk A29-105 was being ferried from Labuan to Oakey in Queensland, when it crashed approx 50 miles east of Morotai, NEI, at approx 0900 hours. The aircraft was one of a formation of five aircraft being escorted by a Ventura. While flying in cloud, A29-105 disappeared from the view of the Ventura, and one of the Kittyhawk pilots reported seeing a P40 spin past him through the cloud and disappear. Searches were conducted but no trace was found of the missing aircraft or pilot.

Crew:

RAAF 413985 FO Goodwin, A G (Pilot)

FO Goodwin has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Ambon Memorial which stands in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia. Ambon Island is close to the south west coast of Ceram in the Molucca Group of Islands. The Cemetery is 5kms north-east of Ambon on the main road to Galala.

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

418944 Flying Officer GORDON, Donald Carlos DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/16/816 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	A58-622
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 4th October 1945, Spitfire A58-622 crashed at 1333 hours, when it struck a low bank when endeavouring to pull out of a dive, and crashed on the foreshore at Corio Bay, Geelong, near the Geelong Grammar School. The Pilot was killed

Crew:

RAAF 418944 FO Gordon, D C DFC (Pilot)

FO Gordon is buried in the Geelong Eastern Cemetery, Victoria.

Citation:

The Citation for the DFC awarded to FO Gordon then attached to 514 Sqn RAF is as follows: "FO Gordon has completed many successful operational sorties as captain of aircraft. The sorties have included day and night attacks against some of the most heavily defended targets in Germany. In July 1944 during an attack on Stuttgart, the aircraft was attacked no less than four times by hostile fighters. FO Gordon's combat manoeuvres were so successfully executed that the aircraft escaped unscathed and the mission was successfully completed. Throughout his tour, this officer displayed courage and determination of a high order". (London Gazette 23/3/45 Page 1598)

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

19643 Leading Aircraftsman GRIFFIN, John Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/369 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Anson
Serial number:	AW667
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	67 Sqn

Summary:

On the 17th April 1944, Anson AW667 during a non-operational test flight, crashed at approx 1400 hours at Yanakie drome, Victoria. The Captain decided to test the aircraft after heavy rain on the night of 16th April. The Pilot died of his injuries and the other two on board were killed in the accident.

Crew:

RAAF 436096 Flt Sgt D G Shanks, (Pilot)

RAAF 140569 LAC R O Rathke, (Armourer)

RAAF 19643 LAC J J Griffin, (Cook) (of No 15 Aircraft Repair Depot, Pt Moresby)

All are buried in the Sale War Cemetery, Victoria.

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

403472 Flight Lieutenant GROSVENOR, Francis Walter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/402 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Kittyhawk
Serial number:	C3-543
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Aircraft Depot Amberley

Summary:

On the 11th August 1944, Kittyhawk C3-543 took off from Amberley drome at 1325 hours, with the Pilot detailed to carry out a carburettor dive test on the aircraft. At 1352 hours, the Pilot made a dive from the north west side of the drome, and when at approx 1000 feet, the aircraft failed structurally when the port main plane and empennage came off, and it crashed and burst into flames.

The Pilot was killed and is buried in the Ipswich General Cemetery, Queensland.

Crew:

RAAF 403472 Flt Lt Grosvenor, F W (Pilot)

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

20564 Corporal GROVE, Reginald Frank Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4583112 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Aircraft Depot Wagga

Summary:

On the 30th October 1945, Cpl Grove, a Fitter 11E, was discharged from the RAAF on demobilisation. He died on the 15th April 1946, and was cremated in the Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney. His name is recorded on the NSW Crematorium Memorial, Sydney.

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

2208 Sergeant HALL, Edward John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/212 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 3rd June 1941, Sgt Hall a Fitter 11E, died of natural causes at Laverton, Victoria.
He is buried in the Werribee Public Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

423531 Aircraftman Class 1 HARRIS, James Abraham

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:

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 POW 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

400432 Pilot Officer HARRIS, James Noel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/291 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vultee Vengeance
Serial number:	A27-76
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 4th March 1943, Vultee Vengeance A27-76 crashed into a factory in McCauley St North Melbourne at 1533 hours, when carrying out manoeuvres during a public display, and the two on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 400488 Flt Lt Roe, R H (Pilot)

RAAF 400432 PO Harris, J N (Wireless Operator)

Both the crew are buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

260719 Flight Lieutenant HART, Richard Craigton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/139 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Anson
Serial number:	DG826
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 9th May 1943, Anson DG826 crashed at 0730 hours in the Black Forest, two miles west of Mt Macedon, Victoria, and three on board were killed. The flight was to convey Sgt McCarthy and Vultee Vengeance spare parts to Mildura, and was flying at low level when it flew into a hill in fog and low cloud.

Crew:

RAAF	260719 Flt Lt Hart, R C (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	406575 Flt Sgt N E Mutton, (Observer)	Seriously Injured
RAAF	8940 Sgt V A McCarthy, (Observer)	Killed

Flt Lt Hart and Sgt McCarthy are buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

25761 Leading Aircraftsman HARVEY, Jack Hyland

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/274 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Aircraft Depot Amberley

Summary:

On the 26th August 1943, LAC Harvey, a Carpenter General, died of his injuries when a US Service tender collided with a civilian passenger bus three miles from Ipswich, Queensland. The occupants of the bus were mainly RAAF personnel who were injured in the accident.

LAC Harvey is buried in the Ipswich General Cemetery, Queensland.

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

409406 Pilot Officer HAYES, John Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163 /120/304 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wirraway
Serial number:	A20-634
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 27th May 1944, Wirraway A20-634 crashed at 1213 hours, at Island Lagoon, approx 150 miles north west of Port Augusta, South Australia. The aircraft had been of a ferry flight from Laverton to Supply, and both the crew were killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAAF 416999 Flt Sgt G F Quinn, (Pilot)

RAAF 409406 PO Hayes, J J (Observer)

Both the crew are buried in the Port Pirie General Cemetery, South Australia.

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

165353 Leading Aircraftsman HOBSON, Arthur Bruce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/18/938 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 Aircraft Depot Tocumwal

Summary:

On the 15th July 1946, LAC Hobson, a Flight Rigger, died from an electric shock. He was using an electrically driven compressor to check on tyres on stored aircraft and inflate as required, and he received an electric shock when he was handling cable on which the insulation had been damaged, and a bare active wire exposed.

He is buried in the Deniliquin War Cemetery, NSW.

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

75945 Leading Aircraftsman HOFFMAN, William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/197 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Aircraft Depot Amberley

Summary:

On the 10th October 1943, LAC Hoffman, a Coppersmith, was admitted to SSQ at 3 Aircraft depot, dangerously ill with pneumonia. He died on the 13th October and is buried in the Ipswich General Cemetery, Queensland.

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

62716 Leading Aircraftsman HUNT, James Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/443 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Aircraft Depot Wagga

Summary:

On the 22nd August 1944, LAC Hunt, a Fitter 11A, was admitted to No 1 RAAF Hospital Wagga. He died of meningitis on the 16th September 1944, and is buried in the Wagga Wagga War Cemetery, NSW.

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

6176 Sergeant JENNINGS, Norman Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/20/158 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Aircraft Depot Amberley

Summary:

On the 4th August 1944, Sgt Jennings, a Fitter 11E, was admitted to No 112 Brisbane Military Hospital, dangerously ill following a motor cycle accident. He died on the 5th August 1944, and is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

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

8530 Flight Sergeant JOHNSON, Robert Vincent

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/109 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Pool Bankstown

Summary:

On the 11th January 1944, Flt Sgt Johnson, a Medical Orderly, died of lobar pneumonia with associated Toxic Myocarditis, in the No 3 RAAF Hospital Concord. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

64151 Corporal LAWSON, Leonard Stanley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/548 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Aircraft Depot Wagga

Summary:

On the 30th September 1944, Cpl Lawson, a Turner, died of injuries received when a motor cycle he was riding struck a fence at Yogali Siding in Griffith, NSW
He is buried in the Narrandera War Cemetery, NSW.

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

12085 Leading Aircraftsman McCARTHY, Ronald Desmond Holmes

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/118 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 7th December 1941, LAC McCarthy, died in a ground accident at Manly NSW. He is buried in the French's Forest General Cemetery, NSW.

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

8940 Sergeant MCCARTHY, Vincent Ambrose

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/139 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Anson
Serial number:	DG826
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 9th May 1943, Anson DG826 flew into a hilltop in fog and crashed at 0730 hours two miles west of Mount Macedon, Victoria. Three were killed in the accident. The flight was to convey Sgt McCarthy and Vultee Vengeance spare parts to Mildura, and the aircraft was flying at low level and in fog and low cloud when it crashed.

Crew:

RAAF	260719 Flt Lt Hart, R C (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	406575 Flt Sgt N E Mutton, (Observer)	Seriously Injured
RAAF	8940 Sgt V A McCarthy, (Fitter 11E) PAX	Killed

Both Flt Lt Hart and Sgt McCarthy are buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

575 Squadron Leader McGRILL, Frederick Reginald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/749 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	A47-24
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 11th December 1944, Mitchell A47-24 crashed at 1107 hours, six miles east of Anglesea in the Torquay Sea Range, Victoria. The aircraft was detailed to carry out an armament test flight at the Torquay Sea Range. It took off from Laverton at 1045 hours, It flew over the target area at a normal height (probably 1000 feet) heading to sea, and flat dived towards the sea firing its front guns. The plane continued on and struck water, bounced upwards and then sank back.

During the dive, Flt Lt Claire was operating the turret and had fired some short bursts into the water. He noticed smoke and extricated himself from the turret to find the fuselage full of dense black smoke through which he could not see. He and one of the armourers found extinguishers but their use was unavailing. The aircraft then struck the water and broke open, and Flt Lt Claire and LAC Roberts were thrown clear. The automatic dinghy operated perfectly, and was within a few yards of Claire who boarded it, and then assisted Roberta to embark. The aircraft sank and nothing was seen of the other occupants.

Crew:

RAAF	402432 Flt Lt Wines, R A Captain (Pilot)	Missing
RAAF	575 Sqn Ldr McGrill, F R (2 nd Pilot)	Missing
RAAF	273495 Flt Lt Claire, A G (Wireless Air Gunner)	Slightly Injured
RAAF	51756 LAC R J Cavanagh, (Fitter Armourer)	Missing
RAAF	23394 LAC D R Roberts, (Test Armourer)	Safe

The three missing crew members have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Sydney Memorial, which is located in the Sydney War Cemetery, some 17kms west of Sydney, NSW.

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

35228 Corporal McILROY, Robert Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/3/339 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	A16-68
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 20th December 1944, Hudson A16-68 crashed on its landing approach at the Richmond drome and all on board were killed.

All were members of No 2 Aircraft Depot, except PO Broderick who was a member of No 2 Aircraft Pool, Richmond.

Crew:

RAAF 411199 Flt Lt Shore, R W Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 409022 PO Broderick, J J (2nd Pilot)

Passengers:

RAAF 64697 LAC F F Smith, (Fitter 11A)

RAAF 36531 Cpl J McL Allen, (Fitter 11A)

WAAAF 109913 ACW N M Ralph, (Flight Rigger)

RAAF 35228 Cpl R H McIlroy, (Instrument Maker)

RAAF 62705 LAC J M Gleeson, (Fitter 11E)

RAAF 15786 LAC N B Chamberlain, (Fitter 11E)

All are buried in the Richmond War Cemetery, NSW.

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

408856 Flying Officer MADIGAN, Christopher Vincent

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/27/1194 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Kittyhawk
Serial number:	A29-1210
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 15th November 1945, Kittyhawks A29-1210 and A29-527 collided after breakaway action had been taken prior to landing and both aircraft crashed at 1055 hours at Tadjji strip, Papua New Guinea. The aircraft were part of a formation of eleven Kittyhawks escorted by two Beaufighters, being ferried from Morotai to 5AD Wagga.

Crew: A29-1210

RAAF 408856 FO Madigan, C V (Pilot) Killed

Crew : A29-527

RAAF 405734 FO Harrison, D H (Pilot) Slightly Injured.

FO Madigan is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea. Lae is a town and port at the mouth of the Markham River on the Huon Gulf. The Cemetery is adjacent to the Botanical Gardens in the centre of Lae.

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

63300 Leading Aircraftsman MAGRATH, Richard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/236 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 26th September 1943, LAC Macgrath, a Fitter 11E, died of injuries received in a collision between a double deck bus and a private vehicle at Devils Elbow in Belmont, Newcastle. He is buried in the Newcastle (Sandgate) War Cemetery, NSW.

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

13274 Leading Aircraftsman MATUSCHKA, Vyron

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/142/329 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 2nd April 1942, a panel van tender overturned on the Princes Highway, half a mile east of Werribee, Victoria. The following RAAF personnel were died in the accident

RAAF	13274 LAC V Matuschka, (Labourer)	1 Aircraft Depot
RAAF	31188 LAC L E Nunn, (Labourer)	1 Aircraft Depot
RAAF	11077 LAC A Palamountain, (Fitter 11E)	1 Aircraft Depot
RAAF	LAC W A C Dyer, (Fitter 11A)	7 Sqn

LAC Matuschka is buried in the Tabor Lutheran Cemetery, Victoria. Tabor is 6 miles west of Penshurst between Penshurst and Hamilton, Victoria.

LAC Nunn is buried in the Red Hills (Bushy Park) Cemetery, Tasmania. The Cemetery is about 34 miles north west of Hobart on the Derwent River.

LAC's Palamountain and Dyer are buried in the Box Hill General Cemetery, Victoria.

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

3229 Flying Officer MAY, Allan Lindsay

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5259154 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 10th May 1940, FO May, a Pilot, was killed in an aircraft accident at Cressy, Victoria. He is buried in the Williamstown General Cemetery, Victoria.

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

26790 Leading Aircraftsman MONFRIES, James Baker

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/40/38

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wirraway
Serial number:	A20-445
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 SFTS Uranquinty

Summary:

On the 21st January 1942, Wirraway A20-445 took off at 1900 hours, detailed to carry out a W/T test. After take off the aircraft climbed to 4,000 feet and flew round the drome for five minutes. Then it was seen to go into a dive where it descended to 200 feet, at which height it rolled slowly. Apparently the Pilot was trying to return to normal flight, and the aircraft was seen to roll back violently, after which it lost height rapidly and crashed into some huts on the Uranquinty drome.

Crew:

RAAF 727 FO Keig, G W (Pilot)

Killed

RAAF *26790 LAC J B Monfries, (W/T Operator)

Died of injuries

*(a member of No 1 Aircraft Depot Laverton)

Both the crew are buried in the Wagga Wagga General Cemetery, NSW.

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

164477 Aircraftman Class 1 MONK, Clive Western

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/765 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 Aircraft Depot Tocumwal

Summary:

On the 4th December 1945, AC1 Monk died from being wounded with a service rifle when he was climbing through the fence at 1840 hours, at RAAF Station Tocumwal. He failed to stop when ordered to do so by a guard.

AC1 Monk is buried in the Tocumwal General Cemetery, NSW.

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

49388 Leading Aircraftsman MOORE, Michael John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/710 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 4th September 1945, LAC Moore, a Fitter Armourer, was killed when his motor cycle collided with a milk cart at the intersection of Kambrook road and Payne St, Caulfield, Victoria. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

416360 Sergeant MUNRO, Robert Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/60 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vultee Vengeance
Serial number:	A27-214
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 27th April 1943, Vultee Vengeance A27-214 at 1640 hours, hit an obstruction on landing, and crashed south west of the perimeter of Laverton drome, and caught fire. Both the crew members were injured. The flight had been authorised to enable the Pilot under instruction to become familiar with the aircraft type.

Crew:

RAAF 406127 FO Baker, M D (Safety Pilot) Injured
RAAF 416360 Sgt R R Munro, (Pilot under instruction) Died of injuries.

Sgt Munro is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

9306 Flight Sergeant MUXWORTHY, James Pedlor

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/28/785 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot

Summary:

On the 30th June 1946, Flt Sgt Muxworthy 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

442477 Flying Officer NATTRASS, James William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/546 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	A52-147
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 18th March 1946, Mustang A68-718 was one of a formation of 13 aircraft on a ferry flight between Naha Okinawa and BOFU, Japan. The formation was escorted by a No 2AD Mosquito A52-147. The formation flew into bad weather only 20 minutes from BOFU, near Cape Tsuru on the north-eastern tip of Kyushu, Japan, and 3 of the Mustangs failed to arrive at their destination. The escort Mosquito also failed to arrive. A68-718 was last seen at 1204 hours at Cape Tsuru. It was believed the aircraft crashed into the sea, and the Pilot was missing.

Crew: A68-718

RAAF 407213 FO Allan, J G (Pilot)

Crew : A68-770

RAAF 47460 FO Short, M G (Pilot)

Crew : A68-773

RAAF 406042 FO Pilkington, A G (Pilot)

Crew : Mosquito A52-147

RAAF 414962 Flt Lt Saywell, G W (Pilot)) of No 2AD, Richmond

RAAF 442477 FO Nattrass, J W (Navigator)) “ “

A68-770 and A68-773 were last seen south west of Shikoku, Japan, at 1210 hours but they failed to reach their destination. The bodies of the two missing pilots FO Short and FO Pilkington were picked up by the sloop HMIS Sutlej. They are buried in the Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan.

FO Allan has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Labuan memorial, which is located in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia. Labuan (part of Sabah Malaysia) is a small island in Brunei Bay off the coast of North-west Borneo.

The crew of the Mosquito have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Labuan Memorial, Malaysia.

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

31188 Leading Aircraftsman NUNN, Leslie Edrich

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/142/329 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 2nd April 1942, a panel van tender overturned on the Princes Highway, half a mile east of Werribee, Victoria. The following RAAF personnel were died in the accident

RAAF	13274 LAC V Matuschka, (Labourer)	1 Aircraft Depot
RAAF	31188 LAC L E Nunn, (Labourer)	1 Aircraft Depot
RAAF	11077 LAC A Palamountain, (Fitter 11E)	1 Aircraft Depot
RAAF	LAC W A C Dyer, (Fitter 11A)	7 Sqn

LAC Matuschka is buried in the Tabor Lutheran Cemetery, Victoria. Tabor is 6 miles west of Penshurst between Penshurst and Hamilton, Victoria.

LAC Nunn is buried in the Red Hills (Bushy Park) Cemetery, Tasmania. The Cemetery is about 34 miles north west of Hobart on the Derwent River.

LAC's Palamountain and Dyer are buried in the Box Hill General Cemetery, Victoria.

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

76284 Leading Aircraftsman O'CALLAGHAN, Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 108/7/89

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Aircraft Depot Amberley

Summary:

On the 1st July 1944, LAC O'Callaghan, an Electrician, was killed in a motor car accident, when travelling as a passenger in an Army vehicle on the Sandgate/Brisbane road in the vicinity of Cabbage Tree Creek at about 0015 hours.

LAC O'Callaghan is buried in the Brisbane (Luwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

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

11077 Leading Aircraftsman PALAMOUNTAIN, Archibald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/142/329 Commonwealth War Graves records

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Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR
IN RAAF SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

61708 Leading Aircraftsman PASCOE, Arthur Daniel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/297 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 Aircraft Depot Tocumwal

Summary:

On the 6th February 1942, LAC Pascoe, a Fitter 11A, died from injuries received when he dived into shallow water at a swimming pool at Numurka, Victoria.

He is buried in the Tocumwal General Cemetery, NSW.

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

416604 Pilot Officer PEAKE, William Shannon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/51/131 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 17th May 1942, PO Peake, a Pilot, died when he fell from the 2nd Division of the Brisbane Express at No 3 Tunnel, Reid Hill in Coffs Harbour, NSW. He is buried in the Mitcham Cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia.

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

76895 Leading Aircraftsman PETERSEN, Andreas Stanley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/897 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Aircraft Depot Amberley

Summary:

On the 3rd September 1945, LAC Petersen, a Fitter 11A, died of a coronary occlusion at SSQ Amberley. He is buried in the Ipswich General Cemetery, Queensland.

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

24002 Sergant PHILIPSON, William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/759 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 9th April 1945, Sgt Philipson, a Fitter 11C, was killed in a motor cycle accident in Marysville, Victoria. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

151945 Leading Aircraftsman PHILLIPS, William Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/951 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Aircraft Depot Amberley.

Summary:

On the 25th November 1945, LAC Phillips, a Clerk, became dangerously ill following an appendicectomy at BMU Greenslopes.. He died on the 26th November of peritoneal abscess, and is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

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

75644 Leading Aircraftsman POWELL, William Noble

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4575345 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Park Bankstown

Summary:

On the 7th June 1944, LAC Powell, a Fitter 11A, was killed in a railway accident near Redfern, Sydney. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

14098 Corporal QUINLAN, John Harold

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301, Barcode 4560253 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 6th June 1942, Cpl Quinlan, a Carpenter Motor Body Builder, was discharged from the RAAF medically unfit for further service. He died on the 30th January 1947, and is buried in the Rookwood Necropolis, Sydney, NSW.

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

416999 Warrant Officer QUINN, George Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163 /120/304 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wirraway
Serial number:	A20-634
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 27th May 1944, Wirraway A20-634 crashed at 1213 hours, at Island Lagoon, approx 150 miles north west of Port Augusta, South Australia. The aircraft had been of a ferry flight from Laverton to Supply, and both the crew were killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAAF 416999 Flt Sgt G F Quinn, (Pilot)

RAAF 409406 PO Hayes, J J (Observer)

Both the crew are buried in the Port Pirie General Cemetery, South Australia.

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

118580 Leading Aircraftsman REDMAN, Joseph Howarth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/529 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 25th April 1945, LAC Redman, Fitter 11E, was admitted to the No 2 RAAF Hospital dangerously ill with meningitis. He died on the 30th April 1945, and is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

8099 Aircraftman Class 1 REED, George Lindsay

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A9301 Barcode 4556559 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 8th June 1940, AC1 Reef, died in a ground accident, and is buried in the Melbourne General Cemetery, Carlton, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

205923 Corporal RENTELL, Harry McAlister

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 53/1/905

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 8th March 1941, Cpl Rentell, a Fitter 11E, died from injuries received in a motor car accident at the intersection of Ascot Vale road, the crescent, and Queens Avenue, Ascot Vale road. The car was driven by PO Jenkins who was injured, collided with another car.

Cpl Rendell is buried in the Fawkner Memorial park Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

400488 Flight Lieutenant ROE, Richard Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/291 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vultee Vengeance
Serial number:	A27-76
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 4th March 1943, Vultee Vengeance A27-76 crashed into a factory in McCauley St North Melbourne at 1533 hours, when carrying out manoeuvres during a public display, and the two on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 400488 Flt Lt Roe, R H (Pilot)

RAAF 400432 PO Harris, J N (Wireless Operator)

Both the crew are buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Vixctoria.

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

75688 Leading Aircraftsman RYAN, Dudley Killian

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4575153 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Aircraft Depot Amberley

Summary:

On the 14th June 1943, LAC Ryan, a Carpenter Rigger, died at SSQ Amberley, following a tonsillectomy operation. He is buried in the Ipswich General Cemetery, Queensland.

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

414962 Flight Lieutenant SAYWELL, George William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/3/546 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	A52-147
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

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Crew: A68-718

RAAF 407213 FO Allan, J G (Pilot)

Crew: A68-770

RAAF 47460 FO Short, M G (Pilot)

Crew: A68-773

RAAF 406042 FO Pilkington, A G (Pilot)

Crew: Mosquito A52-147

RAAF 414962 Flt Lt Saywell, G W (Pilot) of No 2AD, Richmond

RAAF 442477 FO Nattrass, J W (Navigator) “ ”

A68-770 and A68-773 were last seen south west of Shikoku, Japan, at 1210 hours but they failed to reach their destination. The bodies of the two missing pilots FO Short and FO Pilkington were picked up by the sloop HMIS Sutlej. They are buried in the Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan.

FO Allan has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Labuan memorial, which is located in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia. Labuan (part of Sabah Malaysia) is a small island in Brunei Bay off the coast of North-west Borneo.

The crew of the Mosquito have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Labuan Memorial, Malaysia.

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

411199 Flight lieutenant SHORE, Ronald William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/3/339 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	A16-68
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 20th December 1944, Hudson A16-68 crashed on its landing approach at the Richmond drome and all on board were killed.

All were members of No 2 Aircraft Depot, except PO Broderick who was a member of No 2 Aircraft Pool, Richmond.

Crew:

RAAF 411199 Flt Lt Shore, R W Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 409022 PO Broderick, J J (2nd Pilot)

Passengers:

RAAF 64697 LAC F F Smith, (Fitter 11A)

RAAF 36531 Cpl J McL Allen, (Fitter 11A)

WAAAF 109913 ACW N M Ralph, (

RAAF 35228 Cpl R H McIlroy, (Instrument Maker)

RAAF 62705 LAC J M Gleeson, (Fitter 11E)

RAAF 15786 LAC N B Chamberlain, (Fitter 11E)

All are buried in the Richmond War Cemetery, NSW.

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

53097 Leading Aircraftsman SMALLCOMBE, Cyril George Victor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 160/38/882 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Pool Bankstown

Summary:

On the 20th January 1945, LAC Smallcombe, an Equipment Assistant, died of heart failure at home. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

64697 Leading Aircraftsman SMITH, Francis Fletcher

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/3/339 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	A16-68
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

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RAAF 62705 LAC J M Gleeson, (Fitter 11E)

RAAF 15786 LAC N B Chamberlain, (Fitter 11E)

All are buried in the Richmond War Cemetery, NSW.

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

25242 Aircraftman Class 1 SQUELCH, Ronald Bruce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/249 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Aircraft Depot Amberley

Summary:

On the 26th August 1943, AC1 Squelch, a Fitter 11A, was killed in a collision between an American Service tender and a civilian passenger bus, three miles from Ipswich.

AC` Squelch is buried in the Ipswich General Cemetery, Queensland.

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

54592 Leading Aircraftsman STEVENS, Alfred John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4971777, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 24th October 1945, :LAC Stevens, a Fitter 11E, was discharged from the RAAF on demobilisation. He died on the 2nd January 1947, and is buried in the Box Hill General Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

305 Wing Commander STEVENSON, James Cecil

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/57/248 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Capstan
Serial number:	BS187
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 AD Laverton

Summary:

On the 1st December 1942, Capstan BS187, crashed into Port Phillip Bay near Point Cook, and the Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 305 Wg Cdr Stevenson, J C (Pilot)

Wg Cdr Stevenson was cremated in the Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

62174 Corporal STOBBS, Arthur Laurence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/342 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5AD Forest Hill via Wagga

Summary:

On the 19th December 1945, Cpl Stobbs, a Fitter Armourer, was accidentally killed while explaining the mechanism of a Browning machine gun. He is buried in the Wagga Wagga War Cemetery, NSW.

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

78766 Pilot Officer STRACHAN, David Adderton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/585 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 AD Amberley

Summary:

On the 30th June 1944, PO Strachan, A & SD, was admitted to No 112 General Hospital, seriously ill with retroperitoneal sarcoma. He died on the 17th July 1944, and is buried in the Brisbane General Cemetery, Queensland.

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

76223 Leading Aircraftsman STRATTON, Eric John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/1347 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Aircraft Depot Amberley

Summary:

On the 27th September 1945, LAC Stratton, a Radar Mechanic, was admitted to No 102 Aust General Hospital, dangerously ill with acute nephritis & uraemia. He died on the 14th November 1945, and is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

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

35390 Leading Aircraftsman SWANSON, Vincent O'Brien

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/164/80 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 22nd December 1941, LAC Swanson, an Aircraft hand, was thought to have been electrocuted from a portable vacuum cleaner on Hudson aircraft.
He is buried in the Mathoura Roman Catholic Cemetery, NSW.

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

Chaplain Flight Lieutenant TALBOT, Basil Arnold

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5241690 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Aircraft Depot Wagga

Summary:

On the 28th June 1943, Flt Lt Talbot, Chaplain, died of an illness in RAAF Hospital at Wagga. He is buried in the Wagga Wagga General Cemetery, NSW.

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

65276 Leading Aircraftsman TAYLOR, Henry Alan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/122 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dragon
Serial number:	A34-65
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Depot Richmond

Summary:

On the 5th January 1945, Dragon A34-65 during a forced landing when on a travel flight, crashed at 1215 hours three miles north east of Mt Druit airstrip, NSW. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Ashurst, G Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Biggs, K A H (2nd Pilot)
RAF WO I C Powell, PAX
RAAF 34214 Cpl B A Brownjohn, (Fitter 11E) PAX
RAAF 65276 LAC H A Taylor, (Fitter 11E) PAX

All those killed are buried in the Richmond War Cemetery, NSW.

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

39108 Aircraftman Class 1 VANSTONE, Ronald William Vere

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/42/9

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 27th February 1943, AC1 Vanstone, a Turner, drowned when swimming in the Werribee River, Victoria. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

263280 Flight Lieutenant VERRAN, Clifton Webbe

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5242313 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Aircraft Depot Wagga

Summary:

On the 18th August 1944, Flt Lt Verran, A & SD, was discharged from the RAAF medically unfit for further service. He died on the 15th December 1944, and was cremated in the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Sydney, NSW.

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

118256 Aircraftsman Class 1 WATSON, George Dunbar

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/176/443 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 Aircraft Depot Corowa

Summary:

On the 12th December 1942, AC1 Watson, a Fitter General, drowned when swimming in the Murray River near Corowa, NSW. He is buried in the Albury War Cemetery, NSW.

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

26592 Leading Aircraftsman WEBB, Percival Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/177/139 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 4th September 1941, LAC Webb, a Fitter 11A, died from injuries when he fell from a lorry near the Bramic Factory, Geelong Road, Footscray. He is buried in the Edwardstown (St Mary's) Church Cemetery, South Australia.

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

44823 Corporal WESTMORELAND, Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/1592 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Aircraft Depot Wagga

Summary:

On the 8th April 1944, Cpl Westmoreland, a Turner, was killed in a motor cycle accident when it collided with a lorry in Adelong, NSW. He is buried in the Wagga Wagga War Cemetery, NSW.

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

15202 Corporal WHIPPLE, Reginald Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/483 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft depot Richmond.

Summary:

On the 6th January 1944, Cpl Whipple, a Fitter 11A, was admitted to no 3 RAAF Hospital, Concord, dangerously ill from an intestinal obstruction. He died on the 8th January 1944, and was buried in the Sydney war Cemetery, NSW.

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

401342 Flying Officer WILMOT, Delwyn Crossley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/191 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vultee Vengeance
Serial number:	A27-5
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 15th May 1943, Vultee Vengeance A27-5, a 12 Sqn Aircraft, crashed when it caught alight on take off at Batchelor Field, Northern Territory. The aircraft was on a non-operational ferry flight from 12 Sqn to 2 Aircraft Depot Richmond.

Crew:

RAAF 401342 FO Wilmot, D C (Pilot) Died of injuries on 16/5/43
RAAF 43065 Sgt N W Cotter, (Observer) Dangerously injured but survived.

FO Wilmot is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory. Adelaide River is a township some 116kms south of Darwin on the main north south road between Darwin and Alice Springs.

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

139475 Leading Aircraftsman WILSON, Leslie Hamilton

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/.6/1452 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	A65-83
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	35 Sqn

Summary:

On the 19th December 1945, Dakota A65-83 departed Ambon for Darwin at approx 1140am but failed to arrive at its destination. At approx 1244 pm, the aircraft called Darwin Radio Station. The Wireless Operator was told to transmit his message, but was not heard from again. On the 20th December 1945, a radio message was picked up “Alive, I am alive”. Then was heard a series of jumbled letters which were unintelligible. Nothing else was heard. Searches were carried out for 17 days but were unsuccessful.

Crew:

RAAF 429742 FO Robinson, F Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 401818 Flt Lt Hazle, N J (Co-Pilot)
RAAF 440688 Flt Sgt F Bodley, (Navigator Bomb Aimer))
RAAF 427802 FO Connell, G R (Wireless Operator)

Passengers:

RAAF 60195 Sgt W Mullen, (Medical Orderly) Headquarters 11 Group Morotai
RAAF 139475 LAC L H Wilson, (Clerk Accounts) 30 Air Stores Park Labuan
Plus 18 Army and 1 Navy

All on board have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Ambon Memorial, Indonesia. Ambon Island lies close to the south west coast of Ceram in the Molucca Group of Islands. The Memorial stands of the First Territory of the Ambon War Cemetery, which is 5kms north east of Ambon on the main roads to Galala.

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

416639 Sergeant WILUM, Donald Gregory

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/392 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Kittyhawk
Serial number:	A29-511
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Aircraft Park Bankstown

Summary:

On the 16th October 1943, Kittyhawk A29-511 dived into the sea three miles off shore near Camilla, Queensland, which is seven miles south of west Hill Island, south east of Mackay. The aircraft was one of four aircraft carrying out a non-operational ferry flight from 3AD Amberley to 84 Sqn at Horn Island. They had left Amberley at 1600 hours on the 15th October, for Bundaberg, where they stayed overnight, and then departed from Bundaberg the next morning.

Crew:

RAAF 416639 Sgt D G Wilum, (Pilot) Missing

Sgt Wilum has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Sydney Memorial, which stands in the grounds of the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

402432 Flight Lieutenant WINES, Robert Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/749 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	A47-24
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 11th December 1944, Mitchell A47-24 crashed at 1107 hours, six miles east of Anglesea in the Torquay Sea Range, Victoria. The aircraft was detailed to carry out an armament test flight at the Torquay Sea Range. It took off from Laverton at 1045 hours, It flew over the target area at a normal height (probably 1000 feet) heading to sea, and flat dived towards the sea firing its front guns. The plane continued on and struck water, bounced upwards and then sank back.

During the dive, Flt Lt Claire was operating the turret and had fired some short bursts into the water. He noticed smoke and extricated himself from the turret to find the fuselage full of dense black smoke through which he could not see. He and one of the armourers found extinguishers but their use was unavailing. The aircraft then struck the water and broke open, and Flt Lt Claire and LAC Roberts were thrown clear. The automatic dinghy operated perfectly, and was within a few yards of Claire who boarded it, and then assisted Roberta to embark. The aircraft sank and nothing was seen of the other occupants.

Crew:

RAAF	402432 Flt Lt Wines, R A Captain (Pilot)	Missing
RAAF	575 Sqn Ldr McGrill, F R (2 nd Pilot)	Missing
RAAF	273495 Flt Lt Claire, A G (Wireless Air Gunner)	Slightly Injured
RAAF	51756 LAC R J Cavanagh, (Fitter Armourer)	Missing
RAAF	23394 LAC D R Roberts, (Test Armourer)	Safe

The three missing crew members have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Sydney Memorial, which is located in the Sydney War Cemetery, some 17kms west of Sydney, NSW.

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

52029 Leading Aircraftman WOOD, Norman George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/161 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 27th July 1944, LAC Wood, a Fitter 11E, was riding a bicycle returning to his home, when he was struck by a motorcar on the Melbourne side of the Laverton Railway overhead bridge on the Geelong/Melbourne Highway. He later died of his injuries in the SSQ Laverton. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

425400 Warrant Officer WRIGHTSON, Donald Trevor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/251 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Boomerang
Serial number:	A46-97
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Aircraft Depot Laverton

Summary:

On the 30th March 1945, Boomerang A46-97 crashed four miles west of Exeter, NSW, and the Pilot was killed. The aircraft was one of four being ferried from Laverton to No 83 Sqn at Menangle, NSW.

A46—97 was flying No 4 in the formation led by Sqn Ldr J B Keys. The formation was led in between clouds, the Leader thinking he could get through. On breaking through, he found he was unable to clear the cloud ahead, and made a 180 degree turn. No 3 kept with the Leader throughout this turn but No 2, Flt Lt Rae lost the Leader and put his flaps and wheels down and lost height through the cloud, coming out slowly with 200 feet to clear. No 4 was eventually separated from No 2 in this turn, and crashed on coming out of the cloud.

Crew:

RAAF 42500 WO D T Wrightson, (Pilot)

WO Wrightson is buried in the Bowral Cemetery, NSW.

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

55152 Leading Aircraftsman BINGHAM, Vincent William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4972227 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 CRD Werribee

Summary:

On the 6th March 1946, LAC Bingham, a Fitter 11A, was discharged from the RAAF on demobilisation. He died on the 6th January 1947, and is buried in the Cheltenham New General Cemetery, Victoria.

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

19346 Leading Aircraftsman BOOTH, John McDowell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/615 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vultee Vengeance
Serial number:	A27-
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 RSU Higgins Field

Summary:

On the 12th July 1944, LAC Booth, a Fitter 11E, died of injuries received accidentally, when he was riding on the wingtip of a Vultee Vengeance aircraft while the aircraft was taxiing down a dispersal road, when the port wheel hit a culvert, and LAC Booth was thrown off.

LAC Booth is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

37323 Leading Aircraftsman BOURKE, Algie John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/93/802 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	15 RSU Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 22nd November 1942, LAC Bourke, a Guard, was killed when along with 20 others, he was assisting moving a crashed Beaufighter aircraft with a damaged undercarriage on Ward strip, Port Moresby. The undercarriage collapsed and LAC Bourke was pinioned between the engine cowling and the wheel and died almost immediately. 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

445210 Leading Aircraftsman BRADLEY, James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/1142 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Central Reserve Marangaroo

Summary:

On the 22nd May 1945, LAC Bradley, an Armourer, was dangerously injured in a motor transport accident when on duty. The vehicle failed to turn a corner and hit an earth bank and overturned on the driving side of the vehicle. The accident occurred on the Western Highway, two miles west of Mudgee, NSW. He died on the 23rd May 1945, and is buried in the Bowenfels Cemetery, Lithgow, NSW.

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

31238 Corporal CAMPBELL, Edwin Archibald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/48

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	12 RSU Breddon

Summary:

On the 14th March 1943, Cpl Campbell, a Fitter DMT, drowned whilst swimming in the Burdekin River, Queensland. He is buried in the Charters Towers War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

126705 Leading Aircraftsman CARY, Albert Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/468 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	15 ARD Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 8th April 1944, LAC Cary, a telephone operator, and LAC Summers drowned when swimming in the Laleki River at Port Moresby.

LAC Cary is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea. LAC Summers has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, which located in he Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

117541 Corporal CAVANAGH, Peter Wilkinson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/259 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Repair Installation Maintenance Croydon Sydney

Summary:

On the 4th December 1943, Cpl Cavanagh, a Radar Mechanic, died of cerebral malaria in the Tully District Hospital, Queensland. He is buried in the

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

3093 Corporal CHESTER, Charles Whitley

Source:

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

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.

RAAF 81826 LAC R A Powell, (Flight Mechanic)
RAAF 29489 Flt Sgt R T Tapping, (Clerk Accts) HQ Western Area
RAAF 3093 Cpl C W Chester, (Fitter DMT) 14 ARD Pearce
RAAF 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

66553 Aircraftsman Class 1 CLAPHAM, Victor Clement

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/15

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 RSU Darwin

Summary:

On the 6th January 1943, AC1 Clapham, a Fitter DMT, was admitted to No 1 MRS Darwin, dangerously ill with septicaemia following an injury to the right ankle. He died on the 14th January 1943, and is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory..

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

4789 Warrant Officer CLARK, Leonard Herbert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/106 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	10 RSU Milne Bay

Summary:

On the 10th May 1943, WO Clark, a Fitter Armourer, was dangerously injured accidentally from gunshot wounds of which he died later that day. He was breaking down a Japanese anti tank shell of approx 37mm calibre, and after removing the detonator, he commenced drilling the shell with an electric drill and it exploded.

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

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

419778 Leading Aircraftsman CLAY, George Eric

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/768 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	14 ARD Gorrie Northern territory

Summary:

On the 21st December 1944, LAC Clay, a Clerk Accounts, died when he was electrocuted through coming in contact with a defective electric fan. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

4304 Flight Sergeant CRABB, Frank James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/487 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	22 RSU Nadzab

Summary:

On the 2nd August 1944, Flt Sgt Crabb, an Equipment Assistant, died of an illness in the No 6 RAAF Hospital, Heidelberg, and is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

26331 Corporal CURNOW, Ronald Edwin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/664 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	10 RSU Milne Bay.

Summary:

On the 3rd October 1944, Cpl Curnow, a Fitter 11A, was killed when was a passenger in a US vehicle which collided with another US vehicle. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

116060 Leading Aircraftsman DEERE, Maurice

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/808 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	13 ARD Breddan

Summary:

On the 20th December 1945, LAC Deere, an Equipment Assistant, was admitted to SSQ Breddan suffering from meningitis. He died on the 23rd December, and is buried in the Charters Towers War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

85002 Leading Aircraftsman DUMONT, Frank Jules

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/622 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	4 Central Reserve Alexishafen

Summary:

On the 9th January 1946, LAC Dumont, a DMT, was engaged in dumping explosives in the sea, and at the time of the accident was working on a barge which was used for the purpose. During dumping operations, a tin cylinder containing 10 aircraft bomb detonators exploded, and LAC Dumont received severe injuries from which he died a few minutes later. Others were injured in the explosion.

LAC Dumont is 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.

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

71382 Leading Aircraftsman ELWELL, Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/74 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	14 ARD Gorrie

Summary:

On the 6th September 1943, LAC Elwell, a General Hand, died of encephalitis in the Larrimah Hospital, Darwin. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

121945 Aircraftsman Class 1 ETHERTON, Phillip

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/27 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 RSU Pell Northern Territory

Summary:

On the 15th July 1943, AC1 Etherton, a Fitter DMT, died from a bullet wound due to the accidental discharge of a Thompson sub machine gun during aerodrome defence instruction. He is buried in the Adelaide River war Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

81999 Leading Aircraftsman EVENSON, John Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/227 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	17 RSU Pearce Western Australia

Summary:

On the 19th November 1945, LAC Evenson, a Fitter Armourer, died during an accident on the Great Western Highway, Guildford, W Aust. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

27332 Ledaing Aircraftsman FULLER, Donald John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/439 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	12 RSU Kiriwina, Papua New Guinea

Summary:

On the 2nd June 1945, LAC Fuller, a Carpenter Rigger, died when he accidentally burned by lighted petrol when on duty. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

139431 Leading Aircraftsman GALLAGHER, Robin George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/15/600 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	22 RSU Labuan

Summary:

On the 14th October 1945, LAC Gallagher, a Wireless Maintenance Mechanic, was accidentally electrocuted on duty and died. He was erecting an aerial in the vicinity of the Wireless Section, and had attached one end of the aerial around an electric power plug in the section. When he pulled the wire clear of the ground, the end slipped and came into contact with a terminal of the main electric power supply
He is buried in the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.

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

71115 Leading Aircraftsman GARRAHY, Lawrence Martin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/15/167 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	15 ARD Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 2nd January 1944, LAC Garrahy, an Equipment Assistant, died of an illness due to inhaling when off duty, a toxic fluid believed to contain de-icing fluid used as a base at 13 ARD, resulting in his death from acute poisoning. Others who also died from inhaling the toxic fluid were:

LAC J W Woods, a Flight Mechanic, who died on the 1st January 1944

LAC L A Woodbridge, a Clerk Stores Assistant, who died on the 1st January 1944

LAC I R Sutherland, a Flight Rigger, who died on the 2nd January 1944

All were members of No 15 ARD Port Moresby.

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

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

73336 Leading Aircraftsman GILMOUR, Sydney Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/143 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	13 ARD Brdeddan

Summary:

On the 22nd November 1943, LAC Gilmour, a Guard, was admitted to No 116 Aust General Hospital for an operation for appendicitis that day. Following complications he died on the 26th November 1943, and is buried in the Charters Towers War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

75213 Leading Aircraftsman GINNS, Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4575227 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Central Recovery Depot Amberley

Summary:

On the 14th December 1945, LAC Ginns, an Equipment Assistant, was discharged from the RAAF. He died on the 18th July 1946, and is buried in the Southport Cemetery, Queensland.

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

61686 Leading Aircraftsman GREEN, Bruce Drysdale

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/1100 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	13 ARD Breddan

Summary:

On the 26th March 1945, LAC Green, a Flight Rigger, was killed in a motor vehicle accident on the Charters Towers Road, two miles from 13 ARD, when a leave tender overturned. He is buried in the Charters Towers War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

47261 Leading Aircraftsman HASSETT, Michael Melville James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/1100 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	13 ARD Breddan

Summary:

On the 26th March 1945, LAC Hassett, a Coppersmith, was dangerously injured in a motor vehicle accident on the Charters Towers Road, two miles from 13 ARD. A leave tender overturned and he was admitted to No 3 MRS. He died of his injuries on the 29th March 1945, and is buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

76459 Leading Aircraftsman HOFFMAN, Herbert Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/403 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	32 Sqn

Summary:

On the 21st April 1944, FO Miller, (A & S D) was engaged in oxygen plant duties at Pell Airfield, Northern Territory, when an oxygen bottle exploded. Also killed in the explosion was LAC Hoffman a Fitter 11E of No 4 Repair & Salvage Unit, Pell.

Both are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory. Adelaide River is a township, 116kms south of Darwin, on the main road from Darwin to Alice Springs.

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

64555 Leading Aircraftsman HOGAN, Thomas James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/342 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	10 RSU Milne bay

Summary:

On the 30th April 1944, LAC Hogan, an Electrician, drowned when he was attending a swimming parade at North Beach, Kiriwina Island, Papua New Guinea. He swam out from the beach towards a reef and got into difficulties with the currents and the undertow. Two members of the RAAF tried to rescue him but he disappeared before they could reach him. 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

131271 Leading Aircraftsman HOLACK, Joseph Walter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/473 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	10 RSU Milne Bay

Summary:

On the 30th August 1944, LAC Holack, a Guard, died of injuries sustained when he accidentally caught the trigger of his gun on a nail protruding from a packing case, causing the weapon to discharge. He was on guard duty at the time.

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

63038 Aircraftman Class 1 JEFFERY, Horace Ewan Kingsbury

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/20/24 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	13 ARD Tocumwal

Summary:

On the 26th March 1943, AC1 Jeffery, a Fitter 11E, drowned while swimming in the Murray River behind the township of Tocumwal, NSW. He is buried in the Tocumwal General Cemetery, NSW.

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

8868 Flight Sergeant JENKE, Leslie Harold

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:	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

18872 Corporal JENNINGS, Charles Conroy

Source:

AWM 23y7 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/64 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	A16-212
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	13 Sqn

Summary:

On the 27th February 1943, Hudson A16-212 was returning to base at Hughes strip, Northern Territory, having been serviced and overhauled at Manbulloo. It set out in company with another aircraft at 1810 hours. At take off light rain was falling at Manbulloo but the cloud base was high and visibility satisfactory. As the two aircraft approached their home base the weather deteriorated with heavy rain and low cloud and very poor visibility.

A16-212 was seen to pass over the landing strip at Hughes airfield at a height of approx 200 feet. On reaching the north west end of the strip, it turned as though in preparation to land from north west to south east. The nose then went down and the aircraft lost height until it hit the ground before the north west end of the runway at 1948 hours. LAC Bradley and Cpl Jennings were killed in the crash and the others badly injured.

Crew:

RAAF	405822 Sgt K D Brown Captain (Pilot)	Critically injured
RAAF	401164 Sgt W R C Robertson, (Observer)	Died of Injuries 28/2/43
RAAF	18872 Cpl C C Jennings, (Instrument Maker)	Killed (of 1 RSU Darwin)
RAAF	32408 LAC P R Lazarus, (Mess Steward)	Died of Injuries 28/2/43
RAAF	50651 LAC R G Bradley, (Fitter Mechanic)	Killed
RAAF	61066 LAC K E G Edwards, (Flight Rigger)	Condition serious

The four who lost their lives are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory, Australia. Adelaide River is a township 116kms south of Darwin, on the main north south road between the capital and Alice Springs.

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

60281 Leading Aircraftsman McCOMBIE, Thomas Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/590 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 CRD Richmond

Summary:

On the 18th September 1944, LAC McCombie, a Motor Cyclist, died of injuries resulting from an accident when riding a service motorcycle on duty. He is buried in the Richmond War Cemetery, Sydney, NSW. .

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

44263 Leading Aircraftsman McGILCHRIST, John Wade

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/141/894 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 RSU Darwin

Summary:

On the 19th December 1942, LAC McGilchrist, a Fitter DMT, died from an electric shock, when using an electric drill to drill a hole in a stabilizer of a Ford motor vehicle. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

152548 Leading Aircraftsman McINERNEY, James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/834 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	12 ARD Kiriwina

Summary:

On the 9th March 1945, LAC McInerney, a Motor Trimmer, was on duty painting the roof of the body building shop at 12ARD detachment A, when he was electrocuted due to contact with a live electric wire while standing on the roof of the building. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern territory.

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

20124 Corporal McLAUGHLIN, Percy Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/1130 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	22 RSU Labuan

Summary:

On the 19th September 1945, Cpl McLaughlin, a Fitter 11A, was seriously ill with Granulocytopenia. He died on the 1st October 1945 and is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

38653 Leading Aircraftsman MASSINGHAM, Charles Carson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4433719, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Central Reserve, Albury

Summary:

On the 15th January 1945, LAC Massingham, a Fitter Armourer, was discharged from the RAAF as medically unfit for further service. He died on the 12th August 1945, and is buried in the Perth (Karrakatta) General Cemetery, Western Australia.

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

2649 Sergeant MAUD, John Manning

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/499 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	14 ARD Gorrie

Summary:

On the 4th July 1944, Sgt Maud, a Fabric Worker, died of an illness. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

26365 Leading Aircraftsman MILLER, James Clark

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4568286, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 Repair & Salvage Unit Darwin

Summary:

On the 3rd October 1945, LAC Miller, a Cooks Assistant, was discharged from the RAAF on demobilisation. He died on the 27th February 1946.

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

167595 Aircraftman Class 1 PERRY, George Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/973 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Central Reserve Marangaroo

Summary:

On the 13th April 1946, AC1 Perry, a Guard, died of injuries when he was involved in an accident when a Clarkton Tractor on which he was riding, ran over a drop of about 20/30 feet into a gully at the eastern end of the disused Glenbrook railway tunnel, and as crushed by the vehicle. He is buried in the Richmond War Cemetery, NSW.

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

137014 Leading Aircraftsman PORTEOUS, Norman John Salem

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/399 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	15 ARD Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 26th July 1945, LAC Porteous, an Equipment Assistant, fell off a tender and was run over and killed. 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

81826 Leading Aircraftsman POWELL, Ross Allan

Source:

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

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

24971 Leading Aircraftsman RUDDER, Arnold Eugene

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/139 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	15 ARD Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 1st November 1943, LAC Rudder, a Fitter Armourer, died of his injuries when he was accidentally wounded by the discharge of a .30 machine gun in the Armament Repair section. 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

141481 Leading Aircraftsman SCHAEDEL, Keith Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/1060 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 RSU Darwin

Summary:

On the 7th July 1945, LAC Schaedel, a Flight Rigger, drowned when a dinghy sank at Fanny Bay, Darwin. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

76295 Leading Aircraftsman SEARLE, Clifford David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/36/343 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Norseman
Serial number:	A71-1
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Communication Flight Garbutt

Summary:

On the 22nd August 1944, Norseman A71-1 crashed at 1100 hours, at sea 8 miles south east of Boigu Island, in position 09.25S 142.15E. The aircraft was on a non-operational travel flight from Horn Island to Merauke in Dutch New Guinea, and the accident was due to engine failure.

All the occupants escaped from the aircraft, but the mae-west worn by the pilot Flt Sgt Rossiter was faulty and he lost his life by drowning LAC's Dunn and Searle were also missing, but three other passengers reached safety with the help of a native in a canoe. Searches were carried out but no trace was found of the missing men.

Crew:

RAAF 432268 Flt Sgt F H Rossiter, (Pilot) (5 Com Flt) Drowned
RAAF 28046 LAC J N G Dunn, (5 Com Flt) Missing

Passengers:

RAAF 76295 LAC C D Searle, PAX (1 RSU Higgins) Missing
RAAF 33134 Cpl V C Robinson, PAX (1RSU Higgins) Safe
RAAF 41715 LAC D R Tomasetti PAX (1 RSU Higgins) Safe
RAAF 63374 LAC L J Hart, PAX (1 RSU Higgins) Safe

Flt Sgt Rossiter and LAC's Dunn and Searle 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

53622 Leading Aircraftsman SEIPOLT, Max Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/250 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	13 ARD Breddon

Summary:

On the 21st November 1943, LAC Seipolt, a Fitter 11E, drowned when swimming in the Rocks Pool in the Burdekin River, about 20 miles from Charters Towers, Queensland. He is buried in the Charters Towers War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

62834 Corporal SMITH, Edward George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/670 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	14 ARD Gorrie

Summary:

On the 31st August 1944 Cpl Smith, an Aircraft hand, was admitted to No 1MRS Darwin, seriously ill with Subarachnoid Haemorrhage. He died on the 20th September 1944, and is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

128420 Leading Aircraftsman SMITH, Frederick Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/867 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	14 ARD Gorrie

Summary:

On the 15th January 1945, LAC Smith, a Stores Hand, was electrocuted when he came into contact with active electrical equipment. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

63290 Corporal SMITH, Joseph Chralton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/1058 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	10 RSU Nadzab

Summary:

On the 9th May 1945, Cpl Smith, a Clerk Accounts, was electrocuted as a result of a fall in the camp area. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

116407 Leading Aircraftsman SUMMERS, Arthur Charles Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/7/468 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	15 ARD Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 8th April 1944, LAC Cary, a telephone operator, and LAC Summers drowned when swimming in the Laleki River at Port Moresby.

LAC Cary is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea. LAC Summers has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, which located in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

37717 Leading Aircraftsman SUTHERLAND, Ian Roderick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/15/167 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	15 ARD Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 2nd January 1944, LAC Garrahy, an Equipment Assistant, died of an illness due to inhaling when off duty, a toxic fluid believed to contain de-icing fluid used as a base at 13 ARD, resulting in his death from acute poisoning. Others who also died from inhaling the toxic fluid were:

LAC J W Woods, a Flight Mechanic, who died on the 1st January 1944

LAC L A Woodbridge, a Clerk Stores Assistant, who died on the 1st January 1944

LAC I R Sutherland, a Flight Rigger, who died on the 2nd January 1944

All were members of No 15 ARD Port Moresby.

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

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

16830 Corporal SUTHERLAND, John Wilson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/1033 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	13 ARD Cloncurry

Summary:

On the 14th April 1945, Cpl Sutherland, a Fitter 11E, died of injuries when a weapon carrier overturned, when it hit a stump at night en route for Cloncurry. He is buried in the Cloncurry Cemetery, Queensland.

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

283943 Flight Lieutenant SWAN, Edward Coles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A8234 Control 8 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	13 ARD Breddon

Summary:

On the 30th July 1945, Flt Lt Swan died of an illness and is buried in the Charter Towers War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

251345 Squadron Leader TAMLYN, Norman Burns

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A9300 Barcode 5241677 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	12 RSU Aitape

Summary:

On the 12th October 1945, the appointment of Sqn Ldr Tamlyn, an Engineer, was terminated. He died on the 11th July 1946, and was cremated at the Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne, Victoria. His name is recorded on the Victorian Cremation Memorial.

Sqn Ldr Tamlyn was born on 18th April 1904. He became an Air Cadet on 11th June 1928, and graduated as a pilot. He transferred to the reserve on the 1st Sept 1936, and on the 1st July 1940 was recalled for active service and posted for engineering duties.

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

57510 Leading Aircraftsman THOMAS, William Daniel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/370 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	9 RSU Sattler Northern Territory

Summary:

On the 8th October 1944, LAC Thomas, a Fitter 11A, was missing from a swimming parade at Casserina Beach, Darwin. He could not swim, and was last seen at about 1600 hours in the water up to his knees proceeding towards the beach. It was later considered that there was a likelihood that he was taken by a shark, as his remains were washed up on the beach. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

56855 Leading Aircraftsman THORNTON, Alwyn Roy

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/29/558 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	9 RSU Morotai

Summary:

On the 10th May 1945, LAC Thornton, a fitter 11E, was admitted to MRS Morotai, seriously ill with expectoratin of blood. He was transferred by air to No 6 RAAF Hospital Heidelberg, and died on the 26th June 1945 of pulmonary TB. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

128944 Aircraftman Class 1 TREMAYNE, Sydney Horatio

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/317 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	12 ARD Kiriwina

Summary:

On the 25th December 1944, AC1 Tremayne, a Cook, died of an illness, and is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

75848 Leading Aircraftsman WALK, Stanley Idrice

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/948 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	12 RSU Kiriwina

Summary:

On the 15th November 1944, LAC Walk, a Flight Mechanic, died as a result of a gun shot wound, received when he was reloading a rifle at Tadj, New Guinea. He is buried in the Lae WAR Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

29351 Corporal WALL, Peter James

Source:

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

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) Hdqtrs 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

73195 Leading Aircraftsman WASLEY, Geoffrey Desmond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/1042. Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	26 RSU Tarakan

Summary:

On the 22nd December 1944, LAC Wasley, an Instrument Repairer, died from gun shot wounds. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

143307 Leading Aircraftsman WILSON. Albert Noel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/1792 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 CRD Werribee

Summary:

On the 6th December 194r, LAC Wilson, an Equipment Assistant, was admitted seriously ill to No 6 RAAF Hospital, suffering from carcinoma of the colon. He died on the 27th June 1946 and is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

4817 Flight Lieutenant WOOD, Reginald Carlyle Woolnough, MBE

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/352 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 CRD Tocumwal

Summary:

On the 7th September 1945, Flt Lt Wood, A & SD, died of an illness in 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

56981 Leading Aircraftsman WOODBRIDGE, Leslie Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/15/167 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	15 ARD Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 2nd January 1944, LAC Garrahy, an Equipment Assistant, died of an illness due to inhaling when off duty, a toxic fluid believed to contain de-icing fluid used as a base at 13 ARD, resulting in his death from acute poisoning. Others who also died from inhaling the toxic fluid were:

LAC J W Woods, a Flight Mechanic, who died on the 1st January 1944

LAC L A Woodbridge, a Clerk Stores Assistant, who died on the 1st January 1944

LAC I R Sutherland, a Flight Rigger, who died on the 2nd January 1944

All were members of No 15 ARD Port Moresby.

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

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

41254 Leading Aircraftsman WOODS, James Walter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/15/167 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	15 ARD Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 2nd January 1944, LAC Garrahy, an Equipment Assistant, died of an illness due to inhaling when off duty, a toxic fluid believed to contain de-icing fluid used as a base at 13 ARD, resulting in his death from acute poisoning. Others who also died from inhaling the toxic fluid were:

LAC J W Woods, a Flight Mechanic, who died on the 1st January 1944

LAC L A Woodbridge, a Clerk Stores Assistant, who died on the 1st January 1944

LAC I R Sutherland, a Flight Rigger, who died on the 2nd January 1944

All were members of No 15 ARD Port Moresby.

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

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

25109 Coporal BUCHHOLZ, Charles John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/324 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Flying Boat Repair Depot

Summary:

On the 13th November 1943, Cpl Buchholz, a Fitter 11A, was killed in a motor cycle accident. He is buried in the Lake Boga General Cemetery, Victoria.

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

79118 Aircraftman Class 1 DOUGAN, Samuel Vincent

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 108/4/116 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 FBRD Rathmines

Summary:

On the 4th April 1944, AC1 Dougan, a Flight Mechanic, died from injuries as a result of falling down the stairs of a flat in Sydney. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

21838 Leading Aircraftsman GODDARD, Albert William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/231 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 FBRD Lake Boga

Summary:

On the 11th December 1943, LAC Goddard, a Fitter 11A, died from injuries received from boxing. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

61557 Leading Aircraftsman HICKEY, John Daniel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/453 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 FBRD Rathmines

Summary:

On the 27th January 1944, LAC Hickey, a Fitter 11E died from an illness. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

41003 Leading Aircraftsman HIRCOCK, Edward Morris

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/652 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 FBRD Lake Boga

Summary:

On the 29th June 1944, LAC Hircock, a Fitter 11A, died from injuries received in a motor cycle accident near Kerang, Victoria. He is buried in the Lake Boga General Cemetery, Victoria.

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

8254 Leading Aircraftsman HOLLEBON, Ernest William Montgomery

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/62 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 FBRD Lake Boga

Summary:

On the 10th April 1943, LAC Hollebon, an Electrical Fitter, died of his injuries when he was riding his motor cycle, and missed a turn on the main road, crashing onto the railway line at Koondrook, Victoria. He is buried in the Lake Boga General Cemetery, Victoria.

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

34885 Corporal MITCHELL, Maurice Meredith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/747 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Flying Boat Maintenance Darwin

Summary:

On the 19th January 1945, Cpl Mitchell, a Fitter 11E, died of an illness. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

23177 Flight Sergeant RAYMER, Kenneth Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4585401 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Flying Boat Repair Depot Rathmines

Summary:

On the 27th August 1944, Flt Sgt Raymer, a Fitter Motor boat, drowned when he fell from RAAF Motor boat 017-22 at Lake Macquarie, off Belmont, NSW. He is buried in the Newcastle (Sandgate) War Cemetery, NSW.

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

62886 Leading Aircraftsman THOMPSON, Albert Henry Bradbury

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4597263, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Flying Boat Repair Depot Rathmines

Summary:

On the 22nd August 1944, LAC Thompson, an Armament Assistant, died of an illness at the SSQ Rathmines. He is buried in the Newcastle (Sandgate) War Cemetery, NSW.

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

26192 Warrant Officer TOZER, Allan David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/656 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 FBRD Lake Boga

Summary:

On the 29th July 1945, WO Tozer, a Flight Engineer, died from injuries in a car accident on Fish point Road, Fish Point, Lake Boga, Victoria. On car attempted to pass another car both driven by RAAF personnel. The rear car overtook the leading car and on drawing level, crashed into the side of same, the rear car overturning.

WO Tozer is buried in the Lake Boga General Cemetery, Victoria.

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

25159 Leading Aircraftsman WALES, Eric George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/940 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 FBRD Bowen

Summary:

On the 11th November 1944, LAC Wales, a Fitter 11A, when at the Mackay detachment of 1FBRD, died of his injuries, when a weapon carrier type vehicle he was driving collided with a guide post on Nebo Road, Mackay. He is buried in the Mackay Cemetery, Queensland.

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

405961 Flying Officer ALEXANDER, William Robert Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/68 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	DH Dragon
Serial number:	A34-10
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Rescue & Communication Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 16th June 1943, Dragon A34-10 was on a travel flight and was approaching a ridge approx six miles north east of the Gurney Strip, Milne Bay Papua New Guinea. The aircraft apparently got into difficulties with the severe down currents from which it was unable to recover, and it crashed approx 50 yards on the north side of the ridge.

Crew:

RAAF	405961 FO Alexander, W R E (Pilot)	Killed
Aust Army	Col A T McLean,	Injured
USA	Col Lee,	Injured
USA	Major Whitecombe,	Injured
USA	Master Sgt W R George,	Injured.

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

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

154134 Aircraftman Class 1 BARTLETT, Howard James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/1442 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	112 ASRF Darwin

Summary:

On the 22nd April 1946, AC1 Bartlett, a Fitter DMT, and Cpl Terry, a General Hand, were killed when a jeep being driven by AC1 Bartlett, proceeding along Fanny Bay Road, failed to negotiate a turn, and plunged over a cliff into the sea. Both are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

406465 Flying Officer BASSETT, Donald James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/29/217 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	A16-118
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	4 Communication Unit Amberley

Summary:

On the 5th March 1945, Hudson A16-118 when on a travel flight to New Guinea, crashed into the sea at 1620 hours, 2.5 miles north of Cairns drome, and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 406465 FO Bassett D J, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400573 FO Thomson G, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 409400 WO B S Frieze, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 77157 LAC J D Moore, (Fitter 11E)

Note: All the crew were members of No 4 Communication Unit Amberley

Passengers:

RAAF 404543 Flt Lt Newell, J W (Pilot) (posted to 5OTU Williamtown)
ARMY Lt Gen Vasey, G A
ARMY Maj Gen Downes, R M
ARMY Col Russell
ARMY Col Bertram
ARMY Lt Rigall
ARMY Cpl James

FO Bassett and LAC Moore have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Sydney Memorial. The Memorial is situated in the Sydney War Cemetery, about 17kms west of Sydney.

FO Thomson, WO Frieze, Flt Lt Newell, Lt Gen Vasey, and Maj Gen Downes are buried in the Cairns Cemetery, Queensland.

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

417784 Pilot Officer BATTY, Robert Allan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/453 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vultee Vengeance
Serial number:	A27-409
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Com Unit Mascot

Summary:

On the 28th February 1944, Vultee Vengeance A27-409 crashed during a non-operational flight at 1500 hours, near Mascot, NSW. The crew of two were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 417784 PO Batty, R A (Pilot)

RAAF 428841 Flt Sgt D M Whitwell, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Both are buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

428901 Pilot Officer BERNIE, Walter Burford

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/5/752 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Walrus
Serial number:	X9559
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 Com Unit Goodenough

Summary:

On the 25th October 1944, Walrus X9559 was carrying out a recce endeavouring to find out information from natives. It landed near Karasau Island, Papua New Guinea, 20 miles south of Wewak, and one member of the crew and a passenger waded ashore. Ground fire was seen by a Beaufort aircraft covering the operation, and the aircraft was destroyed by gunfire.

Crew:

RAAF	428901 PO Bernie, W B (Pilot)	Missing
RAAF	418063 WO J M T Brown, ((Wireless Air Gunner)	Died a POW
ARMY	Capt M G Evensen, 71 Wing, Air liaison Officer	Missing

Both PO Bernie and Capt Evensen have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Lae Memorial, which is located in the Lae Ware Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

WO Brown died as a POW on the 1st November 1944. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

409131 Flight Sergeant BIRD, Jack Hume

Source:

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

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

416822 Flying Officer BONYTHON, Ronald George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/270, 166/22/116
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Seagull
Serial number:	A2-19
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	No 1 Rescue & Communication Sqn Kiriwina

Summary:

On the 9th September 1943, Seagull A2-19 arrived at By Product ex Goodenough with FO Bonython as Pilot. The following day FO Bonython was instructed to take off at 0400 hours on the 11th September, with FO Kelley as navigator, and carry out a search for a dinghy believed to contain the crew of a Beaufighter of No 30 Sqn which had previously been shot down. An escort of Kittyhawk aircraft from No 76 Sqn was provided and these aircraft took off from By Product soon after A2-19.

At 0430 hours Air ops room at By Product signalled A2-19 to return to base as the weather had closed in and it was considered unsuitable for the search to continue. No reply was received from A2-19. As a result of the weather, the fighter escort had not sighted A2-19 and they returned to base. A2-19 carried a reserve drum of 44 gallons of petrol, and the pilot intended making for a position in the vicinity of Jacquinot Bay situated north-east of Gasmata. At 0930 hours on the 11th September an Anson from No 1 Rescue & Comm Sqn searched the area following the course that FO Bonython intended traversing. No trace was found of the missing aircraft. Two Beaufighters also searched with nil result. A RAAF search party in 1946 searched with nil results, it being considered that A2-19 had crashed into the sea and the crew failed to survive.

Crew:

RAAF 416822 FO Bonython, R G (Pilot)
RAAF 1432 FO Kelley, R A (Navigator)

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

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

418063 Warrant Officer BROWN, Joseph Merrick Towers

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/752 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Walrus
Serial number:	X9559
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 Com Unit Goodenough

Summary:

On the 25th October 1944, Walrus X9559 was carrying out a recce endeavouring to find out information from natives. It landed near Karasau Island, Papua New Guinea, 20 miles south of Wewak, and one member of the crew and a passenger waded ashore. Ground fire was seen by a Beaufort aircraft covering the operation, and the aircraft was destroyed by gunfire.

Crew:

RAAF	428901 PO Bernie, W B (Pilot)	Missing
RAAF	418063 WO J M T Brown, ((Wireless Air Gunner)	Died a POW
ARMY	Capt M G Evensen, 71 Wing, Air liaison Officer	Missing

Both PO Bernie and Capt Evensen have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Lae Memorial, which is located in the Lae Ware Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

WO Brown died as a POW on the 1st Novemembr1 944. He is buried in the Le War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

436542 Flight Sergeant BROWNE, Neville Tasman

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

422019 Warrant Officer BURNS, Norman John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/780 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Com Unit Garbutt

Summary:

On the 6th November 1944, WO Burns, a Navigator Wireless, and PO McTier, a Pilot, were killed when they were endeavouring to get clear of a Wirraway aircraft which had ground looped on landing at Mareeba Queensland. They are buried in the Atherton War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

36547 Sergeant CAMERON, Donald MacPhail

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/651 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	4 Com Unit Archerfield

Summary:

On the 26th September 1944, Sgt Cameron, a Clerk Accounts, died of his injuries when he was passenger in a car which capsized about 7 miles from Boonah, Queensland. He is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

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

440276 Flight Sergeant CRAWFORD, John Brian

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/1382 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Norseman
Serial number:	A71-4
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 CU Garbutt

Summary:

On the 14th February 1946, Norseman A71-4 crashed about eight miles south of Iron Range, Queensland. The aircraft was on a non-operational travel flight on a ration run to Iron Range. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 414048 FO Law, C W (Pilot)

RAAF 440276 Flt Sgt J B Crawford, (Navigator Wireless)

RAAF 440279 Flt Sgt G M Geisel, PAX (Flying Control 27 OBU)

All three are buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

28046 Leading Aircraftsman DUNN, John Norman George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/36/343 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Norseman
Serial number:	A71-1
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Communication Flight Garbutt

Summary:

On the 22nd August 1944, Norseman A71-1 crashed at 1100 hours, at sea 8 miles south east of Boigu Island, in position 09.25S 142.15E. The aircraft was on a non-operational travel flight from Horn Island to Merauke in Dutch New Guinea, and the accident was due to engine failure.

All the occupants escaped from the aircraft, but the mae-west worn by the pilot Flt Sgt Rossiter was faulty and he lost his life by drowning. LAC's Dunn and Searle were also missing, but three other passengers reached safety with the help of a native in a canoe. Searches were carried out but no trace was found of the missing men.

Crew:

RAAF	432268 Flt Sgt F H Rossiter, (Pilot) (5 Com Flt)	Drowned
RAAF	28046 LAC J N G Dunn, (5 Com Flt)	Missing

Passengers:

RAAF	76295 LAC C D Searle, PAX (1 RSU Higgins)	Missing
RAAF	33134 Cpl V C Robinson, PAX (1RSU Higgins)	Safe
RAAF	41715 LAC D R Tomasetti PAX (1 RSU Higgins)	Safe
RAAF	63374 LAC L J Hart, PAX (1 RSU Higgins)	Safe

Flt Sgt Rossiter and LAC's Dunn and Searle 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

417064 Flight Sergeant EVAN, Neil Grosvenor

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:	4 Com Flight Archerfield

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

11838 Sergeant FLINT, Henry James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4559153 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 R & C Unit Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 11th December 1942, Sgt Flint, a Pilot, was killed in an aircraft accident. He is buried in the Rockhampton War Cemetery, Queensland..

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

409400 Warrant Officer FRIEZE, Berrol Samuel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/29/217 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	A16-118
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	4 Communication Unit Amberley

Summary:

On the 5th March 1945, Hudson A16-118 when on a travel flight to New Guinea, crashed into the sea at 1620 hours, 2.5 miles north of Cairns drome, and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 406465 FO Bassett, D J Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400573 FO Thomson, G (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 409400 WO B S Frieze, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 77157 LAC J D Moore, (Fitter 11E)

Note: All the crew were members of No 4 Communication Unit Amberley

Passengers:

RAAF 404543 Flt Lt Newell, J W (Pilot) (posted to 5OTU Williamtown)
ARMY Lt Gen Vasey, G A
ARMY Maj Gen Downes, R M
ARMY Col Russell
ARMY Col Bertram
ARMY Lt Rigall
ARMY Cpl James

FO Bassett and LAC Moore have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Sydney Memorial. The Memorial is situated in the Sydney War Cemetery, about 17kms west of Sydney.

FO Thomson, WO Frieze, Flt Lt Newell, Lt Gen Vasey, and Maj Gen Downes are buried in the Cairns Cemetery, Queensland.

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

415975 Warrant Officer GIDLEY, Alfred Henry

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

408399 Flight Sergeant GILLAM, Arnold Bruce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/201 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Anson
Serial number:	AW629
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	9 Communications Unit Lae

Summary:

On the 12th March 1944, Anson AW629 crashed at approx 1120 hours, near Garua approx 15 miles south west of Garaina, Papua New Guinea, and two were killed.

The aircraft took off from Garaina at approx 1100 hours and after circling in the Waria valley to a height of approx 4,500 feet, the pilot, Flt Sgt Walter handed over to Flt Sgt Gillam, the 2nd Pilot, to climb following the Bubu valley on the direct route to Port Moresby. At about 1110 hours at a height of 6,500 feet, it was noticed that the rate of climb was negligible and there seemed to be a falling off in power.

Flt Sgt Walter took over and announced he was turning back, but on two attempts to turn found that strong downward currents near the mountains, and the narrowness of the valley, prevented it. As the top of the ridge could not be cleared he decided to make a wheels up landing in kunai grass up a valley to the starboard. He was unable to reach this patch by about half a mile, and pancaked the aircraft on top of the jungle. The starboard wing tore off and the aircraft rolled over. The two passengers were thrown clear. After releasing himself, Flt Sgt Walter ascertained that both Flt Sgt Gillam and Private Baur were killed. Flt Sgt Walter and Sgt Johns (US) were rescued by natives and they were carried to Garaina.

Crew:

RAAF	417251 Flt Sgt D R Walter, (1 st Pilot)	Safe
RAAF	408399 Flt Sgt A B Gillam, (2 nd Pilot)	Killed
US Army	Private 1 st class C Baur, PAX	Killed
US Army	Sgt B H Johns PAX	Safe

Flt Sgt Gillam is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

21331 Pilot Officer GILLIGAN, Rodham Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/387 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	DH 82
Serial number:	A17-207
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 CU Guilford

Summary:

On the 13th January 1945, A17-207 flown by PO Gilligan, departed for Narrogin, Western Australia, and was detailed to remain there for four days, flying co-operation exercises with the VAOC. At approx 0220 hours on the 14th January 1945, PO Gilligan was killed when a VAOC van in which he was riding overturned near Narrogin. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

417476 Warrant Officer GOOD, Christopher Marshall

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/827 Commonwealth War Graves records

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 A 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.

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

156026 Leading Aircraftsman HOLMES, George Wilson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/930 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	112 ASRF Darwin

Summary:

On the 27th March 1946, LAC Holmes, a Motor Boat crew member, died of injuries received when a car in which he was a passenger overturned in the camp area 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

432183 Warrant Officer HORNBOOK, James Hillman

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)

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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

1711 Corporal HORTON, Alfred Clive

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4263233 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Communication Unit Archerfield

Summary:

On the 21st December 1939, Cpl Horton, a Fitter General, died from natural causes at Queens St Altona, Victoria. He is buried in the Warringal Cemetery, Victoria.

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

34647 Sergeant JONES, Arthur Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/296 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Catalina
Serial number:	A24-54
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	112 ASR Darwin

Summary:

On the 6th April 1945, Catalina A24-54 was strafed by enemy aircrafts while on the water and was totally destroyed. The aircraft was engaged on operations in the NEI, and was supplying ASR facilities, for a strike of B24's and B25's attacking a Japanese task force proceeding to Koepang. While picking up survivors from a Liberator which had been shot down, the Catalina was set on fire and sunk by the enemy staffing attack.

All members of the crew dived overboard, and dinghies were dropped by another Liberator, but by that time Sgt Jones had drifted a long way from where the Catalina had sunk. A second Catalina arrived approx 2 hours later and picked up the survivors, but was unable to search for Sgt Jones as the aircraft was being attacked while on the water by other enemy fighter aircraft. Later searches found no trace of Sgt Jones, who was reported as missing.

Crew:

RAAF 416145 Flt Lt Bulman C R, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425585 Flt Lt Becke R E, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 431325 Flt Lt Frow A C, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 408560 PO Baker R H, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 409444 WO R P Quirk, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 19191 Flt Sgt A I Scholes, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 34647 Sgt A E Jones, (Fitter 11A) Missing

Sgt Jones has no known grave. 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

425645 Warrant Officer JONES, Lloyd George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/16/827 Commonwealth War Graves records

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.

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

1432 Flying Officer KELLEY, Raymond Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/270, 166/22/116
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Seagull
Serial number:	A2-19
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	No 1 Rescue & Communication Sqn Kiriwina

Summary:

On the 9th September 1943, Seagull A2-19 arrived at By Product ex Goodenough with FO Bonython as Pilot. The following day FO Bonython was instructed to take off at 0400 hours on the 11th September, with FO Kelley as navigator, and carry out a search for a dinghy believed to contain the crew of a Beaufighter of No 30 Sqn which had previously been shot down. An escort of Kittyhawk aircraft from No 76 Sqn was provided and these aircraft took off from By Product soon after A2-19.

At 0430 hours Air ops room at By Product signalled A2-19 to return to base as the weather had closed in and it was considered unsuitable for the search to continue. No reply was received from A2-19. As a result of the weather, the fighter escort had not sighted A2-19 and they returned to base. A2-19 carried a reserve drum of 44 gallons of petrol, and the pilot intended making for a position in the vicinity of Jacquinot Bay situated north-east of Gasmata. At 0930 hours on the 11th September an Anson from No 1 Rescue & Com Sqn searched the area following the course that FO Bonython intended traversing. No trace was found of the missing aircraft. Two Beaufighters also searched with nil result. A RAAF search party in 1946 searched with nil results, it being considered that A2-19 had crashed into the sea and the crew failed to survive.

Crew:

RAAF 416822 FO Bonython, R G (Pilot)
RAAF 1432 FO Kelley, R A (Navigator)

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

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

420570 Flying Officer KERSHAW, Henry Burton

Source:

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

Aircraft Type:	Boomerang
Serial number:	A46-94
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 Communication Unit Goodenough

Summary:

On the 24th December 1943, Boomerang A46-94 took off at 0945 hours from Vivigani, Goodenough Island, detailed to deliver a message to Samauri. Papua New Guinea. At approx 1030 hours the aircraft appeared over Samarai, and after dropping its message, the wing tip of the aircraft struck a tree and the aircraft crashed into the sea 25 yards from the shore in 20 feet deep water. The Pilot was killed in the accident.

Crew:

RAAF 420570 FO Kershaw, H B (Pilot)

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

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

410148 Flying Officer LAW, Colin William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/1382 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Norseman
Serial number:	A71-4
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 CU Garbutt

Summary:

On the 14th February 1946, Norseman A71-4 crashed about eight miles south of Iron Range, Queensland. The aircraft was on a non-operational travel flight on a ration run to Iron Range. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 414048 FO Law, C W (Pilot)

RAAF 440276 Flt Sgt J B Crawford, (Navigator Wireless)

RAAF 440279 Flt Sgt G M Geisel, PAX (Flying Control 27 OBU)

All three are buried in the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

409154 Flying Officer LESTER, Geoffrey Hugh

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 160/10/39 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dragon
Serial number:	A34-47
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	34 Sqn

Summary:

On the 17th April 1943, A34-47 was reported missing en route to Sydney, Forest Hill. The aircraft was last seen in the vicinity of Goulburn, NSW at 1215 hours.

Crew:

RAAF 412236 Sgt D B Doyle, (Pilot)

RAAF 420615 Sgt F J Doyle, (Pilot)

Passengers:

RAAF 409154 FO Lester, G H (3 Communication Flight Mascot)

US Marine Corps Lt C J Umstead

“ “ Lt M S Teace

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

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

405796 Sergeant McCOLL, Lindsay James Sutherland

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/26/46 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dragon
Serial number:	A34-24
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 CU Garbutt

Summary:

On the 7th March 1943, Dragon A34-24 was detailed to fly to Mareeba and return to Garbutt with passengers. The aircraft took off at 1115 hours, and landed at Cairns where it dropped one of its passengers. It then took off at 1420 hours for Mareeba but failed to arrive at its destination. It was last seen flying up Freshwater Valley, a blind valley with steep hills on either side approx 8 miles south west of Cairns. The aircraft then attempted a left hand turn, when the port wing struck the top of a tree and it crashed. The survivors were later found.

Crew:

RAAF 405796 Sgt L J S McColl, (Pilot) Killed

Passengers:

ARMY Brigadier Crawford

ARMY Lt Col Cardale

ARMY Lt Morris

RAAF AC1 R H Appleby (Flight Rigger) Injured

Sgt McColl is buried in the Cairns Cemetery, Queensland.

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

428344 Pilot Officer McTIER, Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/780 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Com Unit Garbutt

Summary:

On the 6th November 1944, WO Burns, a Navigator Wireless, and PO McTier, a Pilot, were killed when they were endeavouring to get clear of a Wirraway aircraft which had ground looped on landing at Mareeba Queensland. They are buried in the Atherton War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

43858 Leading Aircraftsman MANSBRIDGE, Alexander Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/388 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	4 CU Archerfield

Summary:

On the 1st April 1944, LAC Mansbridge, a Fitter 11E, was killed in a collision between a motor cycle and a car on Grand road, Moorooka, Queensland. LAC Howe was dangerously injured in the accident.

LAC Mansbridge is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

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

77157 Leading Aircraftsman MOORE, John Dudley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/29/217 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	A16-118
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	4 Communication Unit Amberley

Summary:

On the 5th March 1945, Hudson A16-118 when on a travel flight to New Guinea, crashed into the sea at 1620 hours, 2.5 miles north of Cairns drome, and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 406465 FO Bassett, D J Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400573 FO Thomson, G (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 409400 WO B S Frieze, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 77157 LAC J D Moore, (Fitter 11E)

Note: All the crew were members of No 4 Communication Unit Amberley

Passengers:

RAAF 404543 Flt Lt Newell, J W (Pilot) (posted to 5OTU Williamtown)
ARMY Lt Gen Vasey, G A
ARMY Maj Gen Downes, R M
ARMY Col Russell
ARMY Col Bertram
ARMY Lt Rigall
ARMY Cpl James

FO Bassett and LAC Moore have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Sydney Memorial. The Memorial is situated in the Sydney War Cemetery, about 17kms west of Sydney.

FO Thomson, WO Frieze, Flt Lt Newell, Lt Gen Vasey, and Maj Gen Downes are buried in the Cairns Cemetery, Queensland.

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

432860 Flight Sergeant OSWIN, David McPherson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/224 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vultee Vengeance
Serial number:	A27-535
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	4 CU Archerfield

Summary:

On the 22nd July 1944, Vultee Vengeance A27-535 crashed at 1100 hours, during a naval co-operation exercise and both the crew were killed. The aircraft struck the mast of a ship and nose dived into the river bank.

Crew:

RAAF 432860 Flt Sgt D McP Oswin, (Pilot)

RAAF 427935 Flt Sgt J F Pettit, (Observer)

Both the crew are buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

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

433321 Flight Sergeant PEARCE, Keith Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/789 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 CU Madang

Summary:

On the 23rd May 1945, Flt Sgt Pearce, a Wireless Operator Air, took off apparently in good health, but on reaching Port Moresby, he took ill and was admitted to hospital.. On the 29th May 1945 he was evacuated by air to No 102 AGH, Brisbane where he died on the 31st May 1945.

He is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

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

427935 Flight Sergeant PETTIT, James Frank

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/224 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vultee Vengeance
Serial number:	A27-535
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	4 CU Archerfield

Summary:

On the 22nd July 1944, Vultee Vengeance A27-535 crashed at 1100 hours, during a naval co-operation exercise and both the crew were killed. The aircraft struck the mast of a ship and nose dived into the river bank.

Crew:

RAAF 432860 Flt Sgt D McP Oswin, (Pilot)

RAAF 427935 Flt Sgt J F Pettit, (Observer)

Both the crew are buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, Queensland.

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

432268 Flight Sergeant ROSSITER, Frank Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/36/343 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Norseman
Serial number:	A71-1
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Communication Flight Garbutt

Summary:

On the 22nd August 1944, Norseman A71-1 crashed at 1100 hours, at sea 8 miles south east of Boigu Island, in position 09.25S 142.15E. The aircraft was on a non-operational travel flight from Horn Island to Merauke in Dutch New Guinea, and the accident was due to engine failure.

All the occupants escaped from the aircraft, but the mae-west worn by the pilot Flt Sgt Rossiter was faulty and he lost his life by drowning LAC's Dunn and Searle were also missing, but three other passengers reached safety with the help of a native in a canoe. Searches were carried out but no trace was found of the missing men.

Crew:

RAAF 432268 Flt Sgt F H Rossiter, (Pilot) (5 Com Flt) Drowned
RAAF 28046 LAC J N G Dunn, (5 Com Flt) Missing

Passengers:

RAAF 76295 LAC C D Searle, PAX (1 RSU Higgins) Missing
RAAF 33134 Cpl V C Robinson, PAX (1RSU Higgins) Safe
RAAF 41715 LAC D R Tomasetti PAX (1 RSU Higgins) Safe
RAAF 63374 LAC L J Hart, PAX (1 RSU Higgins) Safe

Flt Sgt Rossiter and LAC's Dunn and Searle 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

4578 Sergeant SCOTT, Percival Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/160/210 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Communications Unit Laverton

Summary:

On the 4h June 1942, Sgt Scott a Clerk General, was accidentally killed when off duty, when he was struck by a motor vehicle whilst alighting from a tram. He was cremated in the Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne, and his name is recorded on the Victorian Cremation Memorial.

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

425377 Flight Sergeant TAIT, David Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/253 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Walrus
Serial number:	HD865
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2CU Goodenough

Summary:

On the 31st March 1944, Walrus HD865 on a non-operational flight overturned and sank on take off at 1228 hours, at Saramo Ferguson Island, Papua New Guinea. On take off the aircraft was just about to become airborne, when the port wing dropped, causing the port float to strike the water. The aircraft swung around, capsized and sank immediately.

All on board escaped from the aircraft, and all with the exception of Flt Sgt Tait succeeded in removing their boots. They were forced to hold on to a float torn off from the aircraft, but this sank, and they were then forced to float with nothing to support them. Flt Sgt Tait drifted from the others, and after half an hour, he called out that he could not hold out any longer. A native canoe rescued the others after about one hour.

Crew:

RAAF 405746 Flt Sgt J G Laycock, Captain (Pilot)
 RAAF 425377 Flt Sgt D C Tait, (2nd Pilot) Missing
 RAAF 426138 Flt Sgt W P McCutcheon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 23957 FO Smith, R, PAX (Signals Officer of 10 Sigs Unit)

Flt Sgt Tait has no known grave. His name is 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

85941 Corpora TERRY, William John Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/1442 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	112 ASRF Darwin

Summary:

On the 22nd April 1946, AC1 Bartlett, a Fitter DMT, and Cpl Terry, a General Hand, were killed when a jeep being driven by AC1 Bartlett, proceeding along Fanny Bay Road, failed to negotiate a turn, and plunged over a cliff into the sea. Both are buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

400573 Flying Officer THOMSON, Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/29/217 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	A16-118
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	4 Communication Unit Amberley

Summary:

On the 5th March 1945, Hudson A16-118 when on a travel flight to New Guinea, crashed into the sea at 1620 hours, 2.5 miles north of Cairns drome, and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 406465 FO Bassett, D J Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400573 FO Thomson, G (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 409400 WO B S Frieze, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 77157 LAC J D Moore, (Fitter 11E)

Note: All the crew were members of No 4 Communication Unit Amberley

Passengers:

RAAF 404543 Flt Lt Newell, J W (Pilot) (posted to 5OTU Williamtown)
ARMY Lt Gen Vasey, G A
ARMY Maj Gen Downes, R M
ARMY Col Russell
ARMY Col Bertram
ARMY Lt Rigall
ARMY Cpl James

FO Bassett and LAC Moore have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Sydney Memorial. The Memorial is situated in the Sydney War Cemetery, about 17kms west of Sydney.

FO Thomson, WO Frieze, Flt Lt Newell, Lt Gen Vasey, and Maj Gen Downes are buried in the Cairns Cemetery, Queensland.,

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

70460 Leading Aircraftsman TWYFORD, John Royal

Source:

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

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

428841 Flight Sergeant WHITWELL, Donald Malcolm

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/453 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vultee Vengeance
Serial number:	A27-409
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Com Unit Mascot

Summary:

On the 28th February 1944, Vultee Vengeance A27-409 crashed during a non-operational flight at 1500 hours, near Mascot, NSW. The crew of two were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 417784 PO Batty, R A (Pilot)

RAAF 428841 Flt Sgt D M Whitwell, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Both are buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW.

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

414115 Flying Officer WILSON, Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/638 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Boomerang
Serial number:	A46-71
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 CU Goodenough

Summary:

On the 1st May 1944, A46-71 crashed at 1017 hours, 20 miles from Goodenough Island, Papua New Guinea, and the Pilot was killed. The aircraft had engaged in practice formation flying with two other Boomerangs, and they had been flying in line astern at a height of 6,000 feet. All the aircraft then went into a loop, and during the loop A46-71 went into a spin from which the aircraft failed to recover.

Crew:

RAAF 414115 FO Wilson, D (Pilot)

FO Wilson has no known grave. His name is 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

55580 Aircraftman Class 1 ARMSTRONG, Arthur Ray

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/88/111 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Mobile Works Ascot Vale

Summary:

On the 23rd May 1942, AC1 Armstrong, a DMT, was admitted to 116 AGH Heidelberg, suffering from a perforated gastric ulcer. He died on the 6th July 1942, and is buried in the Fawkner Memorial Park Cemetery, Melbourne. Victoria.

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

58696 Leading Aircraftsman ARMSTRONG, James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/4/111 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 Mobile Works Squadron Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 11th April 1944, preparations were being made at Cape Crettin, Papua New Guinea, to unload equipment from a US ship, and members of a RAAF party were engaged in bolting into position the guide poles for a mechanical elevator, which carried heavy equipment between the top deck and the tank deck. During the work the elevator platform crashed to the lower deck and three RAAF members of the loading party were killed and others were injured.

Those killed were

RAAF 58696 LAC J Armstrong, (Fitter DMT)
RAAF 77635 LAC A J Dumschat, (Fitter DMT)
RAAF 78603 LAC H E Roberts, (Cooks Assistant)

The three members are buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

7964 Sergeant BAILEY, Norman John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/21/377 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	A8-245
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	92 Sqn

Summary:

On the 3rd September 1945, Beaufighter A8-245 crashed at Narrandera, NSW, during local flying, and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 429501 WO L H Jorgensen, (Pilot)

Passengers: (All members of Care and Maintenance Unit Narrandera)

RAAF 4594 WO H T G Griffin, (Equipment Maker)

RAAF 15235 Flt Sgt H S Currie, (Clerk General)

RAAF 5668 Sgt A V Whittington, (Instrument Maker)

RAAF 37964 Sgt N J Bailey, (Pilot)

RAAF 68720 Cpl H G Shung,

RAAF 149756 LAC R L Norton,

All on board are buried in the Narrandera War Cemetery, NSW. Narrandera is 360 miles west of Sydney.

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

57438 Leading Aircraftsman BARTLEY, Herbert Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/460 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 Mobile Works Squadron Kiriwina

Summary:

On the 14th March 1944, LAC Bartley, A General Hand, was admitted to SSQ suffering from cerebral malaria. He was transferred to No 23 Medical Clearing Station, and died on the 16th March 1944. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

78642 Leading Aircraftsman BEER, William James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/332 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	4 Mobile Works Squadron, Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 25th October 1943, LAC Beer, a General Hand, was admitted to no 2/5th AGH Port Moresby, suffering from a bowel obstruction. He died on the 27th October 1943, 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

116892 Leading Aircraftsman BERTRAM, Eric Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/389 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	62 Works Wing Nadzab

Summary:

On the 29th December 1943, LAC Bertram, a Messman, was admitted to No 111 CCS Markham Valley, Papua New Guinea, suffering from scrub typhus. He died on the 3rd January 1944, and is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New guinea.

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

19158 Leading Aircraftsman BROWN, Keith Lawrence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/385 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Mobile Works Squadron Nadzab

Summary:

On the 4th January 1944, LAC Brown, a Fitter General, was admitted to 111 Casualty Clearing Station, Yalu, Papua New Guinea, suffering from scrub typhus. He died on the 14th January 1944, and is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

30169 Corporal BUTLER, Terence John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4426589 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	Care & Maintenance Unit Western Junction

Summary:

On the 3rd August 1945, Cpl Butler, a telephone attendant, was discharged at his own request. He died on the 28th February 1947, and is buried in the Hobart (Cornelian Bay) Public Cemetery, Tasmania.

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

30803 Leading Aircraftsman CLARKE, Morris Rex

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/8 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Mobile Works Squadron Darwin

Summary:

On the 10th January 1943, an organized swimming party of eleven airmen proceeded to a swimming hole, about 3.5 miles out of Mataranka, Northern Territory. The unit transport reached its destination about noon, and LAC Clarke, a Messman, dived into the water and came up seeming in no difficulty. He then raised his arms and disappeared, his comrades thinking he was trying to test the depth of the water.

As he did not appear after several seconds, they commenced to dive for him, assisted by soldiers from a nearby camp. After about five minutes, LAC Clarke was brought to the surface by one of the soldiers, from a depth of 20 feet. Artificial respiration was applied continuously, until an Army Doctor arrived and found that he was beyond medical aid. The swimming hole was in use constantly, and free from snags and obstacles. LAC Clarke is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

78390 Sergeant COOK, Thomas Wesley

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/8/762 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Maintenance Group Melbourne

Summary:

On the 6th December 1944, Sgt Cook a Cooks Assistant, died of an illness at RAAF Wing, 112 Brisbane Medical Hospital, Greenslopes. He was cremated at the Mt Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane Queensland.

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

117056 Leading Aircraftsman COOPER, James William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/131 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Mobile Works Squadron Darwin

Summary:

On the 11th June 1943, LAC Cooper, a General Hand, was receiving instruction on the Thompson machine gun. The instructor with the gun under his arm, inserted a magazine (believed by him to be empty), and immediately the gun started firing. Three shots were fired, and one of the bullets ricocheted off a table and struck LAC Cooper, and he died from the wounds. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

15235 Flight Sergeant CURRIE, Harold Stewart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/21/377 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	A8-245
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	92 Sqn

Summary:

On the 3rd September 1945, Beaufighter A8-245 crashed at Narrandera, NSW, during local flying, and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 429501 WO L H Jorgensen, (Pilot)

Passengers: (All members of Care and Maintenance Unit Narrandera)

RAAF 4594 WO H T G Griffin, (Equipment Maker)

RAAF 15235 Flt Sgt H S Currie, (Clerk General)

RAAF 5668 Sgt A V Whittington, (Instrument Maker)

RAAF 37964 Sgt N J Bailey, (Pilot)

RAAF 68720 Cpl H G Shung,

RAAF 149756 LAC R L Norton,

All on board are buried in the Narrandera War Cemetery, NSW. Narrandera is 360 miles west of Sydney.

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

82120 Leading Aircraftsman DILLON, Edwin Bertram,

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4937913 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	Ex 62 Works Wing Nadzab

Summary:

On the 23rd October 1944, LAC Dillon, a Clerk, was discharged from the RAAF medically unfit for further service. He died on the 13th April 1946, and is buried in the Perth (Karrakatta) General Cemetery, Western Australia.

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

58238 Aircraftman Class 1 DREW, Leslie Roy

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/17 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Mobile Works Squadron Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 26th February 1943, AC1 Drew a General Hand, was injured when a truck overturned at Wards strip, Port Moresby. He died on the 27th February 1943, 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

77635 Leading Aircraftsman DUMSCHAT, Allen John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/4/111 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 Mobile Works Squadron Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 11th April 1944, preparations were being made at Cape Crettin, Papua New Guinea, to unload equipment from a US ship, and members of a RAAF party were engaged in bolting into position the guide poles for a mechanical elevator, which carried heavy equipment between the top deck and the tank deck. During the work the elevator platform crashed to the lower deck and three RAAF members of the loading party were killed and others were injured.

Those killed were

RAAF 58696 LAC J Armstrong, (Fitter DMT)
RAAF 77635 LAC A J Dumschat, (Fitter DMT)
RAAF 78603 LAC H E Roberts, (Cooks Assistant)

The three members are buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

132051 Leading Aircraftsman EDLUND, John Eric

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/387 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	481 (Maintenance) Sqn Iwakuni, Japan

Summary:

On the 31st October 1946, LAC Edlund, a Flight Mechanic, died from injuries when an armoured car in which he was travelling, overturned at Kure, Japan. He is buried in the Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan.

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

23855 Leading Aircraftsman FOOTE, Kenneth Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4585561 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 Mobile Works Squadron Melville Bay

Summary:

On the 6th January 1944, LAC Foote, a Fitter DMT, died as a result of injuries received. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

127355 Aircraftsman Class 1 FOX, Francis John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/60 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 Mobile Works Squadron 109 mile Northern Territory

Summary:

On the 26th June 1943, AC1 Fox, a General Hand, was admitted to 121 AGH seriously ill with headaches. He was transferred by air to Royal Adelaide hospital and died of sub-dural haemorrhage on the 2nd July 1943. He is buried in the Alice Springs Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

118282 Leading Aircraftsman GOODGER, Patrick Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/573 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	Mobile Parachute Maintenance Unit Mareeba.

Summary:

On the 3rd march 1845, LAC Goodger, a Fabric Worker, died of injuries received when a weapon carrier he was in collided with an Army truck, at the Rocky Creek site 10 miles from Mareeba. Others were injured in the accident. LAC Goodger is buried in the Atherton War Cemetery, Queensland.

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

72670 Aircraftsman Class 1 GRANT, Herbert Blackman

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/16/48 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Mobile Works Squadron Darwin

Summary:

On the 7th April 1943, AC1 Grant a Fitter General, was admitted to no 65 Camp Hospital, Pine Creek, Northern territory, dangerously ill with a blocked heart artery. He died on the 18th June 1943, and is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

4594 Warrant Officer GRIFFIN, Henry Thomas George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/21/377 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	A8-245
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	92 Sqn

Summary:

On the 3rd September 1945, Beaufighter A8-245 crashed at Narrandera, NSW, during local flying, and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 429501 WO L H Jorgensen, (Pilot)

Passengers: (All members of Care and Maintenance Unit Narrandera)

RAAF 4594 WO H T G Griffin, (Equipment Maker)

RAAF 15235 Flt Sgt H S Currie, (Clerk General)

RAAF 5668 Sgt A V Whittington, (Instrument Maker)

RAAF 37964 Sgt N J Bailey, (Pilot)

RAAF 68720 Cpl H G Shung,

RAAF 149756 LAC R L Norton,

All on board are buried in the Narrandera War Cemetery, NSW. Narrandera is 360 miles west of Sydney.

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

74299 Leading Aircraftsman GRIFFITHS, Harold Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/329 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 MWS Kiriwina

Summary:

On the 25th April 1944, LAC Griffiths, a Plant Operator, died of bullet wounds accidentally received. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

63408 Leading Aircraftsman HALL, Samuel James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/581 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	9 Works Maintenance Unit Darwin

Summary:

On the 11th May 1944, LAC Hall, a Plant Operator, was on duty in the Parap quarry in the Northern Territory, when he was injured as a result of a detonation blast and died from his injuries. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

37672 Leading Aircraftsman HILES, Christopher Cyril

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/275 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 Mobile Works Squadron Kiriwina

Summary:

On the 23rd August 1943, LAC Hiles, a DMT, was operating a DC6 Bulldozer at he gravel pit on Kiriwina Island, Papua New Guinea, used by the unit. At approx 1030 hours while moving in the reverse direction, the bulldozer ran onto a portion of a bank of gravel pit, which sloped steeply, and the bulldozer commenced to turn over on its side. LAC Hiles attempted to jump clear, but was struck on the back of the head by the cable bar of the bulldozer, and was killed instantly. 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

63459 Leading Aircraftsman KEARNS, Max Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/79 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Mobile Works Squadron Darwin

Summary:

On the 15th June 1943, LAC Kearns, a General Hand, was dangerously injured when his legs were caught in the tracks of a bulldozer, at Bachelor, Northern Territory. He died of his injuries on the 16th June and is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

56456 Leading Aircraftsman LANCASTER, Percy John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/129 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Mobile Works Squadron Morotai

Summary:

On the 7th July 1943, a party of four airmen was engaged at Gould Strip, Batchelor, in pulling down trees by means of a steel cable attached to two caterpillar tractors. After a tree had been pulled down, LAC Lancaster, a DMT, attempted to drive a tractor across a fallen tree lying directly in his path. He failed to do this and the tractor fell backwards, pinning him underneath. He died of his injuries and is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

76278 Leading Aircraftsman McCALLUM, Gregory Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/390 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 Mobile Works Squadron Melville Bay

Summary:

On the 4th March 1944, LAC McCallum, a Fitter General, drowned at 1100 hours at Rocky Bay in Gove, Northern Territory. He attempted to swim a river which entered the sea near Rocky Bay. The distance was 100 yards, and he got half way, but the distance was too far. He called out he was exhausted and sank. Tidal currents apparently were too severe. Two other airmen also swam across, one reached the bank exhausted, and the other had to be assisted.

LAC McCallum is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

127518 Leading Aircraftsman McCORMICK, Andrew

Source:

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

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Mobile Works Squadron Noemfoor

Summary:

On the 30th August 1944, LAC McCormick a General Hand, died as a result of a ground accident in New Guinea. He was extensively burnt when petrol caught fire as he was cleaning the airman's kitchen. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

60912 Corporal MARR, David Mailis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 108/7/110 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 Mobile Works Squadron, Noemfoor

Summary:

On the 6th September 1944, Cpl Marr, a Fitter Works, died from burns received, when escaping petrol used as fuel in an unauthorised burner, ignited. The burner was installed by another airman.

Cpl Marr is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

76980 Leading Aircraftsman MARTIN, Alfred Herman

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4578330 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Maintenance Group RAAF

Summary:

On the 5th October 1945, LAC Martin, a Guard, was discharged from the RAAF on demobilisation. He died of an illness on the 7th November 1946 and is buried in the Gladstone Cemetery, Queensland.

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

137047 Leading Aircraftsman MEAGHER, Vincent James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/1237 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	CMU Narromine

Summary:

On the 6th July 1946, LAC Meagher, Fitter DMT, was killed when a jeep he was travelling in overturned on Peak Hill road, 17 miles from Narromine, NSW. He is buried in the Rookwood Necropolis, NSW.

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

156532 Aircraftsman Class 1 MERCOVICH, John Leo

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/619 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	Works Training Unit Lara

Summary:

On the 2nd November 1944, AC1 Mercovich, a General Hand, died of injuries received at Lara, Victoria, during instruction on a patrol grader, when he was run over by the grader. He is buried in the Geelong Eastern Cemetery, Victoria.

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

251666 Flight Lieutenant NEWBOLD, Claude Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/29/205 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	4 Aircraft Depot Boulder Western Australia

Summary:

On the 14th February 1945, Flt Lt Newbold, A & SD, died of an illness at SSQ 4AD. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Western Australia.

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

149756 Leading Aircraftsman NORTON, Robert Lindsay

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/21/377 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	A8-245
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	92 Sqn

Summary:

On the 3rd September 1945, Beaufighter A8-245 crashed at Narrandera, NSW, during local flying, and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 429501 WO L H Jorgensen, (Pilot)

Passengers: (All members of Care and Maintenance Unit Narrandera)

RAAF 4594 WO H T G Griffin, (Equipment Maker)

RAAF 15235 Flt Sgt H S Currie, (Clerk General)

RAAF 5668 Sgt A V Whittington, (Instrument Maker)

RAAF 37964 Sgt N J Bailey, (Pilot)

RAAF 68720 Cpl H G Shung,

RAAF 149756 LAC R L Norton,

All on board are buried in the Narrandera War Cemetery, NSW. Narrandera is 360 miles west of Sydney.

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

81984 Aircraftman Class 1 PATIENCE, Thomas Raymond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/227 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Mobile Works Squadron Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 5th November 1943, AC1 Patience, a Fitter DMT, was killed when he was struck by heavy rock loosened by machinery, when working at Wards strip, Port Moresby., He is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) ar Cemetery, Papua New Guines.

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

125051 Leading Aircraftsman RENTON, Rupert Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/369 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	No 4 Maintenance Group Melbourne

Summary:

On the 30th September 1944, LAC Renton, a Guard, died from injuries sustained in an accidental fall from stairs leading down to the basement of the ACF Hostel, Ballarat, Victoria. He is buried in the Ballarat New General Cemetery, Victoria.

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

78603 Leading Aircraftsman ROBERTS, Hugh Eric

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/4/111 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 Mobile Works Squadron Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 11th April 1944, preparations were being made at Cape Crettin, Papua New Guinea, to unload equipment from a US ship, and members of a RAAF party were engaged in bolting into position the guide poles for a mechanical elevator, which carried heavy equipment between the top deck and the tank deck. During the work the elevator platform crashed to the lower deck and three RAAF members of the loading party were killed and others were injured.

Those killed were

RAAF 58696 LAC J Armstrong, (Fitter DMT)
RAAF 77635 LAC A J Dumschat, (Fitter DMT)
RAAF 78603 LAC H E Roberts, (Cooks Assistant)

The three members are buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

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

70129 Leading Aircraftsman ROGERSON, Claude David Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/192 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Transport & Movement Unit Sydney

Summary:

On the 30th January 1944, LAC Rogerson, a DMT, died from a cerebral occlusion at 29 Truman St, Hurstville, Sydney. He was cremated in the Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney, NSW.

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

57954 Corporal RYAN, Arthur Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4972875 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Mobile Works Squadron Noemfoor

Summary:

On the 23rd October 1944, Cpl Ryan, a General Hand was discharged from the RAAF in order to resume his civil occupation. He died on the 22nd May 1946, and was cremated at the Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne, Victoria.

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

77105 Leading Aircraftsman SENYARD, George Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4577340 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Mobile Works Squadron RAAF Brisbane

Summary:

On the 31st January 1946, LAC Senyard, a Driver Motor Transport, was discharged from the RAAF on demobilisation. He died of an illness on the 13th October 1946, and was cremated in the Mt Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane.

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

39793 Corporal SHADDOCK, Royce Charlton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/161/117 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 MWS Darwin

Summary:

On the 16th October 1942, Cpl Shaddock, a Fitter DMT, died from extensive burns when he was on duty at the Hughes gravel pit in the Northern Territory, refuelling and greasing tractors. Whilst carrying a tin of petrol, the petrol was ignited by the accidental short-circuiting of the tractor motor batteries. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery, Northern Territory.

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

68720 Corporal SHUNG, Hilton George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/21/377 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	A8-245
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	92 Sqn

Summary:

On the 3rd September 1945, Beaufighter A8-245 crashed at Narrandera, NSW, during local flying, and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 429501 WO L H Jorgensen, (Pilot)

Passengers: (All members of Care and Maintenance Unit Narrandera)

RAAF 4594 WO H T G Griffin, (Equipment Maker)

RAAF 15235 Flt Sgt H S Currie, (Clerk General)

RAAF 5668 Sgt A V Whittington, (Instrument Maker)

RAAF 37964 Sgt N J Bailey, (Pilot)

RAAF 68720 Cpl H G Shung,

RAAF 149756 LAC R L Norton,

All on board are buried in the Narrandera War Cemetery, NSW. Narrandera is 360 miles west of Sydney.

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

30210 Flight Sergeant SNOOK, Keith Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/1389 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Mobile Works Squadron, Darwin

Summary:

On the 1st July 1946, Flt Sgt Snook, a Fitter 11E, was admitted to Launceston general Hospital, Tasmania to undergo a hernia operation. He died from an intestinal obstruction, on the 19th July 1946, and is buried in the Carr Villa General Cemetery, Launceston, Tasmania.

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

1361 Warrant Officer STILES, John Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/1382 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	Care & Maintenance Unit Mallala

Summary:

On the 5th June 1946, WO Stiles, a Fitter DMT, was injured in a motor car accident on the Mallala-Gawler road, some 20 miles from Mallala. He was admitted dangerously ill to No 7 RAAF Hospital, where he died of his injuries on the 9th June 1946. He is buried in the Adelaide (Centennial Park) Cemetery, Springbank, South Australia.

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

47773 Corporal WHITTAKER, William Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/694 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 MWS Port Moresby

Summary:

On the 29th April 1944, Cpl Whittaker, a Plant Operator, disappeared while checking the depth of the Raihu River at Aitape, Papua New Guinea, which was to be crossed by bulldozers, He was reported missing believed drowned.

Cpl Whittaker has no known grave, and 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

5668 Seargent WHITTINGTON, Albert Victor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/21/377 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	A8-245
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	92 Sqn

Summary:

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Passengers: (All members of Care and Maintenance Unit Narrandera)

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RAAF 15235 Flt Sgt H S Currie, (Clerk General)

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RAAF 68720 Cpl H G Shung,

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