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Alan Storr. A WW2 photo of the Author

RAAF WW2 FATALITIES BY CATEGORIES

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

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REFERENCE SOURCES :

Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Print Outs.

AWM 237 (65) RAAF WW2 Fatalities by Squadrons

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

AWM 65 () Citations held by Australian War Memorial

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SECOND WORLD WAR OVERVIEW : ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Source : Veteran's Affairs World War 2 Nominal Roll

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

comprising

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

and

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

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

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

426250 Flying Officer BATTLE, James Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/580 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	MM 447
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 151 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito MM447 took off at 1107 hours on 23rd June 1944 from RAF Predannack, near Helston, Cornwall, Detailed to attack the railway station at La Fleche, France.

MM447 flown by FO Briant was the lead aircraft (Sweeney 39) and was accompanied by another Mosquito Sweeney 33

At approx 1300 hours some wagons were seen at La Fleche and attacked by Sweeney 39. Sweeney 33 turned to join the attack but saw flak coming up. Sweeney 39 reported by R/T he had been hit and the starboard engine had stopped. It was also emitting smoke. Sweeney 39 reported he was going home and shortly after that he was losing height. The aircraft was next seen by Sweeney 33 to have crashed, with the MM447 burning severely and the occupants had not escaped. Sweeney 33 then returned to base.

Crew :

RAAF 410624 FO Briant, A C Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 426250 FO Battle, J J (Navigator/Radio)

Both the crew were injured but died of their injuries during the day.

A Missing Research & Enquiry team operating in France reported that “the aircraft was hit by ack-ack and crashed near the village of Bazouges Sur Loir on 23rd June.” Bazouges is approx 24 miles south west of Le Mans.

The crew are buried in the La Fleche Communal Cemetery, France. La Fleche is a town and commune 42kms south west of Le Mans.

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

410624 Flying Officer BRIANT, Alfred Campbell

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426235 Flight Lieutenant PARTRIDGE, Mervyn Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/799 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	NT 473
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 151 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito NT473 was returning to base RAF Predannack on the starboard engine only and whilst making an approach to land hit the ground and crashed at 0010 hours on the 8th June 1945 at Trenoon Farm, Cornwall, some 2 miles north east of the Predannack airfield. Both the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 410757 Fl Lt Turner, H MIDCaptain (Pilot)

RAAF 426235 Flt Lt Partridge, M C (Navigator/Radio)

The crew are buried in the Bath (Haycombe) Cemetery, UK

A later report on the flying accident stated “The port engine failed while carrying out a GCI exercise at approx 9500 feet. The Pilot feathered the airscrew and was returning to base on one engine. It appears from reports that the Pilot mistook the light of Falmouth from home and the aircraft lost height getting so low that he could not see base. Verey cartridges were fired from the ACP hut but the aircraft crashed on approaching the funnels.”.

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

400734 Flying Officer PATON, Archibald McMeekin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/32/64 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	DZ -
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 151 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 23rd March 1943, Mosquito DZ- of 151 Sqn RAF crashed at RAF Wittering, UK, at 1130pm.. It was believed that the aircraft was damaged over enemy territory and was forced to make crash landing. Both the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 400734 FO Paton, A McM Captain (Pilot)

RAF PO Hanson, T E G (Navigator/Radio)

Both the crew are buried at Warwick Cemetery, UK.

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

410757 Flight Lieutenant TURNER, Harry MID

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/799 Commonwealth War Graves records

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414875 Warrant Officer ADCOCK, Ronald John Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/3/266 Commonwealth War Graves Records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	NB 397
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTAD 152 SQN RAF

Summary:

A No2 RAF Search Party report stated “the aircraft wreckage of Spitfire NB397 was found in position 23.12N 94.05E some 1.5 miles north of Kanipala, Burma. The aircraft was identified by its engine numbers and crashed on 18/8/1944. The body was reported to be buried near the crash site, but no grave was found and the body was not been found after search.

Crew:

RAAF 414875 WO R J H Adcock, (Pilot)

WO Adcock has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Singapore. The Memorial stands in the Kranji War Cemetery, which is 22kms north of the city of Singapore, on the north side of Singapore Island overlooking the city of Singapore.

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

403141 Sergeant LINDEMAN, Ross Wellesley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA A705, 163/138/72 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Defiant
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 153 SQN RAF

Summary:

A Defiant flown by Sgt Lindeman took off from RAF Eglington in the afternoon of 25th January 1942 to fly to Ballyhalbert and return. The aircraft had been tested and found fully serviceable before the flight and the wind was gusty the general weather conditions were fair and visibility excellent.

The accident occurred immediately after take off when the aircraft was seen to turn steeply on take off, and it was believed due to the extreme bumpy conditions, it turned over on its back at a height too low for the pilot to recover control. The aircraft dived into the ground and both the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 493141 Sgt R W Lindeman, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Low, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Lindeman is buried in the Ballyhalbert (St Andrews) Church of Ireland Churchyard, Ballyeasborough, County Down, Northern Ireland.

Sgt Low is buried in the Aberdeen (Allenvale) Cemetery, Aberdeen, Scotland.

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

400746 Flight Sergeant WILLS, Stanley Donald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/178/325 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	X 7573
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 153 SQN RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter X7573 crashed at 1500 hours on 26th May 1942 when carrying out a night flying test. The crew of three were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 400746 Flt Sgt S D Wills, Captain (Pilot)

RAF Sgt G C Edwards, (Observer Radar)

RAF Sgt W R Willis, (Observer Radar)

Flt Sgt Wills is buried in the Ballyhalbert (St Andrew) Church of Ireland Churchyard, Balleasborough, County Down, Northern Ireland.

Sgt Edwards is buried in the Harbledown (St Michael) Churchyard, UK

Sgt Willis is buried in the Ballycranbeg (Mount St Joseph) Roman Catholic Churchyard, UK

A later report into the flying accident stated “ Sgt Wills was seen to enter a large white cloud in a steep turn at 9000 feet. Wills was next seen 1000 feet below heavy cloud and flying in heavy rain towards hills. The aircraft was seen to do a steep turn left and crash.

The Primary cause of the accident was :The accident occurred during a night flying test at 9000 feet over Ballymews. Flt Lt Styles was cooperating pilot in a second machine.

The Secondary cause was : the aircraft entered a thick bank of cloud at 9000 feet in which icing would be present. Freezing level was 4500 feet.

General remarks by the Wg Cdr CO of 153 Sqn : The Pilot must have lost control in the cloud and unable to regain control before it crashed into mountains approx 1000 feet high. He had been requested by Flt Lt Styles to keep clear of the storm.”

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

411608 Flight Sergeant SANDELL, Ronald Oakley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/37/77 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	ES 170
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 154 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire ES1170 which was flying as Yellow 2, took off from Victoria drome at Souk-el-Khemis on 29th April 1943, with seven other Spitfires of 154 Sqn, North West African Forces. The formation was detailed to patrol the Deja/Medjerda area.

When in the vicinity of Cape Serret the engine of ES170 cut out at 23,000 feet, and the aircraft was on fire in the air. The pilot baled out but his chute became entangled in the mainplane and he was killed in the crash.

Crew :

EAAF 411608 Flt Sgt R O Sandell, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Sandell is buried in the Tabarka Ras Rajel War Cemetery, Tunisia. Tabarka is a coastal town on the Tunisian/Algerian border. The Cemetery is 12kms east of the town on Route P7 to Tunis (and Beja).

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

402054 Flying Officer HALEY, Allan Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/313 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mohawk
Serial number:	BK 584
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 155 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mohawk BK584 was flying as No 2 to the Sqn Ldr CO of 155 Sqn in an intended patrol along the Chindwin River, Burma, on 1st January 1943. They sighted and attacked two river boats. Four attacks were carried out and return fire was exchanged. After the fourth attack the formation flew towards Monywa,

The formation Leader then attacked several small boats along the river but he then noticed that BK584 was no longer with him. He returned and searched the area over which BK584 was last seen but no trace was found of the pilot or the aircraft, nor has the aircraft been seen since. No R/T message was received from the pilot of BK584 and he was reported as missing.

Crew :

RAAF 402054 FO Haley, A H (Pilot)

The body of FO Haley was later recovered from a grave near Monywa by an American search party. Monywa is approx 50 miles west of Mandalay, Burma.

FO Haley is buried in the Ranchi War Cemetery, India. Ranchi is a town in the State of Jharkhand, some 410kms north west of Calcutta.

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

416645 Flying Officer BAGOT, Edward Christopher

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/402 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 32, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 344
Radio call sign:	GT – H
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM344 took off from RAF Warboys at 1646 hours on the night of 14/15th January 1944, detailed to bomb Braunschweig Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 416645 FO Bagot, E C Captain (Pilot),
RAF Sgt S F May, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Lampin, F R (Navigator)
RAF PO Webster, J F (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A E Head, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D A Neal, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A W Mortimer, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed and burst into flames at Watenstedt, 8kms ESE of Lebenstedt, Germany, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

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

413939 Flight Sergeant BAKER, Robert Minton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/457 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 107,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 446
Radio call sign:	GT – P
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND446 took off from RAF Warboys at 2357 hours on the night of 1/2nd March 1944, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 413939 Flt Sgt R M Baker Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D E Barton, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 410655 Flt Sgt P G Gotto, (Navigator)
RAF FO Gains, F G (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W J Hill, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Kenyon, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426613 Flt Sgt R R Kelly, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Hausen-en-Killetal some 24kms south of Tübingen, and all the crew were killed.

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

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

402848 Flight Sergeant BRAY, John Terry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 163/93/608 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves Records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 166 Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 840
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington BJ840 took off from RAF Alconbury at 2301 hours on the night of 28/29th July 1942, detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany. A message was received from the aircraft on its return journey giving its position as 55.24N, 06.48E, which placed the aircraft somewhere over the North Sea. No further messages were received and the aircraft failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Wg Cdr Price, H L DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402848 Flt Sgt J T Bray, (2nd Pilot)
RCAF Flt Lt Hudock, J G (Observer)
RAF Sgt J Duthie, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W D Evans, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt M W Walsh, (Air Gunner)

It was presumed that the aircraft was lost over the North Sea, and that all the crew lost their lives.

Flt Sgt Bray body was washed ashore and he is buried in the Kirkeby Churchyard, Denmark. The island of Romo is situated off the west coast of Jutland just north of the German frontier. Kirkeby is on the east side of the island near its southern end.

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

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

17786 Pilot Officer BROWN, Willam Norman Waldron

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5384476 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 180,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 753
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND753 took off from RAF Witchford at 2302 hours on the night of 22/23rd
April 1944, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Chantler, R E Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Tweedie, J B (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Drew, D M (Navigator)
RCAF WO11 R L Francis, (Air Bomber))
RAF Sgt D P Nash, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Farmer, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 17786 PO Brown, W N W (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed at Unterrath in the northern outskirts of
Dusseldorf, bursting into flames on impact with the ground.

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

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

411748 Flying Officer BRYANT, Robert Maxwell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/115 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 177, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 935
Radio call sign: GT -
Unit: ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 935 took off from RAF Warboys, Huntingdon, at 2338 hours on the night
of 11/12th June 1943, detailed to bomb Munster, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 408724 Flt Sgt Lay, K L W Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Cowley, J A DFM (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 411748 PO Bryant, R M (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt Drake, W J (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Ratcliffe, F E (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Bauman, D C (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt Curtis, J R (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Forster, W (Rear Gunner)

Four bodies were washed ashore in the Zuider Zee area, viz, FO Cowley (RAF) and PO
Bryant (RAAF) who are interred in the New East Cemetery, Amsterdam, and Sgt Drake
(RAF) and Sgt Curtis (RAF) who are buried in the Lemmer Cemetery which is located on
the west coast of the Zuider Zee, 15 miles north west of Vollenhorz.

The four remaining missing crew members are recorded as having lost their lives at sea.
Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey,
UK.

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

403687 Flying Officer CLEMENT, George Bruce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/193 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 317 Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 990
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED990 took off from RAF Warboys at 1949 hours on the night of 6/7th September 1943, detailed to bomb Munchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF FO Lutz, A M DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W Simpson, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 402789 PO Curtis D De B, DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 403687 FO Clement, G B (Air Bomber)
RAF PO J R Hurst, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K Pearson, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Fletcher, J DFM (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz a town 48kms south of Munich.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
406614 Squadron Leader COOK, Arthur Sydney, DFC DFM

Source:

AWM 237 (65) AWM 65 (806) NAA : A705, 166/8/249 (Digitised)
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley :
RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 350, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 242
Radio call sign:	GT – Y
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB242 took off from RAF Warboys at 1829 hours on the night of 4/5th October 1943, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 406614 Sqn Ldr Cook, A S DFC DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D L Wilkie, DFM (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Lt Godfrey, S C P DFC (Navigator)
RAF Flt Lt C B T McSweeney, DFC (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Coyle, M J DFC, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt M Haslegrave, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt W B Mackinley, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich. Sqn Ldr Cook was 21 years of age when he died, and was one of the youngest officers of his rank to be killed on Bomber Command operations in 1943.

Citations :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to the then Flt Lt Cook is as follows : "One night in August 1943, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Nuremburg. Whilst over the target area, the bomber was subject to heavy and concentrated anti-aircraft fire. In spite of this, Flt Lt Cook displayed great tenacity and, at the third attempt, successfully bombed the target. This officer has participated in very many sorties and his determination to complete the allotted task, whatever the opposition, has set a very fine example."
(London Gazette 22/10/1943, Page 4673).

The Citation for the DFM awarded to the then Sgt Cook is as follows : "Sgt Cook, an Australian, was posted to No 103 Sqn RAF on 13th October 1942, and since this date has carried out 18 sorties in Lancaster aircraft. Throughout his operational tour, this NCO has shown outstanding determination to press home his attacks with accuracy and to bring back a record of his achievements. He was particularly successful in his attacks on Milan on 14th February 1943, Turin on 4th February 1943, and Lorient on 16th February 1943. He is a keen and conscientious Captain of aircraft whose quiet confidence and courage have been an inspiration to the squadron and he is strongly recommended for the award of the DFM, 19th February 1943.

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

402789 Pilot Officer CURTIS, Desmond De Burgh, DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/193 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 317 Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 990
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED990 took off from RAF Warboys at 1949 hours on the night of 6/7th September 1943, detailed to bomb Munchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF FO Lutz, A M DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W Simpson, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 402789 PO Curtis D De B, DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 403687 FO Clement, G B (Air Bomber)
RAF PO J R Hurst, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K Pearson, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Fletcher, J DFM (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz a town 48kms south of Munich.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to PO D DeB Curtis (402789) is as follows :
“POL Curtis has displayed most commendable qualities as navigator and has taken part in many sorties including attacks on Hamburg and Milan and many on important targets in the Ruhr. PO Curtis has set an outstanding example of skill and determination during both of his tours of operational duties. ,(London Gazette 3//4/1945 page 1784)

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

403983 Flying Officer DEED, Leonard Laurence DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/9/373 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 382, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 209
Radio call sign:	GT – E
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB209 took off from RAF Upwood at 2201 hours on the night of 12/13th August 1944, detailed to bomb Russelsheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 407529 Flt Lt McDonald, J N DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E W Hunter, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 403914 Flt Lt Dennis, S L DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 403983 FO Deed, L L DFC (Air Bomber)
RAF WO W T Alsbury, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406522 FO Dunham, D W (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R H Valencia, (Rear Gunner)

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

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to FO Deed was a General Citation promulgated in the London Gazette of 15/9/1944, Page 4272.

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

403914 Flight Lieutenant DENNIS, Stewart Leigh

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/9/373 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 382, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 209
Radio call sign:	GT – E
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB209 took off from RAF Upwood at 2201 hours on the night of 12/13th
August 1944, detailed to bomb Russelsheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 407529 Flt Lt McDonald, J N DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E W Hunter, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 403914 Flt Lt Dennis, S L DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 403983 FO Deed, L L DFC (Air Bomber)
RAF WO W T Alsbury, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406522 FO Dunham, D W (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R H Valencia, (Rear Gunner)

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

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Dennis was a General Citation promulgated
in London Gazette 15/9/1944, page 4272

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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403838 Flight Lieutenant DODDS, John Reginald DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/10/223 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 197, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 409
Radio call sign:	GT – S
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND409 took off from RAF Upwood at 2235 hours on the night of 227/28th April 1944, detailed to bomb Friedrichshafen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Gr Capt Eaton, E C DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Wadsworth, P (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sqn Ldr Glasspool, L H DFC (Navigator)
RNZAF FO Franklin, K G DFC (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403838 Flt Lt Dodds, J R DFC (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Kidd, C A (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Shaland, R G DFC (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed in a wooded area 1km west of Neuhausen (Engen), and 2kms south of Engen. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz , a town 48kms south of Munich.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to the then FO Dodds is a General Citation promulgated in London Gazette 21.12/1945, page 6208.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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403026 Flight Lieutenant DONNER, William John DFM

Source:

AWM 237 (65) AWM 65 (1073) NAA : A705 : 166/10/185 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 358
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND358 took off from RAF Warboys, Huntingford, at 2351 hours on the night of 19/20th February 1944, detailed to bomb Leipzig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Saunders, A D DFC Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Lt Sterns, W M DFC (Navigator)
RAF DO Gough, C D DFC (Navigator 2)
RAF PO Taylor, J W (Flight Engineer/Bomb Aimer)
RAF WO J W Gibbs, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403026 Flt Lt Donner, W J DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Reeves, R L (Rear Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “ The aircraft crashed at 3am on the 20th February 1944, approx half a mile south of Zasenbeck on the road to Plastau. The aircraft exploded on impact and all the crew were killed.”
Zasenbeck is approx 30 miles north east of Brunswick, Northern Germany.

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

Citation :

The Citation for the DFM awarded to the then Sgt Donner of No 50 Sqn RAF is as follows : “This NCO was an Air Gunner in FO Southgate’s crew which carried out a very successful tour. He took part in more than the average number of sorties and at all times showed a marked enthusiasm to fly against the enemy. Most of his sortie’s were against Germany’s heavily fortified areas and on 24th October 1942, he took part in a successful daylight raid on Milan. For his enthusiasm and devotion to duty, he is recommended for the non-immediate award of the Distinguished Flying Medal. 23rd May 1943.”

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

406522 Flying Officer DUNHAM, Donald William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/9/373 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 382, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 209
Radio call sign:	GT – E
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB209 took off from RAF Upwood at 2201 hours on the night of 12/13th August 1944, detailed to bomb Russelsheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 407529 Flt Lt McDonald, J N DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E W Hunter, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 403914 Flt Lt Dennis, S L DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 403983 FO Deed, L L DFC (Air Bomber)
RAF WO W T Alsbury, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406522 FO Dunham, D W (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R H Valencia, (Rear Gunner)

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

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

411685 Flight Sergeant EDMONDS, Neville John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/95 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 411, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 472
Radio call sign:	GT – Z
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB472 took off from RAF Warboys at 1712 hours on the night of 2/3rd December 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 409356 WO R R Wicks, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P E Wells, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 420351 Flt Sgt K MacDonald, (Navigator)
RAAF 416296 WO R K Thomas (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411685 Flt Sgt N J Edmonds, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 21442 PO Inglis R E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 403616 WO K A Wood, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in Fallngbostel, Germany. Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt MacDonald was a POW.

Those who lost their lives are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The Cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side of the road from Hamburg to Hannover.

In a later POW report the then WO MacDonald stated : “ The Rear Gunner reported an attack by a night fighter. The Captain acknowledged and took evasive action, and just then we were hit. The Inter Com was U/S. The crew put on chutes. The aircraft was in a steep dive. At approx between 17 and 15000 feet there was a violent explosion. I was Sucked out of the starboard side of the aircraft. I recovered consciousness at approx 4000 feet opened up the chute and landed OK.. I believe the pilot jettisoned the bombs endeavouring to save the crew and the aircraft which crashed 20 miles north of Hanover. I walked approx 10 miles to a village railway station and was hiding in a goods yard when two Germans captured me. The German officers escorted me several miles to inspect the wreck of our aircraft and informed me that the six crew members were dead. Later that evening they showed me identity photographs of the six and asked me to identify the bodies.”

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

404716 Pilot Officer FERGUSON, Noel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/.36 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 47, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 622
Radio call sign:	GT – Q
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED622 took off from RAF Warboys at 2142 hours on the night of 8/9th April 1943, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 401344 Flt Sgt R G Younger, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 15319 Sgt S M White, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 404716 PO Ferguson, N (Navigator)
RAF Sgt N G Stopford, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403691 Flt Sgt R H Flett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404582 Flt Sgt J P M Grace, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A J Jackson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Cologne, Germany, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13klms south of Wesel.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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402074 Flight Lieutenant FLETCHER, Mervyn Sylvester, DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A707, 166/13/165 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 20, Volume 1944..

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 703
Radio call sign:	GT – X
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB703 took off from RAF Warboys at 0033 hours on the night of 1/2nd June 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sq Ldr Stewart, R G F DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt F Thorington, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt R J Hudson, (Navigator)
RAAF Flt Lt Fletcher, M S DFC (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Handley, C M DFC (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt D A Mills, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Horner, C F DFC (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to Flt Lt Fletcher is a General Citation promulgated in London Gazette 8/5/1945, Page 2417.

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

403691 Flight Sergeant FLETT, Rodney Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/.36 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 47, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 622
Radio call sign:	GT – Q
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED622 took off from RAF Warboys at 2142 hours on the night of 8/9th April 1943, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 401344 Flt Sgt R G Younger, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 15319 Sgt S M White, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 404716 PO Ferguson, N (Navigator)
RAF Sgt N G Stopford, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403691 Flt Sgt R H Flett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404582 Flt Sgt J P M Grace, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A J Jackson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Cologne, Germany, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13klms south of Wesel.

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

407712 Flying Officer GIRRBACH, Karl

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/34/166

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 94, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 615
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED615 took off from RAF Warboys at 2024 hours on the night of 4/5th April 1943, detailed to bomb Kiel, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr The Hon B Grimston, DFC Captain (Pilot)
 RAAF 407712 FO Girrbach, K (2nd Pilot)
 RAF Sgt T J Woodward, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF FO R B Marsh, (Navigator)
 RAF PO S J Volante, DFM (Air Bomber)
 RAF PO R L S Portch, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt K R Hazlewood, (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RAF WO G C Stafford, DFM (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the target area and all the crew were killed.

Five of the crew are buried in the Kiel War Cemetery, Germany, while Sqn Ldr Grimstone, WO Stafford and Sgt Woodward have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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

410655 Flight Sergeant GOTTO, Phillip George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/457 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 107,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 446
Radio call sign:	GT – P
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND446 took off from RAF Warboys at 2357 hours on the night of 1/2nd March 1944, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 413939 Flt Sgt R M Baker Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D E Barton, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 410655 Flt Sgt P G Gotto, (Navigator)
RAF FO Gains, F G (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W J Hill, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Kenyon, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426613 Flt Sgt R R Kelly, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Hausen-en-Killetal some 24kms south of Tübingen, and all the crew were killed.

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

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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404582 Flight Sergeant GRACE, James Pearce Massey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/.36 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 47, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 622
Radio call sign:	GT – Q
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED622 took off from RAF Warboys at 2142 hours on the night of 8/9th April 1943, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 401344 Flt Sgt R G Younger, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 15319 Sgt S M White, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 404716 PO Ferguson, N (Navigator)
RAF Sgt N G Stopford, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403691 Flt Sgt R H Flett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404582 Flt Sgt J P M Grace, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A J Jackson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Cologne, Germany, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13klms south of Wesel.

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

22067 Pilot Officer GYNTHHER, Clarence Lloyd

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/249 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 20, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 476
Radio call sign:	GT – R
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB476 took off from RAF Warboys at 0038 hours on the night of 1/2nd January, 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Docherty T, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 9361 FO W Raper, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 22067 PO Gynther, C L (Navigator)
RAAF 412190 FO Robertson, W A (Air Bomber)
RAF WO L F Gill, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt W Lumsden, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J Murray, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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

24163 Warrant Officer HEDGES, Victor Archibald Maudaley DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/440

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 32, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 483
Radio call sign:	GT – M
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB483 took off from RAF Warboys at 1647 hours on the night of 14/15th January 1944, detailed to bomb Braunschweig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Palmer, G Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 24163 WO V A M Hedges, DFC (Flight Engineer)
RCAF WO11 H H Kinghorn, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt N R J Evans, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt E D Panniers, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K L Johnson (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 425242 Flt Sgt R C Strange, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

W R Chorley states that “WO Hedges a regular airman was one of only a few Australian Flight Engineers flying in Bomb Command and that his award of DFC must, therefore, almost be unique.”

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to WO Hedges is a General Citation promulgated in the London Gazette 15/2/1944, Page 795.

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

400433 Warrant Officer HICKLING, William Liness Charles DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/249 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 434, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 674
Radio call sign:	GT – Q
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA674 took off from RAF Warboys at 1715 hours on the night of 20/21st December 1943, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RNZAF Flt Lt Sullivan MA DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 22170 WO C W Knox, DFC (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412160 Flt Lt Loder, G B DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 408200 Flt Lt Wedd, R H DFC (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412189 PO Ritchie, E W DFC (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt G E Mason, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 400433 WO W L C Hickling DFC (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

Citation :

The Citation to the DFC awarded to WO Hickling of 156 Sqn RAF, is as follows ;
“WO Hickling , as Rear Gunner, has consistently displayed courage and coolness in the face of heavy opposition. On three occasions his aircraft has been attacked by enemy fighters and after a sortie to Milan in August 1943, it was chiefly due to his efforts as Fire Contrtoller that his captain was able to fly home in safety. WO Hickling has completed numerous operational sorties, many of them against strongly defended objectives in enemy territory and has invariably set a fine example to the rest of the squadron. (London Gazette 16/11/1943, page 5025)

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

403268 Flying Officer HOOD, Robert Thomas DFM

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/175 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 307, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 915
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

On the 3rd September 1943, Lancaster JA915 during a training exercise, crashed at 1200 hours at Green Lane, Kenninghall, 7 miles north west of Diss, Norfolk. All the crew of six on board were killed.

Crew :

RAF FO Foderingham, C DFC Captain (Pilot)
RCAF FO Gordon, W C DFC (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt B R Ross, (Air Bomber)
RCAF FO Stewart, A W DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403268 FO Hood, R T DFM (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt E B Watkins, (Air Gunner)

All the six crew are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery..

Citation:

The Citation for the DFM awarded to FO Hood is as follows “

“ This Australian NCO of 460 Sqn RAAF has carried out 27 successful sorties comprising a total of 172.05 flying hours. Very recently, he was screened for instructional purposes which unfortunately made it impossible for him to complete 30 sorties. However, I have no doubt that he would have done so in his usual efficiency and sound manner had he not been screened. I consider that he merits personal recognition. Remarks by the Station Commander : “Flt Sgt Hood was the Rear Gunner of one of the outstanding crews in the Squadron and it is fair to state that the crews successful operations were due to a very great extent to the keenness and alertness of this NCO at his post. By good directions, coolness and presence of mind, Flt Sgt Hood has enabled his pilot on many occasions to evade enemy action and complete the mission. I recommend that by his ability to make instant decisions in an emergency and his excellent judgement be rewarded by the award of the Distinguished Flying Medal.” (Promulgated in the London Gazette 20/4/1943. Air 2/8944.)

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

420888 Flight Sergeant INGLES, Arthur Norman

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/19/43 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 104, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 941
Radio call sign:	GT - A
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA941 took off from RAF Warboys at 1903 hours on the night of 25/26th February 1944, detailed to bomb Augsburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt B B Millen, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W H Johnson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J A Yeomans, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt B S Reynolds, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 420888 Flt Sgt A N Ingles, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C McK Hossack, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Liddiard, W H (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down at 19,000 feet by a night fighter, and believed to have crashed in the vicinity of Lahr/Schwarzwald. Five of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Yeomans and PO Liddiard were POW's.

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

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

21442 Pilot Officer INGLIS, Robert Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/95 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 411, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 472
Radio call sign:	GT – Z
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB472 took off from RAF Warboys at 1712 hours on the night of 2/3rd December 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 409356 WO R R Wicks, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P E Wells, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 420351 Flt Sgt K MacDonald, (Navigator)
RAAF 416296 WO R K Thomas (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411685 Flt Sgt N J Edmonds, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 21442 PO Inglis R E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 403616 WO K A Wood, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in Fallngbostel, Germany. Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt MacDonald was a POW.

Those who lost their lives are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The Cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side of the road from Hamburg to Hannover.

In a later POW report the then WO MacDonald stated : “ The Rear Gunner reported an attack by a night fighter. The Captain acknowledged and took evasive action, and just then we were hit. The Inter Com was U/S. The crew put on chutes. The aircraft was in a steep dive. At approx between 17 and 15000 feet there was a violent explosion. I was Sucked out of the starboard side of the aircraft. I recovered consciousness at approx 4000 feet opened up the chute and landed OK.. I believe the pilot jettisoned the bombs endeavouring to save the crew and the aircraft which crashed 20 miles north of Hanover. I walked approx 10 miles to a village railway station and was hiding in a goods yard when two Germans captured me. The German officers escorted me several miles to inspect the wreck of our aircraft and informed me that the six crew members were dead. Later that evening they showed me identity photographs of the six and asked me to identify the bodies.”

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

404684 Flight Sergeant JOHNSTON, Alexander Clive

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/33 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 142, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	EDC 837
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED837 took off from RAF Warboys at 0021 hours on the night of 12/13th May 1943, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 403389 PO Wendon, W M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Askham, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 403146 PO MacKenzie, E S (Navigator)
RAAF 404987 Flt Sgt N R Mason, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411082 Flt Sgt G A Williams, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408605 Sgt R G Wynn, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 404684 Flt Sgt A C Johnston, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Williams was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

In a POW report by the then WO Williams he reported :”A collision was the cause of damage to the aircraft. From the time of the collision, I heard nothing from any other member of the crew, but apparently no other member was able to bale out. I baled out at 500 feet. The aircraft was not in control but there was no fire. The aircraft crashed on the outskirts of Duisberg. I was arrested by the German police after five days of walking.”

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

426613 Flight Sergeant KELLEY, Ronald Rhodes

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/457 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 107,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 446
Radio call sign:	GT – P
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND446 took off from RAF Warboys at 2357 hours on the night of 1/2nd March 1944, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 413939 Flt Sgt R M Baker Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D E Barton, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 410655 Flt Sgt P G Gotto, (Navigator)
RAF FO Gains, F G (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W J Hill, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Kenyon, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426613 Flt Sgt R R Kelley, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Hausen-en-Killetal some 24kms south of Tübingen, and all the crew were killed.

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

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

404789 Flying Officer KENNEDY, Frederick Robert Anthony DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/121 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

FO Kennedy (Observer) was admitted to RAF Hospital Ely, Cambridgeshire, UK, dangerously ill and died on 16th September 1943

He is buried at the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to FO Kennedy is as follows :

“ FO Kennedy has completed many operational sorties as navigator, many of them in the Middle East. He has also participated in sorties on European targets such as Cologne, Essen and Hamburg. Despite two combats with night fighters and two crashes, this officer has continued to display undaunted courage and determination (London Gazette 12/11/1943 page 4873)”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
420237 Flight Lieutenant KENNEDY, Terence William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) AWM 54 779/3/129 Part 12 NAA : A705, 166/22/260
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF
Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 249, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NE 143
Radio call sign:	GT – G
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NE143 took off from RAF Upwood at 0025 hours on the night of 31/1st June 1944, detailed to bomb the railway yards at Tergnier, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 414264 Flt Lt Samson, R H DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt R G Burton, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 4220237 Flt Lt Kennedy, T W (Navigator)
RAAF 409105 WO A A Gilchrist, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO R J Andrews (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt A G Bryant, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt H N Whitmore, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at La Neuvilleen (Aisne), 20kms south west of St-Quentin, France. Three of the crew were killed, WO Gilchrist was a POW, and Flt Lt Sampson, Flt Sgt Bryant and Flt Sgt Whitmore evaded capture

Those killed are buried in the Grand-Seracour British Cemetery, France. Seracourt le Grand is a village about 8kms south west of St Quentin on the east side of the River Somme, France.

In his report Flt Lt Sampson stated “ Just after leaving the target the aircraft was hit presumably by light flak. The port inner caught fire and shortly after the Port outer. Height 11000 feet. The wing appeared to be burning through and I ordered abandon. I saw each crew member abandon and I baled out about 4000 feet when aircraft was in steep dive. None of crew injured before the bomber crashed. The Resistance Movement reported that 2 bodies were found with chutes either opened or partly open near or on German drome at Friere. Two other bodies were found by the Movement with chutes open or partly open in village of Friere Faillouev.”

In his POW report WO Gilchrist stated “Aircraft hit by flak and caught fire Skipper ordered bale out and acknowledged. No injuries from flak. Flt Eng baled out first followed by me Height 14,000 feet. .Remainder of crew not seen again by me. Aircraft crashed near St Quentin. Landed in woods Others not seen. Started walking next morning. Saw no activity and walked 4 to 5miles before captured by German in civilian clothes. Released by Russians 22/4/45.”.

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

22170 Warrant Officer KNOX, Cyril William DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/249 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 434, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 674
Radio call sign:	GT – Q
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA674 took off from RAF Warboys at 1715 hours on the night of 20/21st December 1943, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RNZAF Flt Lt Sullivan MA DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 22170 WO C W Knox, DFC (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412160 Flt Lt Loder, G B DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 408200 Flt Lt Wedd, R H DFC (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412189 PO Ritchie, E W DFC (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt G E Mason, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 400433 WO W L C Hickling DFC (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to WO Knox of 156 Sqn RAF is as follows :
“ During the whole of his operational career, WO Knox has displayed outstanding coolness and determination. When returning from a sortie against Nuremberg in August 1943, a fire started in the bomb bay of the aircraft in which he was flying as flight engineer and it was only by his very prompt action that it was immediately under control. Many of his other missions have been attacks on localities such as Berlin, Essen and Hamburg where the fiercest opposition is encountered, and during all these sorties, he has invariably displayed the highest degree of gallantry and devotion to duty. (London Gazette 16/11/1943, page 5026)

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

416436 Pilot Officer LEONARD, Raymond Haines

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/536

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 412, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 534
Radio call sign:	GT – O
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND534 took off from RAF Upwood at 1654 hours on the night of 11th September 1944, detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Raw, A W DFC Captain (Pilot)
 RAF PO Brooks, J A (Flight Engineer)
 RAF Flt Lt C W Reeves, (Navigator)
 RAF Sqn Ldr Undrell, G A R (Air Bomber)
 RAF Flt Lt Miller, A (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt N Warwick, (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RAAF 416436 PO Leonard, R H (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 1830 hours some 3kms west of the target area. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichsawald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

W R Chorley records that “Sqn Ldr Raw had completed at least 34 sorties and his crew were experienced Pathfinders.”

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

412160 Flight Lieutenant LODER, George Bruce DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/249 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 434, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 674
Radio call sign:	GT – Q
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA674 took off from RAF Warboys at 1715 hours on the night of 20/21st
December 1943, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RNZAF Flt Lt Sullivan MA DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 22170 WO C W Knox, DFC (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412160 Flt Lt Loder, G B DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 408200 Flt Lt Wedd, R H DFC (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412189 PO Ritchie, E W DFC (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt G E Mason, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 400433 WO W L C Hickling DFC (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality
Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to PO Loder is a General Citation promulgated in the
London Gazette 16/11/1943, Page 5025)

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

406532 Flight Lieutenant LUTZ, Alan Montgomery, DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/193 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 317 Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 990
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED990 took off from RAF Warboys at 1949 hours on the night of 6/7th September 1943, detailed to bomb Munchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF FO Lutz, A M DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W Simpson, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 402789 PO Curtis D De B, DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 403687 FO Clement, G B (Air Bomber)
RAF PO J R Hurst, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K Pearson, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Fletcher, J DFM (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz a town 48kms south of Munich.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to PO Lutz, (406532) when attached to No 12 Sqn RAF, is as follows :

“ This Captain of aircraft has participated in attacks on several of the enemy’s most heavily defended targets. PO Lutz invariably descends to the lowest possible altitude to identify his targets and to ensure the accuracy of his attack. He has displayed high courage and devotion to duty. (London Gazette 27/10/1942, Page 4643)

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

406458 Flying Officer MACDONALD, Robert Haynes

Sources:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/32/239 Micro Film No 463, OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 395, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: JB 223
Radio call sign: GT – M
Unit: ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB 223 of 156 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Warboys,
Huntingdonshire, UK, at 1736 hours on the night of 23/24th November 1943 to attack
Berlin. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF	405605 PO Rose, W H, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Flt Lt Harvey, C V, DFC (Navigator)
RAAF	412028 PO Patrick, M M, DFC (Bombaimer)
RAF	FO Mitchell, E R, DFM (Wireless Operator)
RAF	Flt Sgt King, P F C ('Y' Operator)
RAAF	406458 FO MacDonald, R H (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF	Flt Lt Stewart, H W J, DFC (Rear Gunner)
RAF	PO Anderson, W (Flight Engineer)

Following post war investigations, it was established in 1948 that the aircraft was hit by
ack-ack fire, exploded in the air and crashed at Konradshore. The nature of the explosion
was such that wreckage was scattered over a wide area, a large portion from the front of
the fuselage falling into Havel Lake. Konradshore is situated approx 8 miles north west
of Berlin, near the Havel Lake which is formed by the waters of the Havel River.

The remains of Flt Lt Stewart (RCAF), FO MacDonald (RAAF) and Flt Sgt King (RAF)
are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany. The remains of the
remaining five member of the crew could not be located and they have no known grave.
Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede,
Surrey, UK.

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

403146 Pilot Officer MACKENZIE, Evan Seaforth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/33 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 142, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	EDC 837
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED837 took off from RAF Warboys at 0021 hours on the night of 12/13th May 1943, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 403389 PO Wendon, W M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Askham, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 403146 PO MacKenzie, E S (Navigator)
RAAF 404987 Flt Sgt N R Mason, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411082 Flt Sgt G A Williams, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408605 Sgt R G Wynn, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 404684 Flt Sgt A C Johnston, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Williams was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

In a POW report by the then WO Williams he reported :”A collision was the cause of damage to the aircraft. From the time of the collision, I heard nothing from any other member of the crew, but apparently no other member was able to bale out. I baled out at 500 feet. The aircraft was not in control but there was no fire. The aircraft crashed on the outskirts of Duisberg. I was arrested by the German police after five days of walking.”

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

404987 Flight Sergeant MASON, Neville Ray

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/33 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 142, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	EDC 837
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED837 took off from RAF Warboys at 0021 hours on the night of 12/13th May 1943, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 403389 PO Wendon, W M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Askham, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 403146 PO MacKenzie, E S (Navigator)
RAAF 404987 Flt Sgt N R Mason, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411082 Flt Sgt G A Williams, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408605 Sgt R G Wynn, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 404684 Flt Sgt A C Johnston, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Williams was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

In a POW report by the then WO Williams he reported :”A collision was the cause of damage to the aircraft. From the time of the collision, I heard nothing from any other member of the crew, but apparently no other member was able to bale out. I baled out at 500 feet. The aircraft was not in control but there was no fire. The aircraft crashed on the outskirts of Duisberg. I was arrested by the German police after five days of walking.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
407529 Flight Lieutenant McDONALD, James Neil DFM

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/9/373 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 382, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 209
Radio call sign:	GT – E
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB209 took off from RAF Upwood at 2201 hours on the night of 12/13th August 1944, detailed to bomb Russelsheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 407529 Flt Lt McDonald, J N DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E W Hunter, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 403914 Flt Lt Dennis, S L DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 403983 FO Deed, L L DFC (Air Bomber)
RAF WO W T Alsbury, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406522 FO Dunham, D W (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R H Valencia, (Rear Gunner)

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

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFM to the then Flt Sgt J N McDonald is as follows :
“Since joining 148 Sqn RAF in January 1942 this NCO has completed a total of 140 operations involving a total of 265 flying hours. He went with a detachment of the Squadron to Malta when the island was being blitzed and carried out a number of successful operations from there as second pilot. His aircraft was caught in a barrage over Comiso and badly damaged but the aircraft was brought safely back to Malta and a successful landing made in the middle of an air raid. Shortly afterwards a Captain of an aircraft, he was flying over Benghazi when the petrol flap opened. The aircraft went out of control at 11,000 feet and it was only at 4000 feet that Flt Sgt McDonald finally managed to bring the aircraft under control again. He flew the aircraft himself for five hours due to difficulty of handling it and finally made a safe landing at Sidi Berani where he adjusted the flap and flew the aircraft back to base. This NCO has always shown the highest standard of determination in attacking his target and has had some very good results. During the recent critical period, he continually asked to be allowed to fly on consecutive nights and did so on several occasions. He has displayed the highest qualities during his operational tour and has set a fine example to the other members of this Squadron and is most strongly recommended for the non-immediate award of the Distinguished Flying Medal. 14th December 1942.”

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

432540 Pilot Officer McKENNA, Gordon Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) AWM 54 779/3/120 (Parts 20 and 26) NAA : A705, 166/262/780
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF
Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 66, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 366
Radio call sign:	GT – H
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME366 took off from RAF Upwood at 1652 hours on the night of 3/4th February 1945, detailed to mark the Prosper Benzol plant at Bottrop, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 418527 Flt Lt Evans, J G E DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO F Parr, DFM (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Lt Salt, F C (Navigator)
RAF FO Clark, C P (Air Bomber)
RAAF 426390 PO Preece, W H (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 432540 POI McKenna, G C (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 45086 FO Costigan J, (Rear Gunner)

Four of the crew were killed and Flt Lt Evans, PO Preece and FO Costigan were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Rheichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5rkms south west of Kleve.

In his POW report Flt Lt Evans stated "Approx 5 minutes after leaving the target the aircraft exploded. There was a fairly heavy barrage of flak but it did not seem to be near us. I was blown clear immediately and no order to abandon was given. As the main explosion blew the cabin section of the aircraft off I believe that the Engineer, Air Bomber and Navigator were either killed outright or blown out without their chutes packs as all they had were observer type chutes and had no chance of putting them on There was another explosion about the mid upper turret which blew Costigan clear and probably killed McKenna (Mid Upper Gunner). Aircraft crashed 20 miles north west of Bottrop. I saw no chutes during my descent and the aircraft disintegrated without warning. I later learned that Costigan was blown from his Rear Turret (Pilot type chute on) and Preece (WOP) managed to escape from the remnants of the fuselage. I was passing a small village when some children saw me and told their father who appeared with a revolver before I could escape."

PO Preece in his POW report stated "Aircraft hit by direct flak bursts. Complete nose of aircraft blown off down to WOP's position. Pilot blown out. Starbord wing blown off, height 17,000 feet. Nav, Bomb Aimer and Engineer presumed killed with first hit. Rear

turret blown off but Rear Gunner Costigan survived. Nothing seen or heard of Mid Upper Gunner. I baled out at 9000 feet or less. Aircraft crashed 20 miles north of Essen. Pilot, Rear Gunner and WOP survive. Captured 4/2/45. Released American 3rd Army 29th April.45.”

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

413020 Warrant Officer MURPHY, John Armstrong

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/268 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 151, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 406,
Radio call sign:	GT – S
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND406 took off from RAF Upwood at 2235 hours on the night of 30/31st
March 1944, detailed to bomb Nurnberg, Germany Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 413020 WO J A Murphy, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Baldwin, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Toppings, I J (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt A C Kendrick, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt L W Wooliscroft, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412792 WO G R N Wood, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H L Hepworth, (Rear Gunner)

When outbound the aircraft was shot down by a JU88 and crashed near Holzweiler. Six
of the crew were killed and Sgt Wooliscroft was thrown clear as the aircraft exploded and
was a POW

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

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

9361 Flying Officer RAPER, William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/249 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 20, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 476
Radio call sign:	GT – R
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB476 took off from RAF Warboys at 0038 hours on the night of 1/2nd January, 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Docherty T, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 9361 FO W Raper, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 22067 PO Gynther, C L (Navigator)
RAAF 412190 FO Robertson, W A (Air Bomber)
RAF WO L F Gill, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt W Lumsden, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J Murray, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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

412189 Pilot Officer RITCHIE, Eric Whitby, DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/249 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 434, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 674
Radio call sign:	GT – Q
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA674 took off from RAF Warboys at 1715 hours on the night of 20/21st December 1943, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RNZAF Flt Lt Sullivan MA DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 22170 WO C W Knox, DFC (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412160 Flt Lt Loder, G B DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 408200 Flt Lt Wedd, R H DFC (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412189 PO Ritchie, E W DFC (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt G E Mason, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 400433 WO W L C Hickling DFC (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to the then WO Ritchie of 156 Sqn RAF is as follows :
“ WO Ritchie has completed a large number of operational sorties against some of the most heavily defended targets in German occupied territory. On one occasion in August 1943, when returning from a raid on Nuremberg, a fire started in the aircraft and it was only by the immediate action taken by WO Ritchie that the fire was extinguished and the captain was able to bring the bomber safely back to base. At all time WO Ritchie has displayed courage and coolness of a high order. (London Gazette 16/11/1943, page 5026)”

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

412190 Flying Officer ROBERTSON, William Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/249 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 20, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 476
Radio call sign:	GT – R
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB476 took off from RAF Warboys at 0038 hours on the night of 1/2nd January, 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Docherty T, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 9361 FO W Raper, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 22067 PO Gynther, C L (Navigator)
RAAF 412190 FO Robertson, W A (Air Bomber)
RAF WO L F Gill, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt W Lumsden, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J Murray, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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

412304 Flight Lieutenant ROBINSON, Harry George Mason DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/311 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 330, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PA 984
Radio call sign:	GT – Q
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PA984 took off from RAF Upwood at 2201 hours on the night of 14/15th July 1944 detailed to attack rail facilities at Revigny, France, as Deputy Master Bomber. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Davies, G G DSO Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Debrock F C G (Flight Engineer))
RAF FO H Coker, (Navigator)
RAF FO Holbrook, F (Navigator 2)
RAF Flt Lt Stevens K, (Visual Marker)
RAAF 412304 Flt Lt Robinson. H G M DFC (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF FO Lockwood, F J DFC (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF FO Plantana, D D DFC (Rear Gunner)

When in the vicinity of the target, the aircraft was hit by cannon fire from a night fighter, and it broke into two sections before crashing at 0157 hours near Ancerville (Meuse), 20kmns south west of Bar-le-Duc. Six of the crew were killed and Sqn Ldr Davies and Flt Lt Stevens were POW's.

Five of those who died are buried in the Ancerville Communal Cemetery, France. Ancerville is a village and commune in the Department of the Meuse, 20kms south west of Bar-le-Duc and some east of St Dizier, a town on the N4 road from Paris to Nancy and on the Calais to Chaumont railway. The five airmen are the only Commonwealth Air Forces WW2 fatalities buried in the cemetery.

FO Debrock who was Belgian born is buried in his home country. His name is presently commemorated solely by the data base record and register entry in The Maidenhead Register, UK Those named within the Register were all non-Commonwealth foreign nationals who died while serving as members of Commonwealth Forces.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to Flt Lt Robinson when attached to No76 Sqn RAF :
“During his tour of operations, Flt Lt Robinson has been detailed to attack some of the heaviest defended targets in enemy territory. This officer has always shown a high degree of courage and skill and initiative and a fine fighting spirit. He possesses outstanding ability as a wireless operator and a strong sense of duty both in the air and on the ground. (London Gazette 15/10/1943, page 4561)”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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14464 Pilot Officer ROSE, Cyril Ashley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/204 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 151, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 466
Radio call sign:	GT – Z
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND466 took off from RAF Upwood at 2230 hours on the night of 30/31st March 1944, detailed to bomb Nurnberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Goodwin, P R Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 14464 PO Rose, C A (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Summers E H J (Navigator)
RCAF FO Scrivener, J V (Navigator 2)
RAF FO Isted, W C DFM (U/T Visual Marker)
RAF FO Frost, H C (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF WO J C Baxter, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF WO V Gardner, DFM (Rear Gunner)

When outbound and just started on the run up to the target, ND466 was shot down by an ME110 and crashed at Eisfeld, a small town on the east bank of the Werra, 19kms NNW of Coburg, Germany, and in the Russian Zone of Occupation.

Four of the crew were killed and Sqn Ldr Goodwin, FO Isted, FO Summers and FO Scrivener were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

FO Summers in his POW report stated "I last saw Rose prior to my own departure from the aircraft. Since then the German authorities informed me that there were four bodies out of the crew of eight and four of the crew were safe."

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

412844 Flight Sergeant ROSS, David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/68 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 166/43, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4943
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4943 took off from RAF Warboys at 2312 hours on the night of 27/28th May 1943, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415060 Sgt D L Lawson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R J Jackson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt T H Harvey, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R J Twinn, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W H Moore, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412844 Flt Sgt D Ross, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RNZAF Flt Sgt H A Lister, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Otterloo (Gelderland), 10kms north east of Ede, Holland.

Sgt Lawson, Flt Sgt Ross and Sgt Lister were killed and the other four crew members were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Ede General Cemetery, Netherlands. Ede is a town 14kms north west of the Arnhem-Utrecht road.

In a POW report Sgt Twinn stated " The aircraft was shot down by flak plus a JU88 which claimed us. I believe Lister was killed in the first burst. Ross lost his nerve and refused to bale out. Wallace refused to abandon the aircraft and attempted to land. Verbal orders were given by the Navigator to bale out, as we had no communication with the Skipper. Harvey and Moore were POW's with me. Lost contact with Jackson when we started to march on April 8th 1945. Landed about 20 miles south of Arnhem. Captured after three days."

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

414604 Flight Sergeant SIMPSON, Harry James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) AWM 54 779/3/129 Parts 16 and 2, NAA : A705, 163/37/204
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 314,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 858
Radio call sign:	GT – Y
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA858 took off from RAF Warboys at 1930 hours on the night of 5/6th September 1943, detailed to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 411825 FO Pritchard, J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Johnson, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 33506 FO Ferres, T D (Navigator)
RAAF 24878 FO Norton, C R (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W E Friend, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Grout, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 414604 Flt Sgt H J Simpson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down at 18,000 feet down by a night fighter and crashed. Sgt Grout and Flt Sgt Simpson were killed and the other five crew members were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Choloy War Cemetery, France. Choloy is a village 28kms west of Nancy and 5kms west of Toul, a town on the N4 road from Paris to Nancy.

In a POW Report FO Pritchard stated “ We were attacked by a JU88 shortly after bombing Mannheim. Ordered crew to prepare to abandon, and 30 seconds later gave the abandon aircraft order. The aircraft was on fire, and the elevators were U/S. The aircraft just blowing up. I baled out at 1000 feet, four others were safe, but two were still in the aircraft when it blew up. I had injured the back and could not move from where I landed, when captured. Released by the Russians.”

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

425242 Flight Sergeant STRANGE, Robert Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/440

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 32, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 483
Radio call sign:	GT – M
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB483 took off from RAF Warboys at 1647 hours on the night of 14/15th January 1944, detailed to bomb Braunschweig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Palmer, G Captain (Pilot)
 RAAF 24163 WO V A M Hedges, DFC (Flight Engineer)
 RCAF WO11 H H Kinghorn, (Navigator)
 RAF Sgt N R J Evans, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Flt Sgt E D Panniers, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt K L Johnson (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RAAF 425242 Flt Sgt R C Strange, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

W R Chorley states that “WO Hedges a regular airman was one of only a few Australian Flight Engineers flying in Bomb Command and that his award of DFC must, therefore, almost be unique.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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415697 Warrant Officer THOMAS, Albert Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/266 Micro Film No 463 OAFH.
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page, 180, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 349
Radio call sign:	GT – C
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND349 took off from RAF Upwood at 2120 hours on the night of 22/23rd
April, 1944, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF WO J Higgs, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sg M Fowler, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Chase, D (Navigator)
RAAF 415697 WO A E Thomas, (Air Bomber)
RAF `Flt Sgt W R Parissien, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G F Woodhead, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W A Webb, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak at 19,000 and crashed in the target area.
Sgt Fowler, PO Chase, WO Thomas and Sgt Webb were killed and the other three were
POW's. Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve,
Nordrhein-Westfalen Germany. The cemetery is 5kns south west of Kleve.

Sgt Woodhead in a POW report stated “ The aircraft crashed approx
10miles north west of Dusseldorf. Sgt Webb was killed in his turret when the
aircraft was hit by flak.”

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416296 Warrant Officer THOMAS, Robert Kyffin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/95 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 411, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 472
Radio call sign:	GT – Z
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB472 took off from RAF Warboys at 1712 hours on the night of 2/3rd December 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 409356 WO R R Wicks, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P E Wells, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 420351 Flt Sgt K MacDonald, (Navigator)
RAAF 416296 WO R K Thomas (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411685 Flt Sgt N J Edmonds, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 21442 PO Inglis R E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 403616 WO K A Wood, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in Fallngbostel, Germany. Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt MacDonald was a POW.

Those who lost their lives are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The Cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side of the road from Hamburg to Hannover.

In a later POW report the then WO MacDonald stated : “ The Rear Gunner reported an attack by a night fighter. The Captain acknowledged and took evasive action, and just then we were hit. The Inter Com was U/S. The crew put on chutes. The aircraft was in a steep dive. At approx between 17 and 15000 feet there was a violent explosion. I was Sucked out of the starboard side of the aircraft. I recovered consciousness at approx 4000 feet opened up the chute and landed OK.. I believe the pilot jettisoned the bombs endeavouring to save the crew and the aircraft which crashed 20 miles north of Hanover. I walked approx 10 miles to a village railway station and was hiding in a goods yard when two Germans captured me. The German officers escorted me several miles to inspect the wreck of our aircraft and informed me that the six crew members were dead. Later that evening they showed me identity photographs of the six and asked me to identify the bodies.”

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS IN WORLD WAR 2 AND MISSING WITH
NO KNOWN GRAVE.

422012 Flight Sergeant TINMAN, Walter Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/21/100 Micro Film No 463, OAFH.
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 411, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:

Lancaster

Serial number: JB 179

Radio call sign: GT – F

Unit: ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB179 of 156 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Warboys, Huntingdonshire,
at 1710 hours on 2 December 1943 to bomb Berlin. Nothing further was heard from the
aircraft which did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF	Flt Sgt Redfern, J G, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF	15467 PO Johnson, L J (Flight Engineer)
RAF	Sgt Carrell, B (Navigator)
RCAF	Flt Sgt Clarke, W R (Bombaimer)
RAF	Flt Sgt Richmond, J (Wireless Operator)
RAF	Flt Sgt Wood, K (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF	422012 Flt Sgt Tinman, W R (Rear Gunner)

In a 1949 report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team it was stated that the aircraft
crashed 3kms north east of Colbitz between 2000 and 2100 hours on 2 December 1943.
Colbitz is 12 miles north of Madgeburg, Germany. Germany documents revealed that the
aircraft was shot down.

The bodies of only two members of the crew Flt Sgt Wood (RAF) and Tinman (RAAF)
were recovered by the Germans and buried at Colbitz Cemetery, to be later re-interred in
Berlin (1939-1945) War Cemetery, Germany, As no trace could be found of the other
members of the crew, they are registered as missing with no known grave.
Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey,
UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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415060 Sergeant WALLACS, David Lawson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/68 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 166/43, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4943
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4943 took off from RAF Warboys at 2312 hours on the night of 27/28th May 1943, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415060 Sgt D L Lawson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R J Jackson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt T H Harvey, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R J Twinn, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W H Moore, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412844 Flt Sgt D Ross, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RNZAF Flt Sgt H A Lister, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Otterloo (Gelderland), 10kms north east of Ede, Holland.

Sgt Lawson, Flt Sgt Ross and Sgt Lister were killed and the other four crew members were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Ede General Cemetery, Netherlands. Ede is a town 14kms north west of the Arnhem-Utrecht road.

In a POW report Sgt Twinn stated " The aircraft was shot down by flak plus a JU88 which claimed us. I believe Lister was killed in the first burst. Ross lost his nerve and refused to bale out. Wallace refused to abandon the aircraft and attempted to land. Verbal orders were given by the Navigator to bale out, as we had no communication with the Skipper. Harvey and Moore were POW's with me. Lost contact with Jackson when we started to march on April 8th 1945. Landed about 20 miles south of Arnhem. Captured after three days."

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413495 Flight Sergeant WATTERS, Leslie Harold

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/166 Digitised, Micro Film No 463 OAFH.
Commonwealth War Graves records. WR Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 129, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4140
Radio call sign:	GF – K
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4140 took off from RAF Warboys at 0043 hours on the night of 26/27th April 1943, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Sgt D H Waugh, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S C Brown, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Lindsey, L E (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C N Bonar, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R E Funnell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt B P Ashcroft, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 413495 Flt Sgt L H Watters, (Rear Gunner)

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

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402210 Pilot Officer WATTS, Herbert William Cuthbert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/176/301 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War Page 141, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1619
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z1619 took off from RAF Alconbury at 2313 hours on the night of 27/28th June 1942, detailed to bomb Bremen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt H T Owen, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G Towns, (Observer)
RAF PO Henderson, W (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Jones, J E (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 402210 PO Watts, H W C (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Westrum Kreis Meppen and all the crew were killed.
They are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

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408200 Flight Lieutenant WEDD, Rex Henry DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/249 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 434, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 674
Radio call sign:	GT – Q
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA674 took off from RAF Warboys at 1715 hours on the night of 20/21st
December 1943, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RNZAF Flt Lt Sullivan MA DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 22170 WO C W Knox, DFC (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412160 Flt Lt Loder, G B DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 408200 Flt Lt Wedd, R H DFC (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412189 PO Ritchie, E W DFC (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt G E Mason, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 400433 WO W L C Hickling DFC (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality
Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to Flt Lt Wedd of 156 Sqn RAF is a General Citation
promulgated in the London Gazette of 8/5/1945, page 2417.

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403389 Pilot Officer WENDON, William Murray

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/33 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 142, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	EDC 837
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED837 took off from RAF Warboys at 0021 hours on the night of 12/13th May 1943, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 403389 PO Wendon, W M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Askham, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 403146 PO MacKenzie, E S (Navigator)
RAAF 404987 Flt Sgt N R Mason, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411082 Flt Sgt G A Williams, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408605 Sgt R G Wynn, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 404684 Flt Sgt A C Johnston, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Williams was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

In a POW report by the then WO Williams he reported :”A collision was the cause of damage to the aircraft. From the time of the collision, I heard nothing from any other member of the crew, but apparently no other member was able to bale out. I baled out at 500 feet. The aircraft was not in control but there was no fire. The aircraft crashed on the outskirts of Duisberg. I was arrested by the German police after five days of walking.”

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15319 Sergeant WHITE, Stanley Musgrave

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/.36 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 47, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 622
Radio call sign:	GT – Q
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED622 took off from RAF Warboys at 2142 hours on the night of 8/9th April 1943, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 401344 Flt Sgt R G Younger, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 15319 Sgt S M White, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 404716 PO Ferguson, N (Navigator)
RAF Sgt N G Stopford, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403691 Flt Sgt R H Flett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404582 Flt Sgt J P M Grace, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A J Jackson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Cologne, Germany, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13klms south of Wesel.

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409356 Warrant Officer WICKS, Reginald Russell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/95 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 411, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 472
Radio call sign:	GT – Z
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB472 took off from RAF Warboys at 1712 hours on the night of 2/3rd December 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 409356 WO R R Wicks, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P E Wells, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 420351 Flt Sgt K MacDonald, (Navigator)
RAAF 416296 WO R K Thomas (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411685 Flt Sgt N J Edmonds, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 21442 PO Inglis R E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 403616 WO K A Wood, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in Fallngbostel, Germany. Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt MacDonald was a POW.

Those who lost their lives are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The Cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side of the road from Hamburg to Hannover.

In a later POW report the then WO MacDonald stated : “ The Rear Gunner reported an attack by a night fighter. The Captain acknowledged and took evasive action, and just then we were hit. The Inter Com was U/S. The crew put on chutes. The aircraft was in a steep dive. At approx between 17 and 15000 feet there was a violent explosion. I was Sucked out of the starboard side of the aircraft. I recovered consciousness at approx 4000 feet opened up the chute and landed OK.. I believe the pilot jettisoned the bombs endeavouring to save the crew and the aircraft which crashed 20 miles north of Hanover. I walked approx 10 miles to a village railway station and was hiding in a goods yard when two Germans captured me. The German officers escorted me several miles to inspect the wreck of our aircraft and informed me that the six crew members were dead. Later that evening they showed me identity photographs of the six and asked me to identify the bodies.”

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413469 Flight Sergeant WINTERBON, John Trevor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/116 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War Page 201, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 599
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED599 took off from RAF Warboys at 2307 hours on the night of 22/23rd June 1943, detailed to bomb Mulheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 413469 Flt Sgt J T Winterbon, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E A Duchene, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Grove, E G (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W H Gordon, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J W Bembridge, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W P Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J S F V Crawley, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0210 hours near Maarn (Utrecht), 10kms SSW of Amersfoort, Holland, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Amersfoort (Oud Leusden) General Cemetery, Netherlands. Amersfoort is a town 50kms south east of Amsterdam.

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412792 Warrant Officer WOOD, George Robert Newton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/268 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 151, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 406,
Radio call sign:	GT – S
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND406 took off from RAF Upwood at 2235 hours on the night of 30/31st
March 1944, detailed to bomb Nurnberg, Germany Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 413020 WO J A Murphy, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Baldwin, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Toppings, I J (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt A C Kendrick, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt L W Wooliscroft, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412792 WO G R N Wood, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H L Hepworth, (Rear Gunner)

When outbound the aircraft was shot down by a JU88 and crashed near Holzweiler. Six
of the crew were killed and Sgt Wooliscroft was thrown clear as the aircraft exploded and
was a POW

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

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403616 Warrant Officer WOOD, Kenneth Alan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/95 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 411, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 472
Radio call sign:	GT – Z
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB472 took off from RAF Warboys at 1712 hours on the night of 2/3rd December 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 409356 WO R R Wicks, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P E Wells, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 420351 Flt Sgt K MacDonald, (Navigator)
RAAF 416296 WO R K Thomas (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411685 Flt Sgt N J Edmonds, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 21442 PO Inglis R E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 403616 WO K A Wood, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in Fallngbostel, Germany. Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt MacDonald was a POW.

Those who lost their lives are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The Cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side of the road from Hamburg to Hannover.

In a later POW report the then WO MacDonald stated : “ The Rear Gunner reported an attack by a night fighter. The Captain acknowledged and took evasive action, and just then we were hit. The Inter Com was U/S. The crew put on chutes. The aircraft was in a steep dive. At approx between 17 and 15000 feet there was a violent explosion. I was Sucked out of the starboard side of the aircraft. I recovered consciousness at approx 4000 feet opened up the chute and landed OK.. I believe the pilot jettisoned the bombs endeavouring to save the crew and the aircraft which crashed 20 miles north of Hanover. I walked approx 10 miles to a village railway station and was hiding in a goods yard when two Germans captured me. The German officers escorted me several miles to inspect the wreck of our aircraft and informed me that the six crew members were dead. Later that evening they showed me identity photographs of the six and asked me to identify the bodies.”

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408605 Flight Sergeant WYNN, Ronald Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/33 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 142, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	EDC 837
Radio call sign:	GT -
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED837 took off from RAF Warboys at 0021 hours on the night of 12/13th May 1943, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 403389 PO Wendon, W M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Askham, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 403146 PO MacKenzie, E S (Navigator)
RAAF 404987 Flt Sgt N R Mason, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411082 Flt Sgt G A Williams, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408605 Sgt R G Wynn, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 404684 Flt Sgt A C Johnston, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Williams was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

In a POW report by the then WO Williams he reported :”A collision was the cause of damage to the aircraft. From the time of the collision, I heard nothing from any other member of the crew, but apparently no other member was able to bale out. I baled out at 500 feet. The aircraft was not in control but there was no fire. The aircraft crashed on the outskirts of Duisberg. I was arrested by the German police after five days of walking.”

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425401 Flight Sergeant WYNNE, Richard Ivor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/80 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War Page 434, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 113
Radio call sign:	GT – B
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB113 took off from RAF Warboys at 1731 hours on the night of 20/21st December 1943, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Watts, P A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F A Viner, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt C H W Cotterell, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G L Martin, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425401 Flt Sgt R I Wynne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G C Sage, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO O'Brien, J B (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Rothenbergen some 14kms ENE of Hanau.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

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401344 Flight Sergeant YOUNGER, Robert Graham

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/.36 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 47, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 622
Radio call sign:	GT – Q
Unit:	ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED622 took off from RAF Warboys at 2142 hours on the night of 8/9th April 1943, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 401344 Flt Sgt R G Younger, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 15319 Sgt S M White, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 404716 PO Ferguson, N (Navigator)
RAF Sgt N G Stopford, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403691 Flt Sgt R H Flett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404582 Flt Sgt J P M Grace, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A J Jackson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Cologne, Germany, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13klms south of Wesel.

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421576 Pilot Officer CRISFORD, Raymond Gavin

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705,166/8/916 Commonwealth War Graves records.
Micro Film No 463 OAFH.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	MM 650
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 157 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito MM650 took off from RAF Swanington, Norwich, Norfolk, at 1930 hours on 15 March 1945, detailed to carry out a bomber support patrol and escort bombers to their target at Lutzendorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after takeoff and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420232 PO Miller, B E Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 421576 PO Crisford, R G (Navigator/Radio)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported ; “The aircraft crashed two miles from Kralingen, which is 32 miles from Koblenz, Germany.”

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

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413459 Flying Officer DAVIDSON, Duncan William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NASA : A705, 166/9/223 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	DZ 749
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 157 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DZ749 returning from operations on 28th December 1943, crashed at 2010 hours from a height of 1400 feet, at Trevermy Farm, 3 miles north of Predannick, near Truro, Cornwall, UK.

Crew:

RAAF 413459 FO Davidson, D W Captain (Pilot)

RAF PO L:ewis, C G (Navigator)

The cause of the accident was the subject of exhaustive enquiry but the precise cause of the accident could not be established.

FO Davidson is buried in the Helston Cemetery, Cornwall, UK. Commonwealth War Graves do not record whether PO Lewis lost his life in the accident

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420232 Pilot Officer MILLER, Bruce English

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705,166/8/916 Commonwealth War Graves records.
Micro Film No 463 OAFH.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	MM 650
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 157 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito MM650 took off from RAF Swanington, Norwich, Norfolk, at 1930 hours on 15 March 1945, detailed to carry out a bomber support patrol and escort bombers to their target at Lutzendorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after takeoff and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420232 PO Miller, B E Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 421576 PO Crisford, R G (Navigator/Radio)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported ; “The aircraft crashed two miles from Kralingen, which is 32 miles from Koblenz, Germany.”

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

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401553 Pilot Officer VALE, William Searle

Source:

AM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/87 Digitised, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	MM 678
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 157 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito MM678 took off from RAF Swannington at 1807 hours on 6th October 1944, detailed to carry out an intruder support sortie of targets being Bremen and Dortmund. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 401553 PO Vale, W S Captain (Pilot)

RAF Flt Lt Ashcroft, A E DFC (Navigator/Radio)

The aircraft crashed 5 miles north east of Tirlemont which is east of Brussels, Belgium. Both the crew were killed and they are buried in the Brussels Town Cemetery, Belgium. The Cemetery is located in the north east corner of Brussels in the district of Evere.

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427427 Flying Officer BEESON, John Leslie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/935 Digitised. Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 70, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NP 973
Radio call sign:	NP – P
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NP973 took off from RAF Lissett at 1911 hours on the night of 7/8th February 1945, detailed to attack both enemy concentrations of troops and transport at Goch, Germany. NP973 reached the target area but at 2222 hours he Master Bomber cancelled the raid. Flying at around 3,500 feet, NP973 collided head on at 2225 hours with a 77 Sqn Halifax (RAF) when both aircraft were approx 20kms SSE of Goch. Two minutes later FO Beeson ordered his crew to bale out, but only three could do so before his aircraft plunged into a forest between Lullingen and Geldern. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt McQuilkin, Flt Sgt Murphy and Flt Sgt Papworth (all RAF members) were POW's.

Crew:

RAAF 427427 FO Beeson, J L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A McQuilkin, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Bennett, W G (Navigator)
RAF PO Jones R E (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429257 PO Nichols, L J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt P A Murphy, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt L A E Papworth, (Rear Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kmns south west of Kleve.

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428902 Flight Sergeant BICKFORD, Douglas Fitzgerald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/485 . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 152, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 724
Radio call sign:	NP – S
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW724 took off from RAF Lissett at 2200 hours on the night of 30/31st March, 1944, detailed to bomb Nurnberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414312 WO E R F Mac Leod Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L J Craven, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422625 Flt Sgt E R Moore, (Navigator)
RAAF 423908 FO Shanahan, A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 420999 Flt Sgt L G Paxman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 428765 Flt Sgt J A Nicholson, (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 428902 Flt Sgt D F Bickford, (Rear Gunner)

When outbound at 20,000 feet, LW724 was shot down by an ME110 and crashed near Herborn-Seelbach, Germany. Six of the crew were killed and FO Shanahan was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

In his POW report FO Shanahan stated : “ Shot up by a night fighter. Bale out ordered at 20,000 feet by Captain and all acknowledged. No one was injured until Nav had baled out and I was knocked unconscious by bullet through head. Five were still in the aircraft. Aircraft was out of control and on fire. Aircraft crashed about 10 minutes from Nuremburg. Did not see Moore (Nav) again. I was wounded before I baled out and unconscious until captured. Released by British Army at Trenthorst.”

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406557 Sergeant BISHOP, Benjamin Harvey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/72 . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 73, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	DT 748
Radio call sign:	NP – J
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax DT748 took off from RAF Lissett at 1928 hours on the night of 11/12th March 1943, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt H E Witham, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E F Smith, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt T C Laws, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J Harris, (Navigator)
RAF PO Lyon, P G. (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L E Ashdown, (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 406557 Sgt B H Bishop, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Marson-Sur-Barboure (Meuse), 27kms SE of Bar-Le-Duc, France. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Marson-Sur-Barboure Churchyard, France.

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401229 Sergeant BRINDLEY, Russel Walter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/93/585 . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 151, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	W 7753
Radio call sign:	NP – T
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax W7753 took off from RAF East Moor at 0005 hours on the night of 13/14th July 1942, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Bradbury, L E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R G Kendall, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P Roy, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A J Fromings, (Observer)
RCAF Flt Sgt W J Smart, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 401229 Sgt R W Brindley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Walton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Petherbridge, R A (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed into the rear garden of a house in the Brauch und Middelicherstrasse, Resse in the northern suburbs of Gelsenkirchen. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality

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414914 Flight Sergeant BROWNE, William John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/256 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 297, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HR 739
Radio call sign:	NP – U
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HR739 took off from RAF Lissett at 2349 hours on the night of 30/31st August 1943, detailed to bomb Monchengladbach, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420322 PO Wildman, R W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C C Gardiner, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Sgt R E Townley, (Navigator)
RAAF 422121 Flt Sgt W E Bryden, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Partington, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J S Clenton, (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 414914 Flt Sgt W J Browne, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed 4kms south of Hechtel-Eksel (Limburg), 21kms north of Hassel, Germany. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt's Gardiner, Townley and Partington were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Locality Limburg, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium. The Cemetery is located 30kms from Brussels and 3kms south of Leuven.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

422121 Flt Sgt Bryden, William John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/256 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 297, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HR 739
Radio call sign:	NP – U
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HR739 took off from RAF Lissett at 2349 hours on the night of 30/31st August 1943, detailed to bomb Monchengladbach, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420322 PO Wildman, R W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C C Gardiner, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Sgt R E Townley, (Navigator)
RAAF 422121 Flt Sgt W E Bryden, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Partington, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J S Clenton, (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 414914 Flt Sgt W J Browne, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed 4kms south of Hechtel-Eksel (Limburg), 21kms north of Hassel, Germany. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt's Gardiner, Townley and Partington were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Locality Limburg, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium. The Cemetery is located 30kms from Brussels and 3kms south of Leuven.

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432117 Flight Sergeant CARROLL, Nigel Bruce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/694 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 474, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LV 771
Radio call sign:	NP – Y
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LV771 took off from RAF Lissett at 1737 hours on the night of 4/5th
November 1944, detailed to bomb Bochum, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 432117 Flt Sgt N B Carroll, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R A Gorton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Marr, D J T (Navigator)
RAF FO MacPherson, R (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432441 FO McGrath, T J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R C Wood, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Lindsay, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Watten, a small town 3kms south east of Kavalær.
Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Gorton and Wood were POW's.
Those killed are buried at the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve,
Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415377 Flight Sergeant CAVANAGH, Leonard Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/133 . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 201,1 Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 259
Radio call sign:	NP – R
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD259 took off from RAF Lissett at 2309 hours on the night of 22/23rd June 1943, detailed to bomb Mulheim, German. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415377 Flt Sgt Cavanagh, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R J Sage, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt T R Forster, (Navigator)
RAF PO Elliott, D V (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W R Green, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Maund, R A C (Mid Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt C W Todd, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0230 hours on 23 June 1944 at Leest (Oost Vlaanderen), 5kms west of Mechelen, Belgium.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Schoonselhof Cemetery, Antwerpen, Belgium. Antwerp lies 57kms north of Brussels on the E19 and 59kms north east of Gent on the E17 motorway.

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415119 Pilot Officer CLARKE, John Yorke

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/176 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 292, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 298
Radio call sign:	NP – H
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD298 took off from RAF Lissett at 2100 hours on the night of 27/28th August 1943, detailed to bomb Nurnberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415119 PO Clarke, J Y Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G Rippingdale, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt H M Robinson, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J H J Dix, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E W Brearley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C H Hirst, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Thomas, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft when outbound was believed to have been shot down by a night fighter and crashed near Marscherwald, 12kms south west of Echternach, Luxembourg.

PO Clarke, Sgt Rippingdale and Sgt Thomas were killed, Sgt Robinson was a POW and the other three RAF members evaded capture.

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

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402731 Sergeant CORNWELL, Colin Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, . Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley :
RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 44, Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	W 5431
Radio call sign:	NP – W
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington W5431 took off from RAF Driffield at 1934 hours on the night of 9/10th March 1942, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. The aircraft crashed at 0250 hours on return to base. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt Clarke was injured. As the aircraft was coming in to land with full DREM system, the aircraft overshot. The Pilot opened up his throttles but the aircraft appeared to stall, drop the port wing and burst into flames when it hit the ground. Evidence from the Rear Gunner suggested that the aircraft was probably seriously damaged from enemy fire.

The Tail Gunner Sgt Clarke owed his life to Cpl W J Hughes, who without regard to his own safety, smashed his way into the rear fuselage and dragged Sgt Clarke to safety. In recognition of this courageous act, an entry appeared in the Notable War Services despatch issued on the 11th May 1942.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Duff, G G Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402731 Sgt C A Cornwell,(2nd Pilot)
RAF PO D A E Clarke, (Observer)
RAF Sgt H J Evans, (1st Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt L J Caldwell, (2nd Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt E W Clarke, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Lt Duff and Sgt Cornwell are buried in the Driffield Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK. The Cemetery is in the East Riding, 30 miles east of York.

PO Clarke is buried in the Woodgrange Park Cemetery, East Ham, UK.

Sgt Evans is buried in the Maghull (St Andrew) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Caldwell is buried in the Tansley (Holy Trinity) Churchyard, UK.

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402229 Flying Officer CROYDON, Harold Leslie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/196 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 63, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8511
Radio call sign:	NP – Z
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z8511 took off from RAF Driffield at 2205 hours on the night of 8/9th April
m1942, detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after
take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt J H Wisher, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402229 FO Croydon, H L (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R Staley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E W Cornthwaite, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E G Bratt, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0110 hours on Luneberg Heath, possibly near Winsen on the River
Luhe, 18kms north west of Luneberg. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the
Hamburg Cemetery, Germany. The Cemetery is situated within a large civil cemetery
known locally as the 'Ohlsdorf Cemetery'.

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401064 Sergeant GREENFIELD, Alister Mackay

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/118/400 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 154, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	W 1040
Radio call sign:	NP – G
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax W1040 took off from RAF East Moor at 0004 hours on the night of 21/22nd July 1942 detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Hardy F T Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Yeo, A T (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt A J Godwin, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 402215 PO Archer, G A (Observer)
RAF Sgt J M Urwin, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J E Hall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 401064 Sgt A M Greenfield, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Wilson, (Tail Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0150 hours between Schoonrewoerd and Zijderveld (Utrecht), Holland.

PO Yeo, Sgt Greenfield and Sgt Wilson were killed and the others were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Amersfoort (Oud Leuden) General Cemetery, Netherlands. Amersfoort is a town 50kms south east of Amsterdam.

In a POW report PO Archer stated "The aircraft was shot down by an ME110. No orders given by the Captain to abandon aircraft. The tail gunner was killed in the first attack. In the 2nd attack the Mid Gunner Greenfield might have been hit or killed. I baled out at approx 800 feet. The aircraft was diving rapidly but under control. It was on fire also the port and starboard engines were on fire. The Pilot escaped with head and back injuries when he crash landed the plane, but it gave the rest of the crew the opportunity to bale out. After landing discovered by two Dutch men and handed over to the police."

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429431 Flight Sergeant HANSEN, Vernon Nelson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/617 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 252, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LK 875
Radio call sign:	NP – Q
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LK875 took off from RAF Lissett at 2224 hours on the night of 2/3rd June 1944,detailed to bomb railway yards at Trappes, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF PO Thompson, R B Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D G Gettings, Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Greenway, J K (Navigator)
RCAF PO Younie, W A (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D R Day, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429431 Flt Sgt V N Hansen (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T J Sheridan, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed between Criquebeuf-La-Compagne (Eure) and Ecquetot two small communities north of the main road between Le Neubourg and Louviers some 20kms NNW of Evreux.

Sgt Gettings evaded capture, Sgt Hansen was a POW, and the other five crew members were killed.

PO Thompson, FO Greenway, PO Younie and Sgt Sheridan are buried in the Ecquetot Communal Cemetery France. Ecquetot is a village and commune 20kms north west of Evreux..

Flt Sgt Hansen is buried in the Criquebeuf-La-Compagne Churchyard, France.

Criquebeuf-La-Compagne is a village and commune 9kms south of Elbeuf.

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421595 Flight Sergeant HARBER, Harley Cecil

Source:

AM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/241 Commonwealth War Graves Records. .
Micro Film No 463 OAFH

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: HR 980
Radio call sign: NP – E
Unit: ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HR 980 of 158 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Lissett, near Driffield, Yorkshire, at 1914 hours on the night of 23/24th August 1943 to bomb Berlin. The aircraft had enough fuel for 10 hours. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414463 Flt Sgt W.A.Burgum, Captain (Pilot).
RAF Sgt P.I.Buck, Navigator.
RAF Sgt D.R.Hemstock, Air Bomber.
RAF Sgt A.Cox, Wireless Air Gunner.
RCAF Sgt G.E.Harrison, Air Gunner.
RAAF 421595 Sgt H.C.Harber, Air Gunner.
RAF Sgt R.Hill, Flight Engineer.

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was established that HR 980 was attacked by enemy night fighters and crashed in marshy terrain near the village of Reiersdorf, approx 40 miles east of Berlin. The bodies of Sgt Harber (RAAF) and Sgt Cox (RAF) were recovered by the Germans together with the remains of one unidentified crew member. The remains of all three are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

The remains of the remaining missing crew members were not recovered and they are recorded as having no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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410861 Flying Officer HARRIS, Edwin Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 368, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 259
Radio call sign:	NP – F
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW259 took off from RAF Lissett at 1720 hours on the night of 22/23rd October 1943, detailed to bomb Kassel, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Marshall, B H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W Hartley, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409581 Flt Sgt R A Nield, (Observer)
RNZAF Flt Sgt R J Farrelly, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G P Finlay, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C H M Wilson, (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 410861 FO Harris, E A (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by ack-ack fire and crashed at 1950 hours at Goudswaard (Zuid) Holland which is 16kms south west of Rotterdam.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Rotterdam (Crooswijk) General Cemetery, Netherlands. Rotterdam lies 23kms south east of The Hague.

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413195 Pilot Officer HILTON, Raymond William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/484 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, page 78, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LF 772
Radio call sign:	NP – H
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LF772 took off from RAF Lissett at 1746 hours on the night of 15/16th February 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 413195 PO Hilton, R W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J A T Griffith, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D G Whittaker, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Runciman, R (Navigator)
RAF PO Lynch M S (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J G Howell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G W Yates, (Mid Gunner)
RCAF Sgt L H Munro, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter from 19,000 feet, crashing on fire at Ragelin, some 14kms north west of Neuruppin.

PO Hilton was injured in the crash He died of his injuries as a POW on 18th February 1944.

FO Runciman and Sgt Munro were POW's and the other five crew members were killed in the crash on 15/2/1944.

The six who lost their lives are all buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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414034 Flight Lieutenant HORNIBROOK, Harold Kevin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/18/154 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 285, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HR 979
Radio call sign:	NP – L
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HR979 took off from RAF Lissett at 2026 hours on the night of 23/24th August 1943. detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414034 Flt Lt Hornibrook, H K Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A S Soutar, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Chaston, R W (Navigator)
RAF PO Bryett, A E (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Batty, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L G Chesson, (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 12840 Flt Sgt G A G McLeod, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Oramenbury, 27kms NNW of Berlin. Flt Lt Hornibrook, Sgt Chesson and Flt Sgt McLeod were killed and the others were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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425940 Sergeant HOSKIN, Richard Chessel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/246 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 434, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 115
Radio call sign:	NP – D
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD115 took off from RAF Lissett at 1639 hours on the night of 20/21st December 1943, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF WO11 R L McCulloch, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A McN Anderson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt T L Evans, (Navigator)
RCAF FO McCabe, R M (Air Bomber)
RCAF Sgt P Stewart, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425940 Sgt R C Hoskin, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Sgt A B Hicks, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Kraftsokms, 13kms SSW of Wetzlar. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Stewart was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany..

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409708 Pilot Officer HULME, William Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1667/18/682 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 146, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 759
Radio call sign:	NP – Q
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ759 took off from RAF Lissett at 0905 hours on 24th March 1945, detailed to bomb Gladbeck, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Yeoman, E Y Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J R Williams, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J E D Taylor, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt J Brown, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 409708 PO Hulme, W H (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt P D Linn, (Mid Gunner)
RAF FO White, W H (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down in flames in the target area. Four of the crew were killed and 3 were POW's, Flt Sgt Taylor, Flt Sgt Lunn and FO White.

PO Hulme is buried in the Venray War Cemetery, Netherlands. Venray is 40kms east of Eindhoven in the south east Province of Limburg on the N270. .

The other three crew members who lost their lives are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The Cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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403745 Flying Officer JAY, Brinley Pearce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 11667/20/32 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 114, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HR 758
Radio call sign:	NP – Y
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HR758 took off from RAF Lissett at 2032 hours on the night of 16/17th April 1943,detailed to bomb Plzen, Czechoslovakia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF FO Jay, B P Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F E Holmes, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt G DC W Scholes, (Navigator)
RAF PO Bartlett, K A (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A Ford, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Newdick, (Mid Gunner)
RCAF Sgt C D Fawcett, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Sdaarbrucken. FO Jay and PO Barrett were killed and the others were POW's.

FO Jay and PO Barrett are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefweld and 13kms south of Wesel.

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425314 Flight Sergeant KELLY, Brian Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/112 Digitised. Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 101, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HR 738
Radio call sign:	NP – Z
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HR738 took off from RAF Lissett at 2012 hours on the night of 31/1st September 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt W Kidd, (Captain (Pilot))
RAF Sgt R J H Prince, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J F Maxwell, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C H Macaulay, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R A Lloyd, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 423314 Flt Sgt B A Kelly, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Davis, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Dumberg between Bad Lipperinge and Altenbeken, two towns 8kms north east of Paderborn.
Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Prince and Lloyd were POW's.

Those who lost their lives are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

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

429582 Flight Lieutenant KREFTER, John Julius

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/23/94 . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 37, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NR 195
Radio call sign:	NP – I
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NR195 took off from RAF Lissett at 1544 hours on the night of 6/7th January 1945, detailed to bomb Hanau, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 429452 Flt Lt Krefter, J J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A T Clyde, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt L G Morgan, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J Gore, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 433277 FO Nerney, K R (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E H M Barr, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Sgt P S Cotterell, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 1850 hours on 6th January 1945 at Grossauheimj approx 4kms SSE of the centre of Hanau and on the east bank of the River Main.

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

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

429583 Flight Sergeant LAING, Ainsworth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/497 Digitised . Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 422, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 337
Radio call sign:	NP – A
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ337 took off from RAF Lissett at 1552 hours on the 13th September 1944, detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF FO Sleeth, R L Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt J Boocock, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF FO Barker, E W H (Navigator)
 RAF FO Fox, R H (Air Bomber)
 RAAF 429583 Flt Sgt A Laing, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt J L Mitchell, (Mid Gunner)
 RAF Sgt T W Roberts, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and broke up. Five of the crew were killed and FO Fox and Sgt Roberts were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nthordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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

412455 Warrant Officer LEAVER,James Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/137/241 Digitised. Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 173, Volume1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LV 946
Radio call sign:	NP – K
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LV946 took off from RAF Lissett at 2059 hours on the night of 18/19th April 1944, detailed to bomb railway yards at Tergnier. France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF FO Hughes, W A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt O McD Brown, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt F Salmond, (Navigator)
RCAF FO Trewin, B A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412455 WO J A Leaver, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J Heyes, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R Stakes, (Rear Gunner)

LV946 collided in the air with a 51 Sqn RAF Halifax and both aircraft crashed at Seraucourt-Le-Grand (Aisne), 11kms south west of St Quentin. The crews in both aircraft were killed and they lie beside each other in Grand-Seraucourt British Cemetery, France,. Seraucourt-Le-Grand is a village about 8kms south west of St Quentin and on the east side of the River Somme.

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

414312 Warrant Officer MAC LEOD, Eric Ronald Fergus

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/485 . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 152, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 724
Radio call sign:	NP – S
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW724 took off from RAF Lissett at 2200 hours on the night of 30/31st March, 1944, detailed to bomb Nurnberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414312 WO E R F Mac Leod Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L J Craven, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422625 Flt Sgt E R Moore, (Navigator)
RAAF 423908 FO Shanahan, A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 420999 Flt Sgt L G Paxman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 428765 Flt Sgt J A Nicholson, (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 428902 Flt Sgt D F Bickford, (Rear Gunner)

When outbound at 20,000 feet, LW724 was shot down by an ME110 and crashed near Herborn-Seelbach, Germany. Six of the crew were killed and FO Shanahan was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

In his POW report FO Shanahan stated : “ Shot up by a night fighter. Bale out ordered at 20,000 feet by Captain and all acknowledged. No one was injured until Nav had baled out and I was knocked unconscious by bullet through head. Five were still in the aircraft. Aircraft was out of control and on fire. Aircraft crashed about 10 minutes from Nuremburg. Did not see Moore (Nav) again. I was wounded before I baled out and unconscious until captured. Released by British Army at Trenthorst.”

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

418456 Flight Sergeant McDONALD, Alan Harvey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 326, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LM 261
Radio call sign:	NP – V
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LM261 took off from RAF Lissett at 1906 hours on the night of 22/23rd
September 1943, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt E S Shrimpton, (Captain (Pilot))
RAF Sgt N Teasdale, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R V Vandy, (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt H G Talbot, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A L Humble, (Wireless Air Gunner),
RCAF PO Harrison, O D (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 418456 Flt Sgt A H McDonald, (Rear Gunner)

It was considered was probably shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 2330 hours
on 22nd September near Grosse-Lobke, 22kms south east of Hanover,
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality
Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

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

432411 Flying Officer McGRATH, Terence James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/694 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 474, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LV 771
Radio call sign:	NP – Y
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LV771 took off from RAF Lissett at 1737 hours on the night of 4/5th
November 1944, detailed to bomb Bochum, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 432117 Flt Sgt N B Carroll, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R A Gorton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Marr, D J T (Navigator)
RAF FO MacPherson, R (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432441 FO McGrath, T J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R C Wood, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Lindsay, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Watten, a small town 3kms south east of Kavalær.
Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Gorton and Wood were POW's.
Those killed are buried at the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve,
Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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

425042 Flight Sergeant McKAY, Malcolm John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/407 Digitised. Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 132, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 718
Radio call sign:	NP – T
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW718 took off from RAF Lissett at 1855 hours on the night of 24/25th March 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. At 2240 hours a radio message was received from the aircraft indicating very serious engine trouble and that the sortie was being abandoned. This was the last contact Control had with the crew and at 2311 hours the aircraft crashed onto the sand downs just above Winterton-on-Sea, Norfolk, in an area known as Horsey Gap. Tragically the aircraft had comedown in a coastal mine field and in doing so it touched off a mine and exploded. Civil Defence workers were quickly on the scene and after removing bodies from the shattered aircraft they dealt with unexploded bombs found lying on the ground nearby. All the crew were killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAAF 414166 PO Simpson, K S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T J Barnett, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Hindley, N (Navigator)
RAF PO Hemsley, D J (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt W Suddaby, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W A Buchan (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 425042 Flt Sgt M J McKay (Rear Gunner)

PO Simpson, Sgt Barnett, PO Hemsley, Flt Sgt Suddaby and Flt Sgt McKay are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

FO Hindley is buried in the Morden Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Buchan is buried in the Newcastle-Upon-Tyne (St Andrew's and Jesmond) Cemetery, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

12840 Flight Sergeant McLEOD, Graham Albert George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/18/154 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 285, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HR 979
Radio call sign:	NP – L
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HR979 took off from RAF Lissett at 2026 hours on the night of 23/24th August 1943.detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414034 Flt Lt Hornibrook, H K Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A S Soutar, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Chaston, R W (Navigator)
RAF PO Bryett, A E (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Batty, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L G Chesson, (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 12840 Flt Sgt G A G McLeod, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Oramenbury, 27kms NNW of Berlin. Flt Lt Hornibrook, Sgt Chesson and Flt Sgt McLeod were killed and the others were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Berlin1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

422625 Flight Sergeant MOORE, Ernest Roy

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/485 . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 152, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 724
Radio call sign:	NP – S
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW724 took off from RAF Lissett at 2200 hours on the night of 30/31st March, 1944, detailed to bomb Nurnberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414312 WO E R F Mac Leod Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L J Craven, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422625 Flt Sgt E R Moore, (Navigator)
RAAF 423908 FO Shanahan, A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 420999 Flt Sgt L G Paxman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 428765 Flt Sgt J A Nicholson, (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 428902 Flt Sgt D F Bickford, (Rear Gunner)

When outbound at 20,000 feet, LW724 was shot down by an ME110 and crashed near Herborn-Seelbach, Germany. Six of the crew were killed and FO Shanahan was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

In his POW report FO Shanahan stated : “ Shot up by a night fighter. Bale out ordered at 20,000 feet by Captain and all acknowledged. No one was injured until Nav had baled out and I was knocked unconscious by bullet through head. Five were still in the aircraft. Aircraft was out of control and on fire. Aircraft crashed about 10 minutes from Nuremburg. Did not see Moore (Nav) again. I was wounded before I baled out and unconscious until captured. Released by British Army at Trenthorst.”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

433277 Flying Officer NERNEY, Kenneth Roy

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/23/94 . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 37, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NR 195
Radio call sign:	NP – I
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NR195 took off from RAF Lissett at 1544 hours on the night of 6/7th January 1945, detailed to bomb Hanau, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 429452 Flt Lt Krefter, J J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A T Clyde, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt L G Morgan, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J Gore, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 433277 FO Nerney, K R (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E H M Barr, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Sgt P S Cotterell, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 1850 hours on 6th January 1945 at Grossauheimj approx 4kms SSE of the centre of Hanau and on the east bank of the River Main.

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

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

429257 Pilot Officer NICHOLS, Leslie John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/935 Digitised. Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 70, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NP 973
Radio call sign:	NP – P
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NP973 took off from RAF Lissett at 1911 hours on the night of 7/8th February 1945, detailed to attack both enemy concentrations of troops and transport at Goch, Germany. NP973 reached the target area but at 2222 hours he Master Bomber cancelled the raid. Flying at around 3,500 feet, NP973 collided head on at 2225 hours with a 77 Sqn Halifax (RAF) when both aircraft were approx 20kms SSE of Goch. Two minutes later FO Beeson ordered his crew to bale out, but only three could do so before his aircraft plunged into a forest between Lullingen and Geldern. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt McQuilkin, Flt Sgt Murphy and Flt Sgt Papworth (all RAF members) were POW's.

Crew:

RAAF 427427 FO Beeson, J L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A McQuilkin, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Bennett, W G (Navigator)
RAF PO Jones R E (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429257 PO Nichols, L J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt P A Murphy, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt L A E Papworth, (Rear Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kmns south west of Kleve.

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428765 Flight Sergeant NICHOLSON, James Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/485 . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 152, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 724
Radio call sign:	NP – S
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW724 took off from RAF Lissett at 2200 hours on the night of 30/31st March, 1944, detailed to bomb Nurnberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414312 WO E R F Mac Leod Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L J Craven, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422625 Flt Sgt E R Moore, (Navigator)
RAAF 423908 FO Shanahan, A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 420999 Flt Sgt L G Paxman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 428765 Flt Sgt J A Nicholson, (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 428902 Flt Sgt D F Bickford, (Rear Gunner)

When outbound at 20,000 feet, LW724 was shot down by an ME110 and crashed near Herborn-Seelbach, Germany. Six of the crew were killed and FO Shanahan was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

In his POW report FO Shanahan stated : “ Shot up by a night fighter. Bale out ordered at 20,000 feet by Captain and all acknowledged. No one was injured until Nav had baled out and I was knocked unconscious by bullet through head. Five were still in the aircraft. Aircraft was out of control and on fire. Aircraft crashed about 10 minutes from Nuremburg. Did not see Moore (Nav) again. I was wounded before I baled out and unconscious until captured. Released by British Army at Trenthorst.”

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409851 Flight Sergeant NIELD, Robert Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 368, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 259
Radio call sign:	NP – F
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW259 took off from RAF Lissett at 1720 hours on the night of 22/23rd October 1943, detailed to bomb Kassel, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Marshall, B H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W Hartley, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409581 Flt Sgt R A Nield, (Observer)
RNZAF Flt Sgt R J Farrelly, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G P Finlay, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C H M Wilson, (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 410861 FO Harris, E A (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by ack-ack fire and crashed at 1950 hours at Goudswaard (Zuid) Holland which is 16kms south west of Rotterdam.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Rotterdam (Crooswijk) General Cemetery, Netherlands. Rotterdam lies 23kms south east of The Hague.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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425205 Flight Sergeant O'NEILL, Howard Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/104 Digitised. Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page320, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 246
Radio call sign:	NP - Z
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW246 took off on a training exercise on 14th September 1943, and crashed at Mill Farm, Fardon near Filey, Yorkshire. All on board the aircraft were killed in the accident.. Sgt Morse and LAC Perrin accompanied the crew to further their experience of flying.

Crew:

RAF Sgt I R Troyer-Foyan Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Hunter, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt D A Lawson, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt A Thompson, (Air Bomber)
RAF J G Taylor, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425205 Flt Sgt H C Taylor, (Mid Gunner)
WAAF Sgt O M Morse
RAF LAC A N Perrin

Sgt Hunter is buried in the Sandquhar Parish Churchyard Extension, UK.

Sgt Lawson is buried in the Amersham Consecrated Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Thompson is buried in the Norton (St Mary) Churchyard, Teeside, UK.

Sgt Taylor is buried in the Heacham (St Mary) Churchyard, Durham, UK.

Sgt Nicholas is buried in the Prynmaur Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt O'Neil and LAC Perrin are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Sgt Morse is buried in the Witham (All Saints) Churchyard, UK.

Commonwealth War Graves does not record where Sgt Troyer-Foyan is buried.

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426757 Pilot Officer PARSONS, Albert William Milne

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/495 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 417, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HX 329
Radio call sign:	NP – Y
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HX329 took off from RAF Lissett at 1122 hours on the 112th September 1944,
detailed to bomb Scholven-Buer, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after
take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Fulker, L Captain(Pilot)
RAF PO Baker, C R H (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Leleu, A O, (Navigator)
RNZAF PO Newey, G R (Air Bomber)
RAAF 426757 PO parsons, A W M (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E EE Evans, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Sgt K J Roberts, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Hervest in the eastern suburb of Dorstein. Six of the crew were
killed and PO Leleu was a POW.

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

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400760 Sergeant PATON, James Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/149/217 digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 153, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	W 1179
Radio call sign:	NP – S
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax W1179 took off from RAF East Moor at 2343 hours on the night of 19/20th July 1942, detailed to bomb Vegesack, Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Skelly, H J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D G Jillings, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R J Smith, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt F H G Simkins, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 400760 Sgt J K Paton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J R Rennie, (Mid Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt W McI McLachlan, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed into the Waddensee between the mainland and Terschelling.

All the crew were killed.

PO Skelly and Sgt Paton are buried in the Harlingen General Cemetery, Netherlands.

Sgt Smith is buried in the Texel (Den Burg) Cemetery, Netherlands.

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

Sg Rennie is buried in the Franeker General Cemetery, Netherlands.

Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sgt Jillings and Flt Sgt McLachlan are buried.

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

420999 Flight Sergeant PAXMAN, Leonard Gower

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/485 . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 152, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 724
Radio call sign:	NP – S
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW724 took off from RAF Lissett at 2200 hours on the night of 30/31st March, 1944, detailed to bomb Nurnberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414312 WO E R F Mac Leod Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L J Craven, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422625 Flt Sgt E R Moore, (Navigator)
RAAF 423908 FO Shanahan, A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 420999 Flt Sgt L G Paxman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 428765 Flt Sgt J A Nicholson, (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 428902 Flt Sgt D F Bickford, (Rear Gunner)

When outbound at 20,000 feet, LW724 was shot down by an ME110 and crashed near Herborn-Seelbach, Germany. Six of the crew were killed and FO Shanahan was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

In his POW report FO Shanahan stated : “ Shot up by a night fighter. Bale out ordered at 20,000 feet by Captain and all acknowledged. No one was injured until Nav had baled out and I was knocked unconscious by bullet through head. Five were still in the aircraft. Aircraft was out of control and on fire. Aircraft crashed about 10 minutes from Nuremburg. Did not see Moore (Nav) again. I was wounded before I baled out and unconscious until captured. Released by British Army at Trenthorst.”

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

402537 Pilot Officer PHILLIPS, Clive Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/51/146 Digitised. Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 174, Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	W 1215
Radio call sign:	NP – C
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax W1215 took off from RAF East Moor at 2213 hours on the night of 5/6th August 1942, detailed to bomb Bochum, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 402537 PO Phillips, C H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D H Furness, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 400239 PO Harvey, L V (Observer)
RCAF Sgt E G Price, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J A Byrne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W A Thompson, (Mid Gunner)
RAF PO Marshall, J E (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0128 hours on 6th August 1942, at Oldebroek (Gelderland), 12kms NNW of Epe, Holland.

PO Phillips and PO Marshall were killed in the crash and the others survived of which four were POW's and Sgt Price evaded capture.

PO Phillips and PO Marshall are buried in the Oldebroek General Cemetery, Netherlands.

In a POW report the then Flt Lt Harvey stated "A night fighter attacked after the target was bombed. The aircraft was on fire and the Captain ordered bale out which was acknowledged by all including the Rear Gunner who said he was wounded and could not move. The Captain repeated the bale out order. I baled out at 15,000 feet and leaned later that four others also survived. The aircraft appeared under control but was badly on fire. I walked from the crashed aircraft as quickly as possible. By daylight my condition led me to ask at Dutch farm dor help. They attended to my wounds, gave me a meal and sent for the Germans. I was released by British troops and visited the graves of Phillips and Marshall on 9/5/1945."

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

414426 Flight Sergeant PRICE, Julius

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/130 Micro Film NO 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth war Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War Page 346, Volume 1943.
AWM 54 779/3/129 Part 18..

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: LW 292
Radio call sign: NP – V
Unit: ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW292 of 158 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Lissett at 1807 hours on the night of
3/4th October 1943, detailed to bomb Kassel, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414426 Flt Sgt Price, J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Perides, C C (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Whittaker, R D (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Hands, J (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Stevenson, R (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 415646 WO Grey, R C (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 421128 Flt Sgt Rowan, D J (Rear Gunner)

Following post war investigations it was established that the aircraft crashed at
Altengamme, 5 miles south east of Hamburg, and that Sgt Grey (RAAF) Sgt Whittaker
and Sgt Hands (RAF) were POW's. Flt Sgt Price (RAAF) is buried at Bergdorf Cemetery
at Hamburg and from German sources it was ascertained that two RAF members of the
crew were buried. No information was obtained re. Flt Sgt Rowan and he is listed as
having no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing,
Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

In his POW report the then WO Grey stated “ Flak caused great damage Captain gave
order jump, jump heard. Acknowledged. I baled out first at 12,000 feet Aircraft partly in
control but three motors were useless with one on fire. Skipper hit in chest by flak and
chute fouled the escape hatch causing his death. Aircraft could only turn one way.”

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

414166 Pilot Officer SIMPSON, Keith Shambler

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/407 Digitised. Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 132, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 718
Radio call sign:	NP – T
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW718 took off from RAF Lissett at 1855 hours on the night of 24/25th March 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. At 2240 hours a radio message was received from the aircraft indicating very serious engine trouble and that the sortie was being abandoned. This was the last contact Control had with the crew and at 2311 hours the aircraft crashed onto the sand downs just above Winterton-on-Sea, Norfolk, in an area known as Horsey Gap. Tragically the aircraft had comedown in a coastal mine field and in doing so it touched off a mine and exploded. Civil Defence workers were quickly on the scene and after removing bodies from the shattered aircraft they dealt with unexploded bombs found lying on the ground nearby. All the crew were killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAAF 414166 PO Simpson, K S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T J Barnett, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Hindley, N (Navigator)
RAF PO Hemsley, D J (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt W Suddaby, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W A Buchan (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 425042 Flt Sgt M J McKay (Rear Gunner)

PO Simpson, Sgt Barnett, PO Hemsley, Flt Sgt Suddaby and Flt Sgt McKay are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

FO Hindley is buried in the Morden Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Buchan is buried in the Newcastle-Upon-Tyne (St Andrew's and Jesmond) Cemetery, UK.

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

420322 Pilot Officer WILDMAN, Ronald William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/256 Digitised . Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 297, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HR 739
Radio call sign:	NP – U
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HR739 took off from RAF Lissett at 2349 hours on the night of 30/31st August 1943, detailed to bomb Monchengladbach, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420322 PO Wildman, R W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C C Gardiner, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Sgt R E Townley, (Navigator)
RAAF 422121 Flt Sgt W E Bryden, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Partington, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J S Clenton, (Mid Gunner)
RAAF 414914 Flt Sgt W J Browne, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed 4kms south of Hechtel-Eksel (Limburg), 21kms north of Hassel, Germany. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt's Gardiner, Townley and Partington were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Locality Limburg, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium. The Cemetery is located 30kms from Brussels and 3kms south of Leuven.

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

410780 Flight Sergeant WRIGHT, Robert Wallis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/122 Digitised. Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 174, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LV 954
Radio call sign:	NP – Q
Unit:	ATTD 158 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LV954 took off from RAF Lissett at 2103 hours on the night of 18/19th April 1944, detailed to bomb railway yards at Tergnier, France. The aircraft which was believed to have been heard on the W/T at 2352 hours, subsequently crashed near Rosieres-en-Santerre (Somme), 15kms north west of Roye.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt P Kettles-Roy, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L Sowden, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Taylor, P G (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G McEwan, (Air Bombe)
RAAF 410780 Flt Sgt R W Wright, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt M Madden, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Sgt A F Kneller, (Rear Gunner)

Five of the crew were killed in the crash and Sgt Sowden and FO Taylor were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Meharicourt Communal Cemetery, France. Meharicourt is a village and commune 32kms ESE of Amiens..

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

402634 Flight Sergeant BIRK, Hilary Eldred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/152/199 163/92/82 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: AL 566
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD 159 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator AL566 of 159 Sqn RAF, Middle East, on 15th July 1942, formed part of two formations of aircraft on an operational sortie to Benghazi, Middle East. In a report by Sqn Ldr Beck leader of one of the formations, he stated "The 2 formations were engaged by enemy fighters over the target. AL 566 was on Beck's port side in No 3 position in formation in the run up to the target.

There was heavy and accurate flak over the target and just after releasing the bombs, AL 566 was seen to fall back and lose height. An enemy fighter dived onto the aircraft which made a steep turn to port. Both aircraft circled each other for a short time then AL 566 was seen to spiral into the sea. Sqn Ldr Beck considers that AL 566 was hit by flak and in endeavouring to evade the enemy fighter, stalled causing a spin. The spin may have been due to damage to controls by flak." Reports by other crews saw the aircraft crash into the sea. No parachutes were seen.

Crew:

RAAF 402134 PO Pottie, J C F, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402634 Flt Sgt Birk, H E (Pilot)
RAF WO Miller, W S (Observer)
RAAF 402036 PO Leisk, H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 402092 PO Mallaby, G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 402118 Sgt Fell, M G (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Hodge, J S

Flt Sgt Birk (RAAF) was buried in the Benghazi Military cemetery.

In a 1948 report it was concluded that the remainder of the crew had lost their lives at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. The Memorial forms the entrance to the El Alamein War Cemetery. Alamein is a village, by passed by the main coast road, approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

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419406 Flight Sergeant BISHOP, James John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/697 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	EV 845
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 159 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator EV845 took off at hours on 12th September 1944, and crashed at 0620 hours at the adjoining Digri airfield.. The aircraft had taken off on an operational flight against the enemy.

Crew:

RAAF 409896 WO R A P Crowley, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt D Edwards, (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt B Wyatt, (Flight Engineer)
RAF WO A J Freeman, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt S H Baldwin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF 419406 Flt Sgt J J Bishop, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed in the crash and are buried in the Ranchi War Cemetery, India. Ranchi is a town in the State of Jharkhand, some 419kms north west of Calcutta.

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

409896 Warrant Officer CROWLEY, Reginald August Peterson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/697 Commonwealth War Graves records

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421880 Flight Sergeant BEAUCHAMP, Warwick Melville

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A707, 166/5/499 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	BZ 864
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 160 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ864 took off from RAF Ceylon at shortly before 0200hours on the night of 19th April 1944, detailed to carry out a dive bombing attack on an enemy convoy. IT crashed shortly after take off when it attained a height of 50 feet and struck the top of a gun site, lost height, crashed into trees and burst into flames..
Six of the crew were killed and three were injured.

Crew:

RAF	Sqn Ldr Percival J F Captain (Pilot)	
RCAF	FO Winfield, K B (Pilot)	
RAF	PO Crawford, W J (Pilot)	
RAF	Sgt R T Holbrook, (Flight Engineer)	
RAAF	422118 Flt Sgt F S Brissenden, (Wireless Air Gunner)	
RAAF	421880 Flt Sgt W M Beauchamp, (Wireless Air Gunner)	
RAF	Sgt J K Thompson, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Injured
RCAF	Sgt L C Colbourne, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Injured
RAAF	416961 Flt Sgt W H Harris, (Air Gunner)	Injured

Those killed are buried in the Colombo (Liveramentu) Cemetery, Sri Lanka.

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422118 Flight Sergreant BRISSENDEN, Frederick Scott

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A707, 166/5/499 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	BZ 864
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 160 SQN RAF

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RAF	Sgt R T Holbrook, (Flight Engineer)	
RAAF	422118 Flt Sgt F S Brissenden, (Wireless Air Gunner)	
RAAF	421880 Flt Sgt W M Beauchamp, (Wireless Air Gunner)	
RAF	Sgt J K Thompson, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Injured
RCAF	Sgt L C Colbourne, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Injured
RAAF	416961 Flt Sgt W H Harris, (Air Gunner)	Injured

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405544 Flight Sergeant DONALDSON, Davis Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A707, 163/103/266 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	AL 548
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 160 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator AL548 took off on the night of 27/28th October 1942, detailed to carry out air operation against Crete in the Middle East. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Lt Cox, E C Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt P E Harwood,(Pilot)
 RAF Flt Lt Lawrence, R S (Observer)
 RAF Flt Sgt J A Gibbons,(Wireless AIR GUNNER)
 RAF FLT SGT H V ELLERKER (WIRELESS AIR GUNNE)
 RNZAF PO Durrant, C R (Air Gunner)
 RAAF 405544 Flt Sgt D A Donaldson,(Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Suda Bay War Cemetery, Crete.

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

421734 Flying Officer HYNES, John Patrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/759, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	BZ 950
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 160 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ950 took off from RAF Ceylon on 9th June 1945, detailed to proceed on detachment, crashed soon after take off at 0632 hours at Minneriya, Ceylon.
All on board the aircraft were killed..

Crew:

RAAF 421734 FO Hynes, J P Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D Davenport, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D Lumley, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt E B Wood, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF FO H W Daniels, (Air Bomber)
RCAF PO Knight, W L Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt M M Smith (Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt A R Thompson, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P J Taylor, (Air Gunner)

In addition there were nine other RAF personnel on board proceeding on detachment.
who lost their lives.

The above crew are buried in the Colombo (Levermentu) Cemetery, Sri Lanka.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

423834 Flying Officer MILLER, William George Allen

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 32/4/251 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	EV 837
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 160 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator EV837 took off on 15th June 1944, on an Opal Flight ex Blitz, and crashed at Sigiriya, Ceylon on 15th June. All on board the aircraft were killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAF WO R D Stow, Captain (Pilot)
 RAAF 423834 FO Miller, W G A (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt R C Hutchinson, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF WO E V Dunk, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
 RCAF Flt Sgt J E Ford, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt R W Sorrie, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF WO C T Abel, (Wireless Operator Air) (ASVG)
 RAF Flt Sgt A Williams, (Wireless Operator Air) (ASVG)

All the crew are buried in the Colombo (Levermentu) Cemetery, Sri Lanka.

In a Court of Inquiry finding into the accident, Wg Cdr Young stated "I am of the opinion that Pilot was somewhat naturally obsessed with the idea of getting high as quickly as possible in order to clear hills around, and owing to lack of experience eventually got his aircraft into a stalled condition. It is possible that the somewhat inefficient instruments provided in the Liberators control provided difficulties to the Pilot. It appears that the Pilot realized he was stalling and fully opened all throttles thus producing the exhaust or turbo supercharger fire flames which gave some people the impression of fire in the air. As the pilot would have known he was near some hills, he may have still tried to keep the nose up in order to maintain height with the result that he lost more and was unable to recover before the aircraft hit the ground."

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413993 Flight Sergeant HARRISON, Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/370 Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 377, Volume 1943..

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	EB 129
Radio call sign:	MA – W
Unit:	ATTD 161 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax EB129 took off from RAF Tempsford at 1950 hours on the night of 10/11th November 1943, detailed to carry out an SOE mission on Operation Trainer 38 Melpomene/Pennyfarthing, heading for France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 413621 PO Line, M A Captain (Pilot)
USAF 1st Lt Gross, E W (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Cotterill, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt E R Watts, (Navigator)
RAF FO Pilkington, J G (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H R Batten (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 413993 Flt Sgt E Harrison, (Mid Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt W P R Shore, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft lost control in cloud at 3000 feet and crashed at 0200 hours on 11th November near Brunelles (Eure-et-Loir), 6kms East of Nogent-le-Rotrou. Seven of the crew were killed and FO Pilkington was a POW.
Those killed are buried in the St-Desir War Cemetery, France. St Desir is a village on the N13 to Caen, and 4kms west of Lisieux..

FO Pilkington was captured in February 1944 while trying to rendezvous with a motor torpedo boat off Quimper.

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

413621 Pilot Officer LINE, Murray Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/370 Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 377, Volume 1943..

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Unit:	ATTD 161 SQN RAF

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414419 Flying Officer McDONALD, John Walter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 73, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lysander
Serial number:	V 9822
Radio call sign:	MA – E
Unit:	ATTD 161 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lysander V9822 took off from RAF Tempsford at 2140 hours on the night of 10/11th February 1944, detailed to carry out an SIS mission Operation Serbie, and set course for France. The aircraft overshot the landing strip twice and on the third approach, touched down at high speed and overturned, bursting into flames near Farges-en-Septaine (Cher), 18kms East of Bourges.

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Crew:

RAAF 414419 FO McDonald, J W Captain (Pilot)
 Agent W Josset
 Agent J Lacroix

FO McDonald is buried in the Farges-en-Septaine Communal Cemetery, France
Farges-en-Septaine is a village and commune, 18kms east of Bourges and 3kms west of
Baugy. FO McDonald is the only Commonwealth 39-45 War fatality buried there. .

Agent Lacroix was badly burnt, but following medical attention was returned to England
in less than a month. Agent Josset is believed to have escaped unhurt..

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
426260 Pilot Officer PHILP, Ross Ferrier

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/512 Digitised Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 444, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LK 238
Radio call sign:	MA – X
Unit:	ATTD 161 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling took off from RAF Tempsford at 2229 hours on the night of 6/7th October 1944, detailed to carry out an SOE mission on Operation Tablesan 26, and the aircraft headed for Denmark. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Abecassis, G E Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Flower, L N (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Lt Gee, R R (Navigator)
RAAF 426260 PO Philp, R F (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Walker, K G (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF PO Maloney, P J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Woodham, S C (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a JU88 and crashed between Gording and Vemb a small town 17kms WSW of Holstebro.

PO Philp was killed in the crash, Sqn Ldr Abecassis and FO Walker were POW's and the others evaded capture.

PO Philp is buried in the Gording Churchyard, Denmark. Gording is a small village on the west coast of Jutland, about 23kms due south from the port of Lemvig. PO Philp is the only 1939-1945 war fatality buried there.

In a later POW report Sqn Ldr Abecassis stated “ The aircraft was set on fire and I decided to crash land. Philp went forward to the nose of the aircraft just before impact and in my opinion Philp lost his life when the aircraft crashed. The Inter com was put out of action as a result of the engagement, and I consider that my orders must have been misunderstood by Philp and that there was no time for any warning to be conveyed to him.”

Flt Lt Gee in his report stated : The aircraft was attacked by a night fighter at 100 feet and the aircraft set on fire. The I/C was U/S and impossible to convey warnings to other crew who were not in crash positions when the aircraft crashed. The aircraft filled with smoke and fumes which made it impossible to ascertain the fate of other members of the crew while still in the aircraft The crew all escaped except Philp. Fire and the danger of exploding bombs made search for Philp impossible.”

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

423179 Flight Sergeant SAUNDERS, Cyril William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/937 Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 76, Volume 1945..

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LE 236
Radio call sign:	MA – Y
Unit:	ATTD 161 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 14th February 1945, Stirling LE236 while flying in poor visibility on a training exercise, was hit by a Mustang of the 383rd FS flown by FO T W Kiley, USAAF and crashed at Potton., 3 miles east from Sandy, Bedfordshire. All the crew and FO Kiley lost their lives in the accident.

Crew:

RAF FO E Timperley, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D H Mayers, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt P N Carr, (Navigator)
RAAF 425394 FO Wiggins, G C (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423179 Flt Sgt C W Saunders, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P N Ellis, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Sgt W G Cornish, (Rear Gunner)

FO Timperley was cremated at the Stockport Crematorium, UK.

Sgt Mayers is buried at the Stockport (Willow Grove) Cemetery, South Reddish, UK.

Flt Sgt Carr. PO Wiggins, Flt Sgt Saunders and Sgt Ellis are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

Sgt Cornish is buried in the Woodburn Cemetery, UK.

FO Riley (USAAF) is buried in the US Military Cemetery, Cambridge.

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

428481 Warrant Officer TAYLOR, Allan Murray

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1661/39/527 Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LK 119
Radio call sign:	MA – Y
Unit:	ATTD 161 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LK119 took off from RAF Temsford at 2201 hours on the night of 30/31st March detailed to carry out supply dropping over Norway. The aircraft was shot down on the Headland at Holt about 0130 hours on 31st March, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Kidd, E P C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R A Burgess, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt G A Heath, (Navigator)
RAF FO MacAulay, T S (Air Bomber)
RAAF 428481 WO A M Taylor, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A D Shopland, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt H Minshull, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Arendal Hogedal Cemetery, Norway. Arendal is a large town on the south east coast of Norway.

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

425394 Flying Officer WIGGINS, George Coun

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/937 Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 76, Volume 1945..

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LE 236
Radio call sign:	MA – Y
Unit:	ATTD 161 SQN RAF

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RAF Sgt D H Mayers, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt P N Carr, (Navigator)
RAAF 425394 FO Wiggins, G C (Air Bomber)
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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402216 Pilot Officer BECK, Norman Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/171/411 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	VD 944
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 162 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington VD944 crashed at RAF Landing Ground No 86 in the Middle East at 2305 hours on 3rd November 1942. The aircraft had successfully completed one bombing sortie and was taking off to carry out a 2nd sortie with the same crew. There were no witnesses to the accident which occurred shortly after take off. . .

An investigation the following day revealed that the aircraft had hit the runway but again became airborne, and then crashed after the port airscrew had flown off. The undercarriage was in the up position and it was believed that the accident was due to premature retraction of the undercarriage in the darkness.

Crew:

RCAF PO Silcox, J J Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF PO Farren, P J (Pilot)
RAAF 402216 PO Beck, N C (Observer)
RAAF 402475 PO Wallis, W L (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404467 Sgt H R Harrison, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A M Knott, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Five of the crew were killed in the crash and Sgt Harrison was injured.

Those killed are buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Alamein is a village bypassed by the main coast road, approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

The then FO Harrison later lost his life on 28th April 1944, when flying with 460 Sqn RAAF.

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

401425 Flying Officer EDMENDS, William Colin Clifford

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/100 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Kittyhawk
Serial number:	FR 387
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 162 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 20/12/1943 the Squadron was briefed to carry out an armed recce operation of roads north of Guaedelorele and attack enemy concentrations of transports. The formation was airborne at 1120 hours at Meleni. At approx 1200 hours while flying over the target area Edmends reported over the wireless he was returning to base as he was having engine trouble. Shortly after leaving the formation his Squadron Leader tried to contact him without result. .

Crew:

RAAF 401425 FO Edmends, W C C (Pilot)

FO Edmends is buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy.

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

402475 Pilot Officer WALLIS, Walter Leonard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/171/411 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	VD 944
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 162 SQN RAF

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RCAF	PO Silcox, J J Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF	PO Farren, P J (Pilot)
RAAF	402216 PO Beck, N C (Observer)
RAAF	402475 PO Wallis, W L (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF	404467 Sgt H R Harrison, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt A M Knott, (Wireless Air Gunner)

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Those killed are buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Alamein is a village bypassed by the main coast road, approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

The then FO Harrison later lost his life on 28th April 1944, when flying with 460 Sqn RAAF.

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

439630 Flight Sergeant GILLESPIE, Anthony Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/435 Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 122, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	KB 568
Radio call sign:	- V
Unit:	ATTD 163 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito KB568 took off from RAF Wyton at 1845 hours on the night of 8/9th March 1945, detailed to bomb Kassel, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Cooper, F W Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 439630 Flt Sgt A E Gillespie, (Navigator)

The aircraft crashed at Hasselbach approx 24 miles north from Koblenz.. Flt Sgt Gillespie was killed and Fl Lt Cooper was able to bale out and survived the crash.

Flt Sgt Gillespie is buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

Chorley states that Flt Sgt Gillespie who was born on 28th April 1925 was among the youngest Australian navigators to be killed on operations in the Second World War.

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

435689 Flight Sergeant STEGMAN, Lance Anthony

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/1029 Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 161, Volume 1945..

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	KB 502
Radio call sign:	- U
Unit:	ATTD 163 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito KB502 took off from RAF Wyton at 2104 hours on the night of 11/12th
April 1945, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off
and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Houghton, W Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 435689 Flt Sgt L A Stegman, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported "The aircraft crashed near the village
of Stulpe at approx 2300 hours on 11th April ,and both the crew were killed. Stulpe is
approx 32 miles south of Berlin.

The two crew members are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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

425878 Warrant Officer McCULLOCH, Douglas William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A707, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	MN 853
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 164 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 10th April 1945, Typhoon MN953 flown by WO McCulloch carried out a successful attack on Siron Point. While the aircraft was returning to base B91 and when in a position south west of Friesey the aircraft was seen to explode in the air, burst into flames and crash into a ploughed field on the outskirts of Hazelunne Linger at 1850 hours on 10th April.

The aircraft was hit by a 5.5 inch shell fired from a gun of 276 Battery, 121 Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery, who were engaged with the enemy at a range of 16,000yards. The elevation necessary for such a long range gave a very high trajectory to the shell of over 15,000 feet. The formation of Typhoon aircraft approached the gun position from directly ahead and MN853 came directly into the line of fire of one of the guns as the first salvo was fired from the Battery. The gunners did not see the aircraft until the actual moment when the first salvo was fired.

Crew:

RAAF 425878 WO D W McCulloch, (Pilot)

WO McCulloch is buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
416446 Flight Lieutenant MERRETT, Norman Leslie, DFC and Bar

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/676 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	JR 507
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 164 SQN RAF

Summary:

Typhoon JR507 was missing from air operations on 11th December 1944. The aircraft took off at 0825 hours, detailed with others to carry out a recce of the Zuider Zee. The pilot of No 2 aircraft he reported “when returning to base after the recce we attacked a train just west of Utrecht. We dived from 9,000 feet and released our R/P’s at approx 1,500 feet. Having pulled up we then made a cannon attack diving to approx 200 feet, when strikes were observed on the train. From the time of our dive very intense light flak was experienced.

After the cannon attack I lost sight of my No 1 (Merrett) and called him up on my R/T, enquiring if OK. He replied, “I have had my time, been hit, going down.”. I orbited the area but failed to see or hear anything further, I then returned to base.”

Crew:

RAAF 416446 Flt Lt Merrett, N L DFC & Bar, (Pilot)

Flt Lt Merrett who was injured in the crash became a POW. He died as a POW on 23rd December 1944, and is buried in the Utrecht (Soestbergen) General, cemetery, Utrecht, Netherlands

Citation

The Citation for the DFC awarded to the then PO Merrett of 609 Sqn RAF is as follows
“ This officer has completed many sorties including attacks against strongly defended enemy targets. In a recent sortie he was leader of a section of aircraft detailed to attack a mortar position holding up the allied ground advances near Caen. Very heavy enemy opposition was encountered from ground defences and the aircraft sustained severe damage. Nevertheless PO Merrett flew on and successfully silenced the position. POMerrett is an exceptionally efficient member of aircraft crew. (London Gazette 22/9/1944, Page 4392)

The Citation for the Bar to the DFC awarded to the then A/g Flt Lt Merrett attached to 164 Sqn RAF, is as follows :

“ Since being awarded the DFC this officer has participated in many enemy sorties, involving harassing attacks on enemy troops and positions. He has consistently displayed the finest qualities of skill and courage, setting an example worthy of the highest praise. In December 1944, Flt Lt Merrett took part in an attack on an enemy field gun near Tiel. As he went in to attack his aircraft was hit. Nevertheless he dived to a low level and pressed home a vigorous attack. He afterwards flew the damaged aircraft to our own lines and effected a crash landing in a small field which was apparently the only one not water logged or ploughed up. This officer has displayed unbeatable determination.”

(London Gazette 30/1/1945, Page 639)

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

409775 Flying Officer ROBERTS, Alfred Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 52525292 Digitised
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 164 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 6th June 1944, FO Roberts was reported missing on operations against targets in Northern France.

Crew:

RAAF 409775 FO Roberts A E (Pilot)

FO Roberts is buried in the Frenouville Churchyard, France. Frenouville is a village and commune 6 miles south east of Caen, France.

Archives do not hold a RAAF Casualty file and no further details are available.

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

403439 Pilot Officer SCHAEFER, Bruce Astor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/160/261 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	V 4421
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 164 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire V4421 flown by PO Schaefer crashed on 18th August 1942 during a training flight and the pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 403439 PO Schaefer, B A (Pilot)

In a subsequent Court of Inquiry into the accident, it stated : “The aircraft was totally submerged and there was no evidence of any attempt to use the chute. The cause of the accident was an error of judgement on the part of the pilot.

The Station Commander of RAF Sumburg stated “I concur”

The AVM Commanding No 14 Group Stated “ This fatal accident occurred during the normal course of training fighter pilots. The Pilot was on an Army Co-op exercise and when making a low concealed approach misjudged his height and struck the sea due to an error of judgement. I concur in the findings.”

FO Schaefer is buried in the Lerwick New Cemetery, UK.

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

409288 Flight Sergeant BROWN, William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/212 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	AR 609
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 165 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 25th July 1943, a formation of Squadron aircraft took off at 1410 hours, as part of an escort cover for Marauders bombing industrial targets north of Ghent, Belgium. The enemy coast was crossed just south west of Knock and the formation proceeded directly to the target area. About 1430 hours the Squadron turned north on leaving the target area. When in the vicinity of SAS Van Ghent, Yellow 1 (Flt Lt Disney) saw 3 FW190's about 2,000 feet above and 800 to 1000 yards away going south and at 9 o'clock to the formation which was at 13/14,000 feet. He called up Red Section (Sgt Johnston) and warned him. This message was not received. The whole Wing had difficulty with the R/T, and Ground Stations and Inter/Com were heavily distorted as if the sets were off tune.

The enemy aircraft turned in behind Red Section and were joined by others. Disney and Quinn (Blue 1) called up telling Red Section to break. This message was received but the leading enemy aircraft were already in range of Red 2 (Brown) and Red 3 (Imbert) who were probably hit in the first attack. Red Section was engaged by eight enemy aircraft and both Brown and Imbert failed to return from the mission.

Crew:

RAAF 409288 Flt Sgt W Brown, (Pilot)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported : "The aircraft crashed at Rapenburg, Holland and the pilot was killed."

Flt Sgt Brown is buried in the Flushing (Vlissingen) Northern Cemetery, Netherlands.

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

428793 Flying Officer ROWE, Alfred Frank

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/503 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mustang
Serial number:	FB 394
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 165 RAF

Summary:

When returning from operations on 13th March 1945, FO Rowe flying No 2 in his Section, reported that black smoke was coming from the engine and a loss of boost. He could not get more than 4lb. Sqn Ldr Eale flew alongside the aircraft and noted the starboard side covered with oil. An aircraft was detailed to escort Rowe back to the nearest base which was Ursel in Belgium. Shortly after the engine began streaming black and white smoke with the motor cutting completely. The Leader of the formation gave instructions for the Squadron to return to base, and joined FO Rowe himself. Shortly after the engine began streaming black and white smoke with the motor cutting out completely. Rowe baled out over the sea and was last seen in a dinghy about 25 miles south west of The Hague.

The Group Captain Commanding RAF Station North Weald then reported : 'Sqn Ldr Earle after seeing Rowe in the dinghy climbed up to give a fix and lost the dinghy in the haze. ASR later picked up a German who might throw some light on Rowe's fate.'

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Crew:

RAAF 428793 FO Rowe, A F (Pilot)

FO Rowe is buried in the Bergen-Op-Zoom War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands.

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

412348 Flight Sergeant SPENCER, Arthur Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/164 Commonwealth War Graves records .

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	BL 295
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 165 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire BL295 crashed 1.5miles north of the Bridge of Don, Aberdeenshire, at 1900 hours on 6th June 1943, during a non-operational Reflex test and the pilot was killed.

The pilot successfully completed a Reflex Test. He then joined up with two other aircraft and made Cine Gun attacks on them and then broke away and appeared to be chasing another aircraft which was flying very low. BL295 apparently went down too low and the starboard wing struck a tree and the aircraft disintegrated.

An inspection of the aircraft disclosed that both undercarriages and flaps were in the up position, the cockpit hood was closed, and the throttle half open with the propeller in coarse pitch. This was considered insufficient evidence to prove that the pilot was attempting to make a forced landing.

In his remarks the Squadron Commander stated :” The accident apparently occurred due to the pilot carrying out low flying when not authorised to do so. All pilots have been warned of the consequences of disobeying the order”

The Wg Cdr Station Commander, RAF Station Peterhead stated “ A case of unauthorised low flying.”.

Crew:

RAAF 412348 Flt Sgt A R Spencer, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Spencer is buried in the Dyce Old Churchyard, UK.

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

409130 Sergeant ALLAN, William James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/17/387 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 152,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ME 624
Radio call sign: AS – X
Unit: ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME624 of 166 Sqn RAF was one of twenty-six Squadron aircraft that took off from RAF Station Kirmingham, Lincolnshire, on the night of 30/31st March 1944 to bomb Nurnberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from ME624 after take off and it did not return to base. The ground defences were slight but fighter opposition was heavy. Two of the squadron aircraft were engaged in combat, and four squadron aircraft were shot down on this mission.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt Fennell, R B Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Pettis, W (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Smyth, J (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Kiegwin, W J C (Air Bomber)
RAAF 420835 Flt Sgt Harvey, D V (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Jones, A P (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 409130 Sgt Allan, W J (Rear Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and interviews with the local authorities at Giessen, it was established that the aircraft exploded on impact at Wiseck on 31 March 1944, as a result of enemy action at Wiseck near Giessen, Germany. Flt Sgt Kiegwin (RAF) survived the crash and became a POW.

The remains of Flt Sgt Harvey (RAAF) were not located and he is recorded as having no known grave. His names is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK. The remains of the five other crewmen are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

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

426507 Flight Sergeant BAKER, Louis Michael Gabriel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) A9301 Barcode 5542959 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chprley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 266, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 367
Radio call sign:	AS – T
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV367 took off from RACF Kirmington at 2359 hours on the night of 7/8th June 1944, detailed to bomb railway facilities at Versailles, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Lt Powdrill, R DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H E W Simpson, DFM (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt T W Hill, DFM (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R Osborne, DFM (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt L Wright, DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt G L Nordbye, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426507 Flt Sgt L M G Baker, DFM (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed near St-Cyr-l'Ecole (Yvelines). All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Clichy Northern Cemetery, France. Clichy is a town on the northern boundary of Paris.

Citation :

The citation for the DFM awarded to Flt Sgt Baker is as follows:

“ Throughout his tour Flt Sgt baker has set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty, and has displayed fearless in the face of the enemy. His cool manner and alertness under fire have been worthy of the highest praise. This airman has participated in many attacks as Rear Gunner against a variety of targets, including seven attacks against Berlin.”

All the DFM's for those above were gazetted in the London Gazette of 25th January 1946.

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

415612 Pilot Officer BROWN, Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/452 Digitised Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 133, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 635
Radio call sign:	AS- C
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME635 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1835 hours on the night of 24/25th March 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

The aircraft was one of 23 aircraft from the Squadron to take part in the mission. Opposition in the target area was moderate, and searchlights ineffective due to cloud. There were eight separate sightings of enemy aircraft and numerous fighter flares seen over the target area. On the homeward journey considerable changes in the forecast winds caused the majority of our aircraft to get off track and Passover many heavily defended areas.

Crew:

RAAF 415612 PO Brown, E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J E Scruton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt W Mitchinson, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R Boyde, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Flavell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W H Burnell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W C Mason, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported : "The aircraft exploded in the air and crashed near the village of Reuden on 24th march 1943. Reuden is some 39 miles east of Magdeburg."

Six of the crew were killed in the crash and Sgt Burnell was a POW.
Those killed are buried in the 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Berlin.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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434525 Flying Officer BROWN, Harry Arthur Bulger

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/355 Digitised Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 275, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 777
Radio call sign:	AS – K2
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME777 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2216 hours on the night of 12/13th June 1944, detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Grant, W G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Bawtree, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 419738 FO Stopp, J A (Navigator)
RAAF 422143 FO Davies, H W (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423242 Flt Sgt L T Hunt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 434525 FO Brown, H A B (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 432231 FO Moses, K J (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported later : “The aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Zelheim (Gelderland), Holland on 13th June 1944 and all the crew were killed.”

They are buried in the Zelham General Cemetery, Netherlands. Zelhem is 6kms north east of Doetinchem and 12kms east of Arnhem, Netherlands.

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

426303 Flight Lieutenant BURKE, Ernest Patrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/550 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 49, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 296
Radio call sign:	AS – V
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME296 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1725 hours on the night of 16/17th January 1945, was one of 22 aircraft from the Squadron, detailed to bomb the Braunkohle-Benzin synthetic oil plant at Zeitz, Germany. Nothing was heard from ME296 after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 426303 Flt Lt Burke, E P Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T E Carr, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt G K E John (Navigator)
RAAF 424599 FO Meggitt, J M (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt G W Kirk, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt G Anson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt T R Wood, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported later : “The aircraft crashed 1km south of Jburgan on the Gansbruck-Munster. “

Flt Burke and Sgt Carr were killed and the others were POW's.

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

In his POW Report FO Meggitt stated ; “Presume attacked from underneath by a night fighter. First warning was a hit in the starboard inner, and subsequent loss of the starboard inner and port inner. Skipper advised controls were gone. Bale out ordered and acknowledged. The Mid Upper baled out first and I followed then Nav, Rear Gunner and WOP. Aircraft still under control when I baled out at approx 6,000 feet. But must have gone out of control before Pilot and Flt Eng could get out as the Germans said their bodies were still ion the aircraft.. The aircraft crashed in the Lienen Munster area. Coacted the others before reaching Dulag Luft All were captured separately.”

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

422446 Flight Sergeant DAVEY, Donald James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/351 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 327, Volume 1944..

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 202
Radio call sign:	AS – R2
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD202 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2103 hours on the night of 12/13th July 1944, detailed to bomb railway facilities at Revigny, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Welchman, E J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Lawrie, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Muir, D W (Navigator)
RAF Sgt M G Wood, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 422446 Flt Sgt D J Davey, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt L J Worrall, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Relton, (Rear Gunner)

PD202 was one of 29 aircraft from the Squadron detailed to attack
It was believed that the aircraft was shot down in an engagement with a 103 Sqn
Lancaster and PD202 crashed at Prez-Sur-Marne, (Haute-Marne), about 11kms south east
of St Dizier.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Prez-Sur-Marne Churchyard, France.
Prez-Sur-Marne is a village and commune 11kms south east of St Dizier.
The above seven fatalities are the only Commonwealth airmen World War 2 fatalities
buried in the churchyard.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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422143 Flying Officer DAVIES, Herbert William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/355 Digitised Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 275, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 777
Radio call sign:	AS – K2
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME777 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2216 hours on the night of 12/13th June 1944, detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Grant, W G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Bawtree, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 419738 FO Stopp, J A (Navigator)
RAAF 422143 FO Davies, H W (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423242 Flt Sgt L T Hunt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 434525 FO Brown, H A B (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 432231 FO Moses, K J (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported later : “The aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Zelheim (Gelderland), Holland on 13th June 1944 and all the crew were killed.”

They are buried in the Zelham General Cemetery, Netherlands. Zelhem is 6kms north east of Doetinchem and 12kms east of Arnhem, Netherlands.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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423196 Warrant Officer DOWE, Ronald Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A707, 166/31/293 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 520, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 397
Radio call sign:	AS – V
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD397 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1450 hours on the night of 24/25th December, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Barrass, J M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S Marshall, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423196 WO R A Dowe, (Navigator)
RAAF 422978 Flt Sgt D M L O'Halloran, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt L R Ayres, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R Bolt, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R E McCann, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the target area. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt McCann was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

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

409678 Pilot Officer EVANS, Kenneth William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/;12/68 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 563
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB56 took off from RAF Grimsby, Lincolnshire, at 1903 hours on the night of 22/23rd March 1944, detailed to bomb Frankfurt. Broadcast winds were received from the aircraft at approx 2138 hours on the 22nd March which put the aircraft in a position approx 40 miles north of Frankfurt. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base. Seventeen other aircraft from the Squadron were on the mission and all returned safe. Other crews reported ground defence was moderate to intense and enemy aircraft were much in evidence.

Crew:

RAAF 409678 PO Evans, K W Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt J J Lapes, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF Sgt P Atha, (Navigator)
 RAF FO Emery, R F (2nd Navigator)
 RAF Flt Sgt D Francis, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt A J Armstrong, (Wireless Operator Air)
 RAF Sgt C A Brookes, (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RAF Sgt S Smith, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported later : "The aircraft exploded in the air and crashed a short distance north east of Bergen-Enkheim on the 22nd March. Bergen-Enkheim is 4 miles north east of Frankfurt.

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

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424563 Flight Sergeant EVANS, William Stanley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/68 Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 495, Volume 1944..

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	MG 200
Radio call sign:	AS – V
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster MG200 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1600 hours on the night of 27/28th November 1944, detailed to bomb Freiburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Strachan, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Jackson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt T D Ingle, (Navigator)
RAF FO Gale, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424563 Flt Sgt W S Evans, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt W H Holbrook, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt G A Barrett, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the target area and all the crew were killed.
They are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany.
Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

410649 Flight Sergeant FOSTER, Max Harvey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/164 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 88, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 627
Radio call sign:	AS – Z
Unit:	ATTD166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME627 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2350 hours on the night of 19/20th February 1944, detailed to bomb Leipzig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420817 PO Kingston, R A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R V Mercer, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 410649 Flt Sgt M H Foster, (Observer)
RAF Sgt G McN Campbell, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt S R G Gardiner, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A R Bailey, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D J Dennehy, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported later : “ The aircraft exploded in the air and crashed in the town of Markranstaet, which is approx 7 miles south west of Leipzig.

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

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

434396 Flying Officer FRASER, Bryan Patrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/362 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 349, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 628
Radio call sign:	AS – Y
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND628 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2110 hours on the night of 24/25th July 1944, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 423114 PO Heath, G L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L A Newell, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 434396 FO Fraser, B P (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt D E Simmons, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419669 Flt Sgt W Murphy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Williams, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt N D Staff, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near the town of Rheinshausen on the east bank of the Rhine, 5kms south east of Speyer

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

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

417300 Pilot Officer GLASSON, Rex Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 120,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 705
Radio call sign:	AS – F
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND705 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1910 hours on the night of 18/19th March 1944, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Sewell, D A Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 417300 PO Glasson, R A (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C W Lloyd, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 410000 Flt Sgt J G King, (Navigator))
RAF Sgt L S Preator, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W J Proffitt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Hawken, S W C (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Emson, (Rear Gunner)

It was presumed that the aircraft had crashed in the sea off the shores of Belgium.
All the crew were killed.

Sqd Ldr Sewell and Sgt Preator have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

PO Glasson, Sgt Lloyd, Flt Sgt King, Sgt Proffitt and Sgt Emson are buried in the Coxyde Military Cemetery, Belgium.

FO Hawken is buried in the Dunkirk Town Cemetery, France.

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433103 Flight Sergeant HARDING, Robert Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A707, 166/334/211 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 405, Volume 1944..

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 261
Radio call sign:	AS – S
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD261 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2110 hours on the night of 29/30th August 1944, detailed to bomb Stettin, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Dunton, F R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C M Murray, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 433103 Flt Sgt R E Harding, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt T H Davis, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 4330051 Flt Sgt D K Powers, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J J Carey, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Peake, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry Team later reported “The aircraft crashed in Stettin presumably as a result of enemy action and all the crew were killed.”
They are buried in the Poznan Old Garrison Cemetery, Poland. The city of Poznan is located in the west of Poland, on the main E30 road. The cemetery is situated to the north of the town in the district of Winogrody.

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423114 Pilot Officer HEATH, Gordon Leonard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/362 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 349, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 628
Radio call sign:	AS – Y
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND628 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2110 hours on the night of 24/25th July 1944, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 423114 PO Heath, G L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L A Newell, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 434396 FO Fraser, B P (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt D E Simmons, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419669 Flt Sgt W Murphy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Williams, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt N D Staff, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near the town of Rheinshausen on the east bank of the Rhine, 5kms south east of Speyer

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

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423242 Flight Sergeant HUNT, Leslie Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/355 Digitised Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 275, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 777
Radio call sign:	AS – K2
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME777 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2216 hours on the night of 12/13th June 1944, detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Grant, W G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Bawtree, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 419738 FO Stopp, J A (Navigator)
RAAF 422143 FO Davies, H W (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423242 Flt Sgt L T Hunt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 434525 FO Brown, H A B (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 432231 FO Moses, K J (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported later : “The aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Zelheim (Gelderland), Holland on 13th June 1944 and all the crew were killed.”

They are buried in the Zelham General Cemetery, Netherlands. Zelhem is 6kms north east of Doetinchem and 12kms east of Arnhem, Netherlands.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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412449 Flight Sergeant JEFFERY, Clarence Bruce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/20/100 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 40, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5862
Radio call sign:	AS – N2
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5862 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1625 hours on the night of 20/21st January 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt R W Sutton, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D J Edwards, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt M F Early, (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt L W Mattin, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412449 Flt Sgt C B Jeffery, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A A Mansfield, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt C H Rusk, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported : “ The aircraft crashed near Gollin on 20th January, which is approx 32 miles north east of Berlin.”

Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Early and Rusk were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

Sgt Early in a POW report stated :”I identified Sgt Mansfield's body after being taken prisoner. I have since learned that Sgt Rusk is a POW. I presume that the others were killed.”

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424526 Flight Sergeant JOYCE, John Anthony

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/231 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 501,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 318
Radio call sign:	AS- E
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME318 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1615 hours on the night of 4/5th December 1944, detailed to bomb Karlsruhe, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF PO Clewley, G C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A J Taylor, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Reid, A J (Navigator)
RCAF WO E F Williams, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424526 Flt Sgt J A Joyce, (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF Flt Sgt H R Thyret, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt R J Barr, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported :”The aircraft crashed approx 1.5miles south east of Bissingen on 4th December. Bissingen is approx 12miles north east of Stuttgart.”

Six of the crew were killed and PO Clewley was a POW.

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

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410000 Flight Sergeant KING, John Granville

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 120,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 705
Radio call sign:	AS – F
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND705 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1910 hours on the night of 18/19th March 1944, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Sewell, D A Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 417300 PO Glasson, R A (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C W Lloyd, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 410000 Flt Sgt J G King, (Navigator))
RAF Sgt L S Preator, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W J Proffitt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Hawken, S W C (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Emson, (Rear Gunner)

It was presumed that the aircraft had crashed in the sea off the shores of Belgium.
All the crew were killed.

Sqn Ldr Sewell and Sgt Preator have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

PO Glasson, Sgt Lloyd, Flt Sgt King, Sgt Proffitt and Sgt Emson are buried in the Coxyde Military Cemetery, Belgium.

FO Hawken is buried in the Dunkirk Town Cemetery, France.

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420817 Pilot Officer KINGSTON, Roy Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/164 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 88, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 627
Radio call sign:	AS – Z
Unit:	ATTD166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME627 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2350 hours on the night of 19/20th February 1944, detailed to bomb Leipzig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420817 PO Kingston, R A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R V Mercer, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 410649 Flt Sgt M H Foster, (Observer)
RAF Sgt G McN Campbell, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt S R G Gardiner, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A R Bailey, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D J Dennehy, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported later : “ The aircraft exploded in the air and crashed in the town of Markranstaet, which is approx 7 miles south west of Leipzig.

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

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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423818 Pilot Officer MARSHALL, Roland Maxwell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/457 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 266, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 126
Radio call sign:	AS- A2
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM126 took off from RAF Kirmington at 0019 hours on the night of 7/8th June 1944. It was one of twenty aircraft from the Squadron detailed to bomb railway facilities at Versailles, France. In view of the weather conditions the aircraft attacked from a low level and considerable opposition from light flak was encountered. Enemy aircraft were also active. Nothing was heard from LM126 after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO M Hawson, C R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L Ratcliff, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423818 PO Marshall, R M (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt L J Robey, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Fulton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G E King, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt A Banham, (Rear Gunner)

LM126 was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Bois-d'Arcy (Yvelines), a small community 2kms west of St Cyr L'Ecole.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Clichy Northern Cemetery, France. Clichy is a town adjacent to the northern boundary of Paris.

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

426369 Flight Sergeant MOLLER, Augustus Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/330 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 280, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 135
Radio call sign:	AS -N
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM135 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2240 hours on the night of 10/11th June 1944, detailed to bomb rail facilities at Acheron, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Shaw P Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J A Cunningham, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt K R Ward, (Navigator)
RAAF 426369 Flt Sgt A R Moller, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E G Smith, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G Hodder-Williams (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt W R Meddick, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported : “ The aircraft was shot down at Mareil-Le—Guyon, Montfort :L’ Amaury, France and all the crew were killed.”

They are buried in the Mareil-Les-Guyon Communal Cemetery.

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410689 Flight Sergeant MOORE, John Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/213 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 434, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5552
Radio call sign:	AS – P2
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5552 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1727 hours on the night of 20/21st December detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. The aircraft was one of seventeen aircraft from the Squadron on the mission during which many night fighters were seen. Nothing was heard from R5552 after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt K B Renelt, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F C Toms, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J W Thompson, (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt A B Sheddan, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410689 Flt Sgt J F Moore, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L A Henson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt D Bernard, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Middelharnis (Zuid Holland) on the island of Overflakkee.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Middelharnis Protestant Cemetery,
Netherlands.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

432231 Flying Officer MOSES, Keith James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/355 Digitised Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 275, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 777
Radio call sign:	AS – K2
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME777 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2216 hours on the night of 12/13th June 1944, detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Grant, W G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Bawtree, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 419738 FO Stopp, J A (Navigator)
RAAF 422143 FO Davies, H W (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423242 Flt Sgt L T Hunt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 434525 FO Brown, H A B (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 432231 FO Moses, K J (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported later : “The aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Zelheim (Gelderland), Holland on 13th June 1944 and all the crew were killed.”

They are buried in the Zelham General Cemetery, Netherlands. Zelhem is 6kms north east of Doetinchem and 12kms east of Arnhem, Netherlands.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

425337 Flight Sergeant MURPHY, John Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/209 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 426, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 385
Radio call sign:	AS -
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM385 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1626 hours on the night of 16/17th December, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt S F Miller, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T Rudden , (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt H G A Hine, (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt BW Haney, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425337 Flt Sgt J H Murphy, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt H E Miles, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt W W J Allen, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 2359 hours on 16th December half a mile due north of Caistor, Lincolnshire, UK, and all the crew were killed

Flt Sgt Murphy, Sgt Haney, Sgt Allen and Sgt Hine are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

Flt Sgt Miller is buried in the Scarborough (Manor Road) Cemetery, UK

Sgt Rudden is buried in the Brigg Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Miles is buried in the Wasperton (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK.

A flying accident investigation into the accident reported ; “ The pilot had identified himself on R/T and was given ‘prepare to land’ . No acknowledgement was received. Flying Control continued to call until 2357 hours. At 2350 hours a telephone message from Caistor reported that a plane had crashed. The aircraft caught fire and was extensively burnt. Cloud base was 700 feet above MSL Visibility 1-2 miles. Height of ground at crash site 370 feet. The propellers were not feathered and the undercarriage was in the up position The aircraft had disintegrated and burnt after a collision with a tree. The aircraft had crashed into high ground when attempting to locate the drome through low cloud at night. The cloud base was dangerously low particularly with the ground up to 450 feet within 5 miles of the drome.

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419669 Flight Sergeant MURPHY, William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/362 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 349, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 628
Radio call sign:	AS – Y
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND628 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2110 hours on the night of 24/25th July 1944, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 423114 PO Heath, G L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L A Newell, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 434396 FO Fraser, B P (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt D E Simmons, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419669 Flt Sgt W Murphy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Williams, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt N D Staff, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near the town of Rheinshausen on the east bank of the Rhine, 5kms south east of Speyer

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

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425347 Fligh Sergeant NOWLAND, Francis Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/30/39 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 404. Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 387
Radio call sign:	AS – W
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV387 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1720 hours on the night of 26/27th November 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. DV387 was one of 21 aircraft from the Squadron on the mission. The weather was good en route and over the target. Night fighters were active and several combats were reported. Nothing was heard from DV387 after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO O'Brien, D H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G E J Ballard, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Howe, J (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt H J Beattie, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D J Howell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425347 Flt Sgt F E Nowland, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W A Green, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Monchengladbach, Germany, and all the crew were killed.

FO O'Brien, Sgt Ballard and Flt Sgt Nowland are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinbergh is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

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

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422978 Flight Sergeant O'HALLORAN, Desmond Michael Leonid

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/293 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 520, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 397
Radio call sign:	AS – V
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD397 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1450 hours on the night of 24/25th December, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Barrass, J M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S Marshall, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423196 WO R A Dowe, (Navigator)
RAAF 422978 Flt Sgt D M L O'Halloran, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt L R Ayres, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R Bolt, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R E McCann, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the target area. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt McCann was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

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409600 Flight Sergeant PHILLIPS, Keith Balfour

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A707, 166/32/174 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 292, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 901
Radio call sign:	AS -
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HE901 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1937 hours on the night of 27/28th August 1943, detailed to carry out a gardening mission mine laying duties off Lorient in French coastal waters. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

HE901 was one of nine aircraft from the Squadron detailed to carry out the mission. Other crews reported that enemy defences off Lorient and the Isle de Croix were much more active than on previous occasions and appeared to have been increased.

Crew :

RAF WO J A C Newman, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F Jackson,(Navigator)
RAF Sgt R W Holmes, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A R Harrup, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 409600 Flt Sgt K B Phillips, (Air Gunner)

It was presumed that the aircraft crashed in the target area. All the crew lost their lives. Sgt Phillips is buried in the Cherbourg Old Communal Cemetery, France. Cherbourg is a town on the north of the Cherbourg Peninsula and the Cemetery is on the western side of the town.

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

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418323 Flight Sergeant POWELL, Joseph William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/231 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 449, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 224
Radio call sign:	AS – K2
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD224 took off from RAF Kirmington at 0630 hours on the 14th October 1944, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RCAF FO A McNeil, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W G Angles, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Roberts, B E (Navigator)
RCAF FO E R Lambert, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418323 Flt Sgt J W Powell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S S Harper, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt L Schaff, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team operating in Germany reported “The aircraft crashed at Orsay, Milchplatz on the morning of 14th October 1944, and all the crew were killed.”

Five are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

Flt Sgt Powel and RO Roberts are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

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430051 Flight Sergeant POWERS, David Kingsley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/334/211 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 405, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 261
Radio call sign:	AS – S
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD261 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2110 hours on the night of 29/30th August 1944, detailed to bomb Stettin, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Dunton, F R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C M Murray, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 433103 Flt Sgt R E Harding, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt T H Davis, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 4330051 Flt Sgt D K Powers, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J J Carey, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Peake, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry Team later reported “The aircraft crashed in Stettin presumably as a result of enemy action and all the crew were killed.”
They are buried in the Poznan Old Garrison Cemetery, Poland. The city of Poznan is located in the west of Poland, on the main E30 road. The cemetery is situated to the north of the town in the district of Winogrody.

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424891 Flight Sergeant SMITH, Benjamion Hartley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/345 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 521, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NG 297
Radio call sign:	AS – K2
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NG297 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1515 hours on the night of 24/25th December 1944, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Booth, F J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J G Sherburn, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 424891 Flt Sgt B J Smith, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt P A J Offord, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt P G Cullen, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C A Nixon, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt T A Rodgers, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the target area and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

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432281 Flight Sergeant SOLOMONS, Simon Stanley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/17/721 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 406,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 226
Radio call sign:	AS – U
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD 226 of 166 Sqn RAF at RAF Station Kirmington, Lincolnshire, was one of five Squadron aircraft detailed to carry out a mine laying sortie in the Baltic, on the night of 29/30th August 1944. Opposition from the enemy was not on a large scale, but two of the aircraft were engaged in combat by enemy night fighters. PD 226 did not return to base and nothing was heard of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF	423305 PO Heath, L D, Captain, (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt Lewis, L G (Flight Engineer)
RAF	Sgt Griffiths, T R L (Air Bomber)
RAAF	432281 Flt Sgt Solomons, S S (Navigator)
RAAF	418275 Flt Sgt Hiscock, W W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt Vaughan, G A (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF	Sgt Noble, W F (Rear Gunner)

In a 1949 report it was confirmed that the body of Flt Sgt Solomons (RAAF) was washed ashore in the vicinity of Brakne Hoby and is interred in the Jewish cemetery at Malmo. Brakne Hoby is located close to the southern coast of Sweden approx 2 and a half miles north east of Karlshamm, and Malmo is situated on the south east coast.

It was assumed that the aircraft had crashed into the sea and the remainder of the crew were lost at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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411398 Pilot Officer SOMERS, James Karl

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/187 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 195, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 924
Radio call sign:	AS - C
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HE924 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2341 hours on the night of 21/22nd June 1943, detailed to bomb Krefeld, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt A Burgess, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Wright, G R (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt W F Payne, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411398 PO Somers, J K (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Jeffs, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0149 hours near Haelen (Limburg), 6 miles north west of Roermond, Netherlands.

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

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

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419738 Flying Officer STOPP, John Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/355 Digitised Micro Film No 463OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 275, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 777
Radio call sign:	AS – K2
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME777 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2216 hours on the night of 12/13th June 1944, detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Grant, W G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Bawtree, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 419738 FO Stopp, J A (Navigator)
RAAF 422143 FO Davies, H W (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423242 Flt Sgt L T Hunt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 434525 FO Brown, H A B (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 432231 FO Moses, K J (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported later : “The aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Zelheim (Gelderland), Holland on 13th June 1944 and all the crew were killed.”

They are buried in the Zelham General Cemetery, Netherlands. Zelhem is 6kms north east of Doetinchem and 12kms east of Arnhem, Netherlands.

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427220 Flight Sergeant THOMPSON, Eric Moore

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/270 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 198, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 825
Radio call sign:	AS – J2
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND825 took off from RAF Kirmington at 2125 hours on the night of 27/28th April 1944, detailed to bomb Friedrichshafen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Cooper, A E S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E A Cryer, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt S McCallum, (Navigator)
RCAF FO Tiplady, C W E (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt L P Oughton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427220 Flt Sgt E M Thompson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt K Rowley, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Granges-sur-Volognes, (Vosges) at the north west end of the Valles des Granges, 8kms south east of Bruyeres. All the crew were killed and they are buried at the Granges-sur-Volognes Communal Cemetery, France. Granges-sur-Volognes is a village in the Department of the Vosges, 10kms north west of Gerardmer on the D423. The cemetery is in the centre of the village and the seven airmen are the only WW2 Commonwealth airmen buried there.

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410761 Flight Sergeant WILLIAMS, Maldwyn David Howell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5240269 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 142, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 749
Radio call sign:	AS – J2
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL749 took off from RAF Kirmington at 1945 hours on the night of 26/27th March 1944. detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt V L Perry, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt J J McInroy, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF Flt Sgt L V Woodfoeld, (Navigator)
 RAF Flt Sgt A Coney, (Air Bomber)
 RAAF 410761 Flt Sgt M D H Williams, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt A W Gowland, (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RAF Sgt W Harris, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Coney was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Choloy War Cemetery,. Locality Meurthe-et-Mosell, France. Choloy is a village 28kms west of Nancy and 5kms west of Toul, a town on the N4 road Paris to Nancy.

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410128 Flight Lioeutenant HUDDART, William Grayson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/606 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	RB 361
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 168 SQN RAF

Summary:

Typhoon RB361 flown by Flt Lt Huddart, on 22nd January 1945, was leading a formation detailed to attack supply trains in France. RB361 received a direct hit from an ack-ack battery concealed in a wood when attacking a train near Haltern, Germany, after delivering a well executed attack. The aircraft crashed at 12 noon on 22nd January, and the pilot was killed. Haltern is north east of Essen.

Crew :

RAAF 410128 Flt Lt Huddart, W G (Pilot)

Flt Lt Huddart is buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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405387 Flying Officer KEARNEY, Bernard Wilson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A707, 166/;23/7 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mustang
Serial number:	AG 578
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 168 SQN RAF

Summary:

On the above file there is a letter from Monsieur R Grandin of Villa 'La Fussains', St Etienne-au-Mont, Pas De Calais, France in which he wrote "About 1.30pm on 23 January 1943 two English aircraft flying at low altitude crashed in the Nampont-St Firmin district in Montreuil (Pas De Calais). One pilot was mortally wounded and he told my son to take his personal belongings which he did, including a watch case that had the name of Kearney on it."

The other pilot survived the crash but Kearney died.

Crew:

RAAF 405387 FO Kearney, B W (Pilot)

FO Kearney is buried in the Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.

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413129 Flying Officer LOW, John Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/164 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mustang
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 168 SQN RAF

Summary:

FO Lowe flying a Mustang aircraft was detailed to carry out a photo recce on 8th June 1944. The aircraft was seen to go down north east of Carentan, France and FO Low was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 413129 FO Low, J C (Pilot)

FO Low is buried in the Evreux Communal Cemetery, France. Evreux is a town in the Department of Eure, about 115kms north west of Paris.

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

413439 Flying Officer SHEEKEY, Ian Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/336 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mustang
Serial number:	AM 105
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 168 SQN RAF

Summary:

FO Sheekey flying Mustang AM105 was detailed to carry out a photo recce on 28th February 1944, flying as No 2 to FO Stubbs. The section was airborne at 0840 hours and proceeded to the target to photo the enemy coast from Cabourg to Trouville.

No 1 aircraft flown by FO Stubbs proceeded to photo the coast together with No 2. When over half the run was completed at about 0925 hours Stubbs noticed that Sheekey had disappeared. Stubbs called up Sheekey but there was no reply. Later Sheekey called up Stubbs and said he was OK and setting course for base. Flak had been encountered on the run but Sheekey has said nothing about being hit. Stubbs had contact with his No 2 until he (Stubbs) had crossed our own coast but then heard no more.

Visibility had not been good according to the other five pilots who went out and returned safely by flying below the cloud from Selsey Hill to Odiham. Mustang AM105 flown by FO Sheekey crashed at 1009 hours on 28th February, about 2 miles north west of Petersfield, Hampshire, UK. The aircraft crashed by hitting the ground and was not trying to force land and the pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 413439 FO Sheekey, I D (Pilot)

FO Sheekey is buried in the West Thorney (St Nicholas) Churchyard, UK.

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

413275 Flight Lieutenant STUBBS, John Douglas DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/854 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	RB 209
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 168 SQN RAF

Summary:

Typhoon RB209 had been ferried from No 83 GSU to 168 Sqn RAF on December 31st 1944. On the morning of 2nd January 1945, Flt St Stubbs (Flight Commander) authorised a test flight on the aircraft to be carried out by him as pilot. The aircraft was cleaned of any visible ice or hoar frost.

Immediately after takeoff at 0834 hours, the port wing dropped and the aircraft banked right and headed towards some aircraft of 124 Wing and other units which were dispersed west of the runway. RB209 momentarily straightened out and the right wheel struck the ground. Banking the aircraft then struck Typhoon MP201, burst into flames, and the two burning aircraft were carried by the impact into two wooden huts 20 feet away. Both aircraft were completely burnt out and Flt Lt Stubbs was killed. RB209 did not climb more than 10 feet above the ground.

A later report into the accident stated “ The cause of the accident was obscure and could not be defined. From the evidence it was assumed that there was no ice or hoar frost on the wings sufficient to stall the aircraft. The aircraft was destroyed by fire and there was no evidence as to the correctness or otherwise of the cockpit drill. Flt Lt Stubbs was a capable and experienced pilot. “

Crew :

RAAF 413275 Flt Lt Stubbs, J D DFC (Pilot)

Flt Lt Stubbs is buried in the Eindhoven (Woensal) General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Eindhoven is located 31kms south east of s'Hertogenbosch and 14ksm south west of Helmond.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awardee to Flt Lt Stubbs is as follows :

“ FO Stubbs has completed numerous low level photographic sorties in very heavily defended areas. He has destroyed seven locomotives and two enemy aircraft. By his complete disregard for danger together with his outstanding coolness and enthusiasm, this officer has set a magnificent example to the rest of the squadron. (London Gazette 11/8/1944, page 3716)

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

402988 Flying Officer WALKER, John William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/63/727 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mustang
Serial number:	G 474
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 168 SQN RAF

Summary

On 2nd June 1944, Fl Lt Lambert was briefed to lead FO's Watson, Walker and Mitchell on a tactical reconnaissance of the roads Falais-Briouse-Alemon-Argentan in France.

The Section took off from Odiham at 1430 hours and made landfall at Osbeurge at 1505 hours. The clouds at the time were 8/10ths at 3000 feet very thin. During the sortie flak was encountered. As the section was turning left near to Falaise at approx 1535 hours, FO Walker and FO Mitchell were attacked by FW190's and immediately after Flt Lt Lambert and FO Watson were attacked.

FO Walker said he was breaking for ground level and heading home. Mitchell last saw Walker turning and diving at about 1000 feet with an FW190 on his tail. After a stern chase nearly to Caen, Lambert, Watson and Mitchell reformed over B2 and returned to base, calling Walker several times, but there was no reply. The FW190's were operating in pairs with one pair attacking each of us and two pairs flying above the engagement. The three aircraft landed at Odiham at 1645 hours, but G474 failed to return.

Crew :

RAAF 402988 FO Walker, J W (Pilot)

G474 crashed approx 3 miles west of Bayeux, Normandy France, and FO Walker was killed. He is buried in the Hottot Les-Bagues War Cemetery, France. Hottot Les-Bagues is a village 14kms south east of Bayeux.

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

412746 Flying Officer WRIGHT, James Stewart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/111 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mustang
Serial number:	AM 209
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 168 SQN RAF

Summary

Mustang AM209 flown by FO Wright (as No 2) and FO Low ((No 1) were airborne at 0834 hours on the 16th March 1944, detailed to take photos of the Abbeville area. The were to cross the French coast at Ault and proceed to the target, and exit from France at Point de Quentin.

FO Low (No 1) stated that they had encountered low cloud at the coast and in flying through this the two aircraft had become separated. FO Low failed to find sufficient breaks in the cloud over the target to take photos and returned. Prior to his departure from the target area at approx 9.25 hours, FO Wright reported that he was making a run over the target. After this nothing further was heard and all efforts to contact him on the R/T were unsuccessful. FO Lowe landed at 1048 hours. FO Low reported that no flak or enemy aircraft were encountered.

Crew :

RAAF 412746 FO Wright, J S (Pilot)

FO Wright is buried in the Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, France. The town of Abbeville is on the main road from Paris to Boulogne (N1) and about 80kms from Boulogne.

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

427611 Flight Sergeant BARNETT, Kenneth Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/868 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 524, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 206
Radio call sign:	TL – B
Unit:	ATTD 170 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB206 took off from RAF Hemswell at 1506 hours on the night of 29/30th December 1944, detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Ross, H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G Faulkner, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Stevenson, J (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt S B Shaw, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 427611 Flt Sgt K H Barnett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Hodgson, F E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Hawden, J O (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team late reported “ The aircraft crashed at Hamm Bossendorf on 29th December 1944.”

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

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

433892 Flight Sergeant CALLAGHAN, William Desmond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/882 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 118, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 388
Radio call sign:	TC – H
Unit:	ATTD 170 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME388 took off from RAF Hemswell at 1704 hours on the night of 7/8th March 1945, detailed to bomb Dessau, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 430231 FO Walker, J S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W H C Fuller, (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Mahoney, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt L Thoimas, (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Powell, K G (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 437202 Flt Sgt D C Palmer, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 433992 Flt Sgt W D Callaghan, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry Team later reported “ The aircraft was attacked by a night fighter and exploded in midair. Wreckage was scattered over a wide area.”

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Rheichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. Thye Cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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

419168 Flying Officer DUNLOP, Norman Kenneth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/382 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 39, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 397
Radio call sign:	TC – X
Unit:	ATTD 170 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB397 took off from RAF Hemswell at 1826 hours on the night of 7/8th January 1945, detailed to bomb Munchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 419168 FO Dunlop, N K Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J H Pinsett, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt T Miller, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R S Bennett, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J Mace, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P Day, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt C A Robinson, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ PB397collided with another aircraft in the air and crashed near the village of Hengen on 7th January 1945.” Hengen is 24 miles south east of Stuttgart. Germany.

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

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

412647 Warrant Officer McNALLY, John Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/841 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 109, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 320
Radio call sign:	TC -L
Unit:	ATTD 170 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME320 took off from RAF Hemswell at 1700 hours on the night of 5/6th March 1945, detailed to bomb Chemnitz, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt E R Thornton, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Plant, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Weber, W E (Navigator)
RCAF FO Brydon, W A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412647 WO J J McNally, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Wager, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C A Ebbs, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed.

WO McNally is buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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

A report by Flt Lt Irvine (Pilot) on the crash landing in Poland of Halifax NRF`180 of 192 Sqn RAF on the night of 4/5th March 1945 stated : "We were briefed to be over the target Chemnitz at 0247 hours but arrived at 2149 hours. The target was well ablaze by that time. Our bombs were dropped, and at that moment the Rear Gunner spotted a JU88 on the port quarter. A few seconds later the Rear Gunner gave me a corkscrew to port. This I did on instruments. At the bottom of the dive to port and just after the climb to starboard, I instinctively looked up to the belly and tail of what I think was another Halifax directly above me and about 30 feet away. There was no time to avoid a collision and the nose of my aircraft struck the tail turret of the other aircraft. The impact took about five feet of the nose of my aircraft off. The other aircraft did not appear to be seriously damaged."

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

437202 Flight Sergeant PALMER, David Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/882 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 118, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 388
Radio call sign:	TC – H
Unit:	ATTD 170 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME388 took off from RAF Hemswell at 1704 hours on the night of 7/8th March 1945, detailed to bomb Dessau, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 430231 FO Walker, J S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W H C Fuller, (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Mahoney, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt L Thoimas, (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Powell, K G (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 437202 Flt Sgt D C Palmer, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 433992 Flt Sgt W D Callaghan, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Rheichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. Thye Cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

430231 Flying Officer WALKER, John Stennett

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/882 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 118, Volume 1945.

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432254 Flight Sergeant MOORE, Stanley James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/479 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 507, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NA 674
Radio call sign:	6Y -Q
Unit:	ATTD 171 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NA674 took off from RAF North Creak at 1735 hours on the night of 9/10th December 1944, detailed to dispense window in the direction of Koblenz, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 423320 PO Powe, T S Captain (Pilot),
RAF Flt Lt J Fitzpatrick, DFC (Flight Engineer))
RAF Flt Sgt T A V Brown, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt S A Brown, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432254 Flt Sgt S J Moore, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Hinton, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J J V Higgins, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Stanton, (

The aircraft crashed at Kennfus, some 12kms south west of Cochem on the Mosel, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality KampLintfort, Northrhine-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel. The cemetery is 3kms south of the centre of the town of Rheinberg.

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

423320 Pilot Officer POWE, Trevor Sutertland

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/479 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
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Crew :

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RAF Flt Lt J Fitzpatrick, DFC (Flight Engineer))
RAF Flt Sgt T A V Brown, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt S A Brown, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432254 Flt Sgt S J Moore, (Wireless Air Gunner)
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414601 Flight Sergeant SALTER, Russell George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/173 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MP 630
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 172 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington MP630 took off on the night of 12/13th August 1943 detailed to carry out a night anti submarine patrol. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt E R H Widdows, Captain (Pilot)
RF Sgt J S Lockwood, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 414601 Flt Sgt R G Salter, (Observer)
RAF Sgt KL H Francis, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W F O Sayle, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G C Hasler, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The aircraft was returning from its sortie when it flew into a hill while making an approach to land and crashed at Luscott Barton, North Devon, at 2.45pm on 13th August 1943. All the crew were killed.

Sgt Widdows is buried in the Walshaw (Christ Chuirch) Churchyard, UK
Sgt Lockwood is buried in the Scampton (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK.
Flt Sgt Salter, and Sgt's Francis, Sayle and Hasler are buried in the Henton Puncharden (St Augustine) Churchyard, Devonshire, Ashford near Barnstaple.

The aircraft flew over the drome and asked for permission to land. The Air Field Controller gave the green and switched on the chance light. The aircraft answered by switching the downward recognition light on and commenced a circuit prior to approaching to land. The aircraft disappeared over the brow of the nearest hill and almost immediately a violent crash and explosion followed. All the drome lighting was on but the weather was deteriorating at the time and may have been a factor.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

408542 Flying Officer WATERS. John Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/764 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	NB 831
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 172 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington NB831 took off from RAF Chivenor on the night of 14/15th July 1944, detailed to carry out a Leigh Light night time training exercise. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 408542 FO Waters, J H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt W Hazeu, (2nd Pilot)
RCAF FO Magee, T J P (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt F A Wilkinson, (Wireless Air Gunner))
RAF Flt Sgt N S Birch, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RNZAF Flt Sgt H McAuley, (Wireless Air Gunner)

At 3.25 am the aircraft was seen by the crew of a launch taking part in the exercise to crash into the sea approx 5 miles from Lundy Island.

The bodies of FO Waters and Flt Sg McAuley were recovered and they are buried at the Bath (Haycombe) Cemetery, UK. The other four crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

In a later Report into a Flying Accident the CO of the Sqn stated :“The incident occurred at night while over the sea. The weather was fair and not a contributory factor. The crew were under training and had not flown on operations previously. It is impossible to state the exact cause of the accident, but the effect was an error of judgement in height while searching for a target at low altitude using the Leigh Light.”

The OC RAF Station Chivenor stated “It appears the accident was due to an error of judgement on the part of the pilot possibly “flying down the beam.”

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

422034 Pilot Officer WEEKS, George Victor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/592 Commonwealth war Graves record

Aircraft Type: Wellington

Serial number: MF 396

Radio call sign:

Unit: ATTD 172 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington MF396 of 172 Sqn RAF took off at 0148 hours on 14 November 1944, to carry out an operational patrol over the sea at night in an area north west of Ireland.. Shortly after take off the Coast Guard at Ramoor Head at 0156 hours reported seeing an aircraft coming from south of the River Foyle at a height of approx 1500 feet and heading towards the sea. Intermittent flashes were coming from the tail of the aircraft and in less than a minute the aircraft burst into flames, and crashed into the sea. 8 to 12 miles from Portrush. Some wreckage washed up in Eire revealed evidence of extensive fire damage in the fuselage. Salvage operations were conducted but no trace of the aircraft or the missing crew was found.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt Baxter, J R Captain (Pilot)

RAF Flt Sgt Jerrard, R (2nd Pilot)

RAAF 422034 PO Weeks, G V (Navigator Bomb Aimer)

RAAF 425523 WO Lawrence, J G (Wireless Operator Air)

RAF Flt Sgt Hall, H G (Wireless Operator Air)

RAF Sgt Pike, W (Wireless Operator Air)

PO Weeks body was recovered from the sea off Magilligan Point, Northern Ireland, and he is buried at the Drumchose (Christ Church) Church of Ireland, Limavady, Londonderry, Northern Ireland. The remaining crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

423040 Warrant Officer BARDSLEY, Keith Warren

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/741 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	EW 280
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 178 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator EW280 took off from Admondola, Italy, on the 13th October 1944, detailed to attack Szekesfehervar, Hungary. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 423040 WO K W Bardsley, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt R H Hughes, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF Sgt L W Fiest, (Navigator)
 RAF Sgt J J Robinson, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt N R Molyneux, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt J Gerrard, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt J R Chambers, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt J H P Jibson, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Alsoleped on 13th October 1944, and all the crew were killed. The last known position of the aircraft was that other crews saw what appeared to be an aircraft struck by flak causing a burst of flame in the sky, followed by scattered debris burning on the ground. The time was approx 2020/2040 hours on the 13th October, 10 to 20 miles north of Pecs, Hungary.

All the crew are buried in the Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia and Montenegro. The Cemetery is in Uliga Baju Sekuulica, in the city's Fifth Region on the edge of the New Yugoslav Cemetery, (Novo Groblje).

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

416821 Warrant Officer BAXTER, Murray Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5531648, Commonwealth War Graves records

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Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 178 SQN RAF

Summary:

WO Baxter (Pilot) was reported missing from air operations and it was presumed he had died on 15th August 1944. He is buried in the Krakow Rackowicki Cemetery, Poland. Krakow is a larges city in the south of Poland.

No other details are available as Archives do not hold a RAAF Casualty file.

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

418398 Warrant Officer HAMILTON, Stewart Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA :A705, 166/17/779 (Digitised) Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	EW 106
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 178 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator EW106 took off at 2131 hours on 10th October 1944 to attack the marshalling yards at Verona, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. Verona was a heavily defended target and it was considered that the aircraft may have been shot down in the target area.

Crew :

RAF	FO Morrison, N L Captain (Pilot)
RAAF	418398 WO S A Hamilton, (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt R A Steel, (Flight Engineer)
RAF	PO Newman, L C (Navigator)
RAF	Sgt G I Rees, (Air Bomber)
RAF	Sgt S Ashmore, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt R W Ames, (Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt T A Lawless, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry Team later reported “ The aircraft crashed into the side of a mountain approx 7 miles north of Verona on 10/10/194. Verona is located in Northern Italy.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Padua War Cemetery, Italy. Padua is 22 miles west of Venice, Italy.

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

401092 Squadron Leader LIVERSIDGE, John Philip

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/;521 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	KG 933
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 178 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator KG933 took off at approx 1955 hours on the 17th August 1944, detailed to drop supply containers in the Warsaw area of Poland. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Wright, W D Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 401092 Sqn Ldr Liversidge, J P (Navigator)
RAF Sgt L J Blunt, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 400754 Flt Lt Hammett, A H (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F W Helme, (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J D Clarke, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Ostron, 35kms north east of Krakow. Three of the crew were killed and Flt Lt Hammett, Sgt's Blunt and Helme were safe.

Those killed are buried in the Krakow Rakowicki Cemetery, Poland. Krakow is a large town in the south of Poland, about 257kms south west of Warsaw on the main road 4.

It was later reported by a surviving crew member that the aircraft was attacked by a night fighter and the abandon order was immediately given. He believed he was the only one to leave the aircraft and that the others were either killed in the attack or when the aircraft crashed.

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

416226 Flight Sergeant O'LOUGHLIN, Justin Vincent

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/28 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	AL 638
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 178 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator AL638 took off from Chemines Site No 9 on 5th March 1943, and proceeded to the target to carry out a night bombing attack. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Bateman-Champain, P J C Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Brand, S S (Pilot)
RAF PO Mitchell, D M (Navigator)
RAF Sgt S N Goddard, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Johnson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Pilsen, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Hoyland, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 416226 Flt Sgt J V O'Loughlin, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported that “ the aircraft crashed at Cajazzo and all the crew were killed.”

They are buried in the Minturno War Cemetery, Italy. Minturno is about 78kms north of Naples close to the coast.

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

423387 Flight Sergeant SLOANE, Brian Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4232387 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 178 SQN RAF

Summary:

Flt Sgt Sloane (Air Gunner) died on 23rd July 1944, from injuries received when he was struck by a vehicle between Manfredonia and Foggia, Italy.

He is buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The Cemetery is located on the outskirts of Bari in the locality of Carbonara.

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

418578 Warrant Officer STEWART, Derek George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/716 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	KH 243
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 178 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator KH243 took off at 2127 hours on the night of 5th November 1944, detailed to drop supplies to Partisans in Northern Yugoslavia in position 46deg 19'30 N, 14deg 51'00E. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 418578 WO D G Stewart, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt I Matthews, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt S R Davie, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt W G Bogie, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt S Athorn, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F W Lough, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G J O'Kane, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ The aircraft crashed at Lokovica on 5/11/1944 presumably as a result of enemy action. Lokovica is 15 miles north west of Calje, Northern Yugoslavia.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia and Montenegro. The War Cemetery is in Uliga Baju Sekulica, in the city's Fifth Region on the edge of the New Yugoslav Cemetery (Novo Groblje).

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

432534 Warrant Officer BAKER, Ivan Leslie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/1143 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Warwick
Serial number:	PN 800
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 179 SQN RAF

Summary:

Warwick PN800 took off from RAF Station St Eval near Wadebridge, Cornwall, at 1125 hours on 31st May 1945 to carry out a routine test flight. About one hour later the aircraft got into difficulties and crashed into the sea about five miles from the drome. The aircraft broke up and sank immediately. Out of a crew of eight, five survivors were picked up by a rescue launch about three quarters of an hour later. The survivors stated that Baker was not seen after the crash.

Crew :

RCAF	Flt Lt Casselman, G M Captain (Pilot)	Not Injured
RAF	Flt Sgt E A Widdall, (2 nd Pilot)	Injured
RAF	FO Boulwood, P A (Navigator)	Injured
RAAF	424710 WO H J Cooper, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Injured
RAAF	432534 WO I L Baker, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Missing
RAF	Sgt A A F Morris, (Air Gunner)	Missing
RAF	LAC D Bird, (Fitter 11E)	Not Injured
RAF	LAC R Napier, (Fitter 11E)	Missing

Flt Lt Casselman later stated "I had feathered the starboard propeller on an air test after a minor inspection of a functioning test. When at a height of 1500/2000 feet I unfeathered the propeller and ran the engine slowly to allow the cylinder temperature to increase. While doing this the aircraft was losing height. When the height was between 400/500 feet the cylinder temperature had not increased and I opened up the port engine to plus 6lbs boost and 2400 revs. I then opened up the starboard engine and warned the crew to prepare for ditching. The aircraft then went into a diving turn to starboard. The aircraft was then so near to the water that I considered it useless to re-feather the starboard engine. The aircraft then hit the water and I could not remember what happened during the next few minutes."

WO Baker is buried in the Bath (Haycombe) Cemetery, Somerset, UK

Both Sgt Morris and LAC Napier have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403021 Pilot Officer BEALE, Herbert Eldon MID

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/16/10 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HX 690
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD 179 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HX690 of 179 Sqn RAF took off from Gibraltar at 2200 hours on 21 January 1943, to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the Mediterranean. No communication was received from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to Base. It was suspected that the aircraft was shot down while attacking a U boat.

Crew:

RAAF 402658 FO Gordon-Glassford, T H, MID (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Harvey, G E (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Hustler, J S (Navigator)
RAAF 433021 Sgt Beale, H E MID (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Brown, J H (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF FO Carmichael B W (Wireless Air Gunner)

The remains of Sgt Beale (RAAF) were washed ashore some miles east of Phillipeville, Algeria, but there was no trace of any other members of the crew who were recorded as lost at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Malta Memorial, Malta The Memorial is situated in the area of Floriana and is easily identified by the Golden Eagle which surmounts the column.

Citation:

MID: FO Gordon-Glassford's Mention in Despatches was promulgated in London Gazette concurrently with the Kings Birthday Honours list 1943. Commonwealth war Graves records also record that Sgt Beale has been Mentioned in Despatches.

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409065 Sergeant GIBSON, Ian Stuart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/29 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HX 773
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 179 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HX73 while in transit from RAF Portreath to Gibraltar crashed at 2.27am on 15th March 1943 one mile east of Portreath drome. The aircraft failed to gain height after take off and flew into the ground. All the crew were killed.

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Crew :

RAAF 403222 FO Major, F K Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF Sgt R A Powell, (Pilot)
RAAF 409065 Sgt I S Gibson, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 405598 Flt Sgt D L McDonald, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 405602 Sgt W Pettigrew, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Williamson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Illogan (St Illogan) Churchyard, Redruth Cornwall, UK.

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403222 Flying Officer MAJOR, Follett Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/29 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

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405598 Flight Sergeant McDONALD, Donald Leo

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/29 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

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405602 Sergeant PETTIGREW, William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/29 (Digitised) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

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422351 Flying Officer RACKHAM, John Leonard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/436 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Warwick
Serial number:	PN 750
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 179 SQN RAF

Summary:

Warwick PN750 took off from RAF St Eval, Cornwall, at 0924 hours on the 31st December 1944, detailed to carry out a non-operational daytime air test. After take off the aircraft climbed straight ahead to about 2000 feet in a north westerly direction, turned onto a reciprocal course, flew back across the drome at the same height, then suddenly went into a steep dice and crashed at 0945 hours about five miles from the drome on Trewallis Farm, St Colomb Major, Cornwall. All the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Sargent, P G Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Kinsman, K G (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 422351 FO Rackham, J L (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Flt Sgt P R Funnell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt T G Davies, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt C K Johns, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF LAC C H Rumble, (Fitter 11A)

A later Court of Inquiry considered that “the aircraft was flying between 1500 and 2000 feet and the Pilot was air testing controls when suddenly a high speed stall occurred causing the aircraft to flick into a steep dive A stall of this nature would require at least 1000 feet to effect recovery.”.

Flt Lt Sargent and Flt Sgt Johns are buried in the St Colomb Major Cemetery, UK.
PO Kinsman is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, UK.
FO Rackham is buried in Bath (Haycombe) Cemetery, UK.
Flt Sgt Funnell is buried in the Storrington (St Mary) Churchyard, UK
Flt Sgt Davies is buried in the Coedffranc Cemetery, UK.
LAC Rumble is buried in the Chippenham (London Road) Cemetery, UK.

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410764 Warrant Officer WARNE, John Lugton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/152 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 129
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 179 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HF129 when returning from a night operational anti-submarine patrol, crashed at 0254 hours on 7th July 1944 on the bank of the River Taw about one mile east of the RAF Chivenor runway.

The aircraft made a normal circuit and on approaching to land overshot. The engines were opened up, appeared to respond correctly, and the aircraft gained height to about 100 feet, and then sank rapidly and crashed.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt K Lentin, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt F H Phillips, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 412255 WO C M Wood, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RNZAF Flt Sgt R J Harris, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 421648 WO R D Ward, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 410764 WO J L Warne, (3rd Wireless Air Gunner)

A subsequent enquiry into the accident reported "It appears that the accident occurred as a result of bad cockpit drill, with the flaps being raised before the undercarriage was fully retracted."

Four of the crew were killed and WO Ward survived the crash.
Those killed are buried in the Bath (Haycombe) Cemetery, UK.

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412225 Warrant Officer WOOD, Cedric Milford

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/152 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
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421569 Flying Officer CHATTO, Harry Stewart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/911 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	KJ 563
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 180 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell KJ563 took off on 21st March 1945, along with other aircraft from the Dquadron, wa detailed to attack the marshalling yards at Bocholt, Germany. Nothing was heard from KJ563 after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 422080 FO Kennard, R M Captain (Pilot),
RAAF 421569 FO Chatto, H S (Navigator BombAimer)
RAAF 422151 FO Ellis, L A (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 422472 Flt Sgt J H Farr, (Air Gunner)

During the attack intense and very heavy flak was encountered and the No 2 aircraft in the formation FW236 received a direct hit whilst releasing its bombs, and an explosion followed. This explosion forced KJ563 which was flying in No 3 position out of control. The port engine was seen to be in flames and there was a large hole in the fuselage near the bomb bay. KJ563 was last seen to be diving steeply. One chute was observed. KJ563 blew up about 100 feet from the ground when trying to make a forced landing.

Three of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Farr survived. Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kle3ve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The Cemetery is 5kms south west of Kelve..

Flt Sgt Farr later reported “ We were hit by flak and immediately caught fire. No one panicked and Ellis advised the Skipper we were on fire. The Skipper said bale out. Why no other crew member did not escape I cannot say, especially Ellis who was the waist gunner. The Germans told me that although our aircraft was a mass of flames, the pilot tried to make a forced landing but it blew up when 100 feet off the deck.”

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426535 Pilot Officer CLEMINSON, James Harold Nimmo

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/610 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FW 124
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 180 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FW124 took off from RAF Dunsfold at 0300 hours on 21st August 1944 detailed to attack by Gee H enemy movements at Elbeouf on the Seine. The aircraft was due on the target at 0400 hours, but nothing was heard from after take off and FW124 failed to return to base.

Other aircraft on the sortie encountered flak from Dieppe and slightly inaccurate heavy flak at Port L'Eveque. Aircraft engaged on flare dropping reported enemy fighters. Visibility was poor with 10/10ths cloud over the target area.

Crew :

RCAF FO Bringlee, J H Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 426535 PO Cleminson J H N (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RCAF PO Venn, A J (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF PO Whiting, D S (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported that : "The aircraft crashed near Villa Arlette, Moulineux, and all the crew were killed."
They are buried in the Bretteville Sur Laize Canadian War Cemetery, which is 14kms south of Caen.

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422151 Flying Officer ELLIS, Leslie Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/911 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	KJ 563
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 180 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell KJ563 took off on 21st March 1945, along with other aircraft from the Dquadron, wa detailed to attack the marshalling yards at Bocholt, Germany. Nothing was heard from KJ563 after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 422080 FO Kennard, R M Captain (Pilot),
RAAF 421569 FO Chatto, H S (Navigator BombAimer)
RAAF 422151 FO Ellis, L A (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 422472 Flt Sgt J H Farr, (Air Gunner)

During the attack intense and very heavy flak was encountered and the No 2 aircraft in the formation FW236 received a direct hit whilst releasing its bombs, and an explosion followed. This explosion forced KJ563 which was flying in No 3 position out of control. The port engine was seen to be in flames and there was a large hole in the fuselage near the bomb bay. KJ563 was last seen to be diving steeply. One chute was observed. KJ563 blew up about 100 feet from the ground when trying to make a forced landing.

Three of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Farr survived. Those killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kle3ve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The Cemetery is 5kms south west of Kelve..

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422080 Flying Officer KENNARD, Robert Millar

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/911 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

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405107 Flying Officer KIRK, William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/.22/273 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FV 998
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 180 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FV998 flown by Sqn Ldr Ford on 20th June 1944, led a formation of aircraft from the Squadron detailed to attack Bois Coquerell in Northern France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Ford P R A DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Lister, G (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 405107 FO Kirk, W (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt R A Newham, (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF PO Stenhouse, J K (Wireless Operator Air A/g Air Gunner)

The formation encountered heavy flak in the target area. The Pilot of another aircraft reported that it appeared that the navigator of FV998 did not see the target until it was too late to attack and as the formation turned left away from the target area a burst of flak was seen to hit the nose of FV998. The nose was very much perforated and both the pilot and the navigator seemed to slump forward. The port engine caught fire immediately after the burst and the aircraft dived to the left, increasing in steepness, and was seen to explode when it hit the ground. No chutes were seen and all the crew were killed.

Those killed are buried in the St Pierre Cemetery, Amiens, France. St Pierre is situated on the north eastern outskirts of Amiens.

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412673 Warrant Officer PAINTING, Allen John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/41/7 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FL 707
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 180 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FL707 took off from RAF Dunsfold, Sussex, as part of a formation detailed to carry out a daylight attack on construction works at Martinvast, Cherbourg, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Solheim, W A Captain (Pilot) (an American)
RAAF 420720 Flt Sgt C G Underwood, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 412673 WO A J Painting, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt N R Troman, (Wireless Air Gunner)

A Missing Research and Enquiry team later reported: "As a result of a collision with another aircraft FL707 crashed at Trouville at approx 2pm on the 26th November 1943. There were no survivors from either aircraft."

The formation encountered heavy flak over the target area and was broken up. It was presumed that another aircraft of 180 Sqn collided with FL707 which went down out of control. Eventually one aircraft struck the ground, and the other broke up in the air.

Three of the crew of FL 707 are buried in the Cherbourg Old Communal Cemetery, France. Cherbourg is on the north of the Cherbourg Peninsula.
Commonwealth War Graves do not record where FO Solheim is buried.

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

416722 Warrant Officer ROGERS, Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/188 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FL 218
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 180 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FL218 took off from RAF Dunsfield near Horsham, Sussex, on 25th January 1944, detailed to take part in an attack on Zudausques. Heavy flak was encountered over the target area and FL218 was hit. The aircraft was seen with the starboard engine smoking badly near North Foreland at about 8000 feet at approx 1010 hours, but the pilot was able to get the aircraft back to within one mile of Hawkinge and then found he was unable to make a safe landing, so he ordered his crew to abandon the aircraft.

It appears that he was preparing to abandon the aircraft, but it went out of control before he could bale out. It crashed about one mile NNW of Hawkinge about 1015 hours.

Crew :

RAAF	416722 WO D Rogers, Captain (Pilot)	
RAF	Sgt W Hemmingway, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)	Shock
RAF	Sgt J baker, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Uninjured
RAF	Flt Sgt W Mackenzie, (Air Gunner)	(Knee injury)

Three of the crew survived but WO Rogers was killed. He is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, UK. The Cemetery is 30miles from London.

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

420720 Flight Sergeant UNDERWOOD, Cecil Gwynne

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/41/7 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FL 707
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 180 SQN RAF

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

410328 Flight Lieutenant GUEST, Douglas William Dorey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/549 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	JP 672
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 181 SQN RAF

Summary:

Typhoon JP672 took off on 13th February 1945 detailed to carry out a long range reconnaissance and attack targets in the Dulmon-Hexter-Meschede-Dulmon area. JP672 was flying as Blue 1, and the section was led down to attack an engine advancing on a branch line approx 4 to 5 miles west of Meschede, Germany. No flak was experienced and on its second attack, JP672 was seen to strike a high a tension cable and burst into flames, crashing at Wennemen in a nearby field 2.5 miles west of Meschede

Crew :

RAAF 410328 Flt Lt Guest, D W D (Pilot)

Flt Lt Guest is buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The Cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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

420883 Flight Sergeant HOWARD, George John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/18/368 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	JP 604
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 181 SQN RAF

Summary:

Typhoon JP604 together with seven other aircraft from the Squadron, was detailed on 6th June 1944 to carry out an armed recce of military transport in the Caen area. The formation fitted with eight rocket projectiles each, took off at 1600 hours and crossed the French coast at Pointe-de-Raz. Some wireless tenders were sighted north of Caen and after making an attack on these vehicles the formation broke left, climbed to 4000 feet, and prepared to go in for a second attack.

On turning into the 2nd attack the pilot of Blue 4 saw a burst of cannon fire fly past Blue 2 flown by Flt Sgt Howard close to the starboard wing and then one struck the port aileron of Blue 2 smashing it, causing the aircraft to turn over on its back and go into a spin. On breaking away from the second attack Blue 4 saw Blue 2 on the ground and commencing to burn. This sortie in which Flt Sgt Howard was killed, was his first operational sortie.

Crew:

RAAF 420883 Flt Sgt G J Howard, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Howard is buried in the Bayeux War Cemetery, France. Bayeux a town in Normandy is 24kms north west of Caen.

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

416858 Flying Officer HURELL, Eric

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/.724 A9300 Barcode 5254509
Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 181 SQN RAF

Summary:

FO Hurrell (Pilot) was killed in a motor accident near Langenshagen, in Hanover, Germany, on 27th April 1945. The jeep overturned and he sustained injuries from which he later died.

He is buried in the Nederweert War Cemetery, Netherlands. Nederweert is a village 38kms north west of Roermond.

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

410092 Pilot Officer RENDLE, Geoffrey Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/292 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	JG 244
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 181 SQN RAF

Summary:

Typhoon JG244 flown by PO Rendle took off at 0640 hours on 7th June 1944, detailed to carry out an armed recce. As a result of engine failure, the Pilot baled out at 1500 feet and the aircraft crashed at 0700 hours 30 miles south of the Needles, Isle of Wight. His body was recovered by a Walrus aircraft 45 minutes later.

Crew :

RAAF 410092 PO Rendle, G E (Pilot)

PO Rendle is buried in the Parkhurst Military Cemetery, Newport, Isle of Wight, UK.

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

401767 Warrant Officer COBURN, Thomas William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/630 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	JEK 298
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 182 SQN RAF

Summary:

Typhoon JEK298 along with seven other aircraft from the Squadron, took off at 1240 hours on 8th September 1944, detailed to attack motor transport on a road south west of Aeltre. The formation successfully attacked more than 100 MET and horse drawn traffic on the road, which was carried out at nought feet owing to low cloud.

The attack was carried out at nought feet owing to low cloud, and cannon fire from medium and heavy flak was encountered. Others said that Coburn was not heard to call up on the R/T and JEK298 failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 401767 WO T W Coburn, (Pilot)

WO Coburn is buried in the Schoonselhof Cemetery, Belgium.

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

420405 Flight Lieutenant STRONG, Philip Henry DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/553 (Digitised)

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	MN 699
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 182 SQN RAF

Summary:

Typhoon MN699 flown by Flt Lt Strong took off on 2nd November 1944, leading a formation of aircraft from the Squadron to attack two bridges near Dock. Flt Lt Strong led Red Section down to attack the target, during which light flak was encountered. On pulling out from the target MN699 was seen to be on fire. The aircraft rolled onto its back then was seen to right itself momentarily, before it crashed to the ground in flames. The pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF Flt Lt Strong, P H DFC (Pilot)

Flt Lt Strong is buried in the Mook War Cemetery, Netherlands. Mook is a village on the main road from Nijmegen to Venlo and Maastricht, and is 11kms south of Nijmegen.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to Flt Lt Strong is as follows :

“ Flt Lt Strong has completed many sorties against the enemy with great success. In August 1944, as flight commander, this officer led his squadron against a tank formation in the Vasse-Conde area. In spite of intense heavy and light anti-aircraft fire, Flt Lt Strong repeatedly led the squadron in to attack until six tanks were destroyed and he had exhausted all his ammunition. His great courage, skill and accurate shooting were a magnificent example to his squadron. (London Gazette 24/11/1944, page 5390)”

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

420415 Flight Sergeant WILKINSON, Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/456 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	JP 605
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 182 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 20th December 1943, Typhoon JP605 was one of eight aircraft from the Squadron detailed to carry out an attack in an area east of Hesdin, France. The formation took off at 1435 hours and crossed over the French coast in echelon starboard.

FO Shields was sub-section leader of the 2nd flight with Flt Sgt Wilkinson his No 2. Shields reported that having crossed the French coast and while approaching the target, the Squadron did a shallow turn to starboard at which time his No 2 was in the proper position to his right. Shields then experienced a violent collision with another Typhoon which came up from below in front of his nose. The aircrew of Shields aircraft appeared to damage the fuselage of other aircraft causing the tail to break off, whereupon the other aircraft spun. FO Shields successfully reached base with little damage to his aircraft. Another Pilot confirmed that although he did not see the collision he saw the tail of an aircraft break off and go into a spin. This proved to be later JP605 flown by Flt Sgt Wilkinson, who was killed in the collision.

Crew :

RAAF 420415 Flt Sgt R Wilkinson, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Wilkinson is buried in the Tortefontaine Community Cemetery, France. Tortefontaine is a village and commune west of Arras, and 10kms south west of Hesdin, a small town on the Arras-Boulogne railway..

Flt Sgt Wilkinson is the only Commonwealth Air Force WW2 fatality buried in the Cemetery.

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

426325 Warrant Officer DRUMMOND, Donald Peter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/638 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	DN 248
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 183 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 1st April 1945, WO Smith was leading a section of two Typhoons with Drummond as his No 2, on an armed recce in an area north and east of Davender. While attacking two transports on a road near VO911 we were attacked by light flak as Smith broke into cloud. Approx a minute later when he let down through the cloud, Drummond was nowhere around. Smith called him on the R/T and Drummond replied OK. Smith told Drummond to return to base, and 10 minutes later called Drummond again, and Drummond replied again he was OK. That was the last that Smith heard of him. DN248 failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF` 426325 WO D P Drummond, (Pilot)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ The aircraft crashed on a heath near Bruchterveld, which is situated near Hardenberg and approx 15 miles north east of Dusseldorf, Germany.”

WO Drummond is buried in the Hardenberg Protestant Cemetery, Netherlands.
Hardenberg is a small town 38kms north east of Zwolle on the road to Coevorden.

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

420160 Flying Officer DOWNES, John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/10/76 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	KZ 607
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 184 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hurricane KZ607 flown by FO Downes which took off from RAF Detling, Maidstone, Kent, on 8th February 1944, was engaged in strafing a target near St Omer, when the aircraft received a direct hit from ack-ack, the engine was shot away and the pilot killed instantly. The CO of the Squadron Sqn Ldr Rose, was leading a formation of Squadron aircraft at the time, and after a successful attack, KZ607 was hit by flak when climbing away to rejoin the formation.

Crew :

RAAF 420160 FO Downes, J (Pilot)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “The aircraft crashed at Lumbrae on 8/2/1944. “

FO Downes is buried in the Longueness (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, France. St Omer is a large town 45kms south east of Calais.

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

404548 Pilot Officer BOYD, John Livingstone DFM

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/93/508 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	BP 349
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 185 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire BP349 flown by PO Boyd crashed in Siggieni dispersal, Luqa Malta, at 1045 hours on 14th May 1942, The aircraft was shot down in aerial combat over Malta with enemy aircraft, and the pilot was killed.

Crew :

RAAF 404548 PO Boyd, J L DFM (Pilot)

PO Boyd is buried in the Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery, Malta.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of the DFM to the then Sgt Boyd of 185 Sqn is as follows :

“Sgt Boyd is a courageous and skilful leader. He has shown the greatest keenness to attack the enemy at all times regardless of the odds against him. Sgt Boyd has destroyed three and probably destroyed a further four enemy aircraft. London Gazette 1/5/1942.)”

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

404981 Flying Officer PARK, Robert Bruce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/51/174 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	EP 571
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 185 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire EP571 flown by FO Park took off from Malta at 1340 hours on 19th November 1942, detailed to protect a convoy. The aircraft developed engine trouble and crashed in the Mediterranean approx 50/60 miles south of Malta. FO Park baled out and drowned in the sea. His body was recovered by an HM Sloop.

Crew :

RAAF 404981 FO Park, R B (Pilot)

FO Park is buried in the Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery, Malta.

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

402260 Flight Lieutenant SLY, Raymond Harold Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/57/184 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	BP 348
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 185 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire BP348 was in transit from the UK to the Middle East.. The aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters after landing at the Halfar drome. The aircraft made an attempt to take off again but crashed and Flt Lt Sly was wounded. He was admitted to hospital but died on 9th May 1942.

Crew :

RAAF 402206 Flt Lt Sly, R H C (Pilot)

Flt Lt Sly is buried in the Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery, Malta.

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

404269 Pilot Officer TWEEDALE, Gordon Russell, DFM

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/169/87 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 185 SQN RAF

Summary:

PO Tweedale (Pilot) was killed on 9th May 1942, on operations in the Middle East. He is buried in the Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery, Malta.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of the DFM to the then Flt Sgt Tweedale is as follows :
“This airman has always shown courage and a desire to engage the enemy. On one occasion, he pursued a JU88 to within 10 miles of the Sicilian coast and shot it down, thereafter having to fend off attacking aircraft when completely out of ammunition. On another occasion, he destroyed a JU87 over Calafra Bay. In spite of intense fighter opposition, his offensive spirit has on all occasions been outstanding. (London Gazette 29/12/1942)”

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

423037 Flight Sergeant BACON, Sydney Raymond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/1048 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 153, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	RA 533
Radio call sign:	AP – P
Unit:	ATTD 186 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster RA533 took off from RAF Stradishall at 1847 hours on the night of 4/5th April 1945, detailed to bomb a synthetic oil plant at Leuma, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 408434 FO Beck, J A G DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P McNiven (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Bartlett, A E (Navigator)
RAF PO Evans, W G (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423037 Flt Sgt S R Bacon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A R Baker, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G Ballinger, (Rear Gunner)

When outbound, RA533 collided at 2020 hours on the 4th April 1945, with a 186 Sqn RAF Lancaster. Wreckage from both aircraft was scattered between the Waldof Elgershausen and Greitfenthal, 7kms south of Sinn. Germany.

Six of the crew of RA533 were killed and PO Bartlett was injured. Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lntfort, Niedrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

All the crew in the 115 Sqn aircraft were killed.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to FO Beck is as follows :

“ In February 1945, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Wesel. On the take off run the tyre on the starboard wheel burst, causing the axle to drag along the runway and break up. The starboard wing dropped and the aircraft swung wildly. FO Beck succeeded in straightening the aircraft. In gaining height he narrowly missed a hanger. After much difficulty the part of the undercarriage which had not been ripped away was retracted and FO Beck went on to the target and bombed it. On reaching an airfield in this country after completing his mission he executed a masterly landing with the undercarriage retracted. This officer has completed numerous sorties and has invariably displayed the highest standard of skill and resolution. He is an excellent captain whose finer qualities have been well reflected in the operational efficiency of his crew. (London Gazette 6/4/1945, Page 1848).”

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

408434 Flying Officer BECK, James Arthur Gordon, DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/1048 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 153, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	RA 533
Radio call sign:	AP – P
Unit:	ATTD 186 SQN RAF

Summary:

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Crew :

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RAF Sgt P McNiven (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Bartlett, A E (Navigator)
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415610 Flying Officer BREED, John Leonard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/505 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LK 147
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 186 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LK147 took off from RAF Shepherds Grove, Stanton in Bury, St Edmunds, Suffolk, on the 10th May 1945, detailed to carry airborne troops to Norway
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415610 FO Breed, J L Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO R C Impett, (Navigator)
RAAF 410067 WO H J Kilday, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt D Welch, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt L J D Gilyhead (
RAF Flt Sgt H Bell (

The aircraft crashed near Gerdemhen, Norway, and all were killed. At the time of the crash the weather was bad.

Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Flt Sgt's Gilyhead and Bell are buried.
The other four crew members are buried in the Oslo Western Civil Cemetery, Norway.

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

432748 Flight Sergeant BURTON, Wallace Patrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/973 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 489,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 622
Radio call sign:	AP- Z
Unit:	ATTD 186 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK622 took off from RAF Tuddenham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, at 1237 hours on the 20th November 1944, detailed to bomb Homberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 426933 Flt Lt Williamson. G E DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt AE Piggan, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt K H Turner, (Navigator)
RAF FO Winton, E (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423349 WO A E J Stiles, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 432748 Flt Sgt W P Burton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 433197 Flt Sgt H K Coombe, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported later : “The aircraft was shot down by heavy and exploded in the air at Baerl, 4/5kms north east of Moers at 1515 hours on 20th November.” All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to the then FO Williamson attached to 186 Sqn RAF is as follows : “ In November 1944, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Hamburg. When approaching the target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Both the port engines were disabled and only one of the propellers could be feathered. The port petrol tanks were pierced and much of the contents seeped into the wing and fuselage. The aircraft lost height but FO Williamson continued his run to execute a good bombing attack. Afterwards, course was set for base. The aircraft was still gradually losing height and FO Williamson was unable to maintain his place with the main bombing force. A little later the aircraft was again hit. The petrol supply was becoming diminished and it was apparent that England could not be reached. Course was altered and eventually FO Williamson effected a masterly landing in a waterlogged field in friendly territory. In most harassing circumstances this officer displayed skill, courage and tenacity of a high standard.(London Gazette 29/12/1944, Page 5954)

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

433197 Flight Sergeant COOMBE, Herbert Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/973 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 489,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 622
Radio call sign:	AP- Z
Unit:	ATTD 186 SQN RAF

Summary:

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Crew:

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RAF Flt Sgt K H Turner, (Navigator)
RAF FO Winton, E (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423349 WO A E J Stiles, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 432748 Flt Sgt W P Burton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 433197 Flt Sgt H K Coombe, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported later : “The aircraft was shot down by heavy and exploded in the air at Baerl, 4/5kms north east of Moers at 1515 hours on 20th November.” All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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

429404 Flying Officer FREES, John Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/282 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 456, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NG 176
Radio call sign:	AP – H
Unit:	ATTD 186 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NG176 took off from RAF Tuddenham at 1810 hours on the night of 19-20th October 1944, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RNZAF FO Graham I D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E Brunskill, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt W Raine, (Navigator)
RAAF 429404 FO Frees, J R (Air Bomber)
RNZAF FO McFarlane, J D K (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H A Summer, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt F Evans, (Rear Gunner)

It is believed that the aircraft came down at Andilly (Meurthe-et-Moselle), 12kms north of Toul., France. All the crew were killed and they are buried at the Choloy War Cemetery, Locality Meurthe-et-Moselle, France. Choloy is a village 28kms west of Nancy and 5kms west of Toul, a town on the N4 road Paris to Nancy.

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

429965 Flying Officer JAMES, William Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/20/222 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 75, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NG 353
Radio call sign:	AP- X
Unit:	ATTD 186 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NG353 took off from RAF Stradishall at 2203 hours on the night of 13/' 14th February 1945, detailed to bomb Dresden on Operation Thunderclap. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 429965 FO James, W C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J D Hall, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt D Wood, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt A L Bragg, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E M Holliday, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H C Whaites, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Murphy, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported : “ The aircraft was attacked by an enemy night fighter and crashed ar Dresden on 14/2/1945.“
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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

409806 Flight Sergeant KEMMIS, Kenneth Barry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/208 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	P 8751
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 186 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire P8751 took off from RAF Ford at 0157 hours on 14th March 1944, detailed to carry out local night flying. The weather was good but P8751 failed to return to base.

Several messages were received from Flt Sgt Kemmis, but when he was called at 0316 hours and again at 0329 hours there was no reply.

Crew:

RAAF 409806 Flt Sgt K B Kemmis, (Pilot)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported : “ The body of Flt Sgt Kemmis was recovered from the sea by the French on 29/6/1944”.

He is buried in the St Pierre en Port Communal Cemetery, which is approx 24 miles south west of Dieppe.

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

410067 Warrant Officer KILDAY, Hugh Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/505 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LK 147
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 186 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LK147 took off from RAF Shepherds Grove, Stanton in Bury, St Edmunds, Suffolk, on the 10th May 1945, detailed to carry airborne troops to Norway
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415610 FO Breed, J L Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO R C Impett, (Navigator)
RAAF 410067 WO H J Kilday, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt D Welch, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt L J D Gilyhead (
RAF Flt Sgt H Bell (

The aircraft crashed near Gerdemhen, Norway, and all were killed. At the time of the crash the weather was bad.

Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Flt Sgt's Gilyhead and Bell are buried.
The other four crew members are buried in the Oslo Western Civil Cemetery, Norway.

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

Warrant Officer STILES, Arthur Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/973 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 489,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 622
Radio call sign:	AP- Z
Unit:	ATTD 186 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK622 took off from RAF Tuddenham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, at 1237 hours on the 20th November 1944, detailed to bomb Homberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 426933 Flt Lt Williamson. G E DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt AE Piggan, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt K H Turner, (Navigator)
RAF FO Winton, E (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423349 WO A E J Stiles, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 432748 Flt Sgt W P Burton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 433197 Flt Sgt H K Coombe, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported later : “The aircraft was shot down by heavy and exploded in the air at Baerl, 4/5kms north east of Moers at 1515 hours on 20th November.” All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

Citation :

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

426933 Flight Lieutenant WILLIAMSON, George Edward DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/973 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 489,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 622
Radio call sign:	AP- Z
Unit:	ATTD 186 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK622 took off from RAF Tuddenham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, at 1237 hours on the 20th November 1944, detailed to bomb Homberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 426933 Flt Lt Williamson. G E DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt AE Piggan, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt K H Turner, (Navigator)
RAF FO Winton, E (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423349 WO A E J Stiles, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 432748 Flt Sgt W P Burton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 433197 Flt Sgt H K Coombe, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported later : “The aircraft was shot down by heavy and exploded in the air at Baerl, 4/5kms north east of Moers at 1515 hours on 20th November.” All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

Citation :

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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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423075 Flight Sergeant BROWNE, Maxwell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/878 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 300
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD189 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME300 took off from RAF Fulbeck, near Grantham, Lincolnshire. on the night of 4/5th January 1945, detailed to bomb Royan, France, near Roucefort. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF FO Coad, J T Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G A P Hoyson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J C Dunville, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt H B Hodder, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423075 Flt Sgt M Browne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T R Dunne, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Powell, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft successfully attacked the target and shortly after turning for the homeward journey, the aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Cognac in the Department of Charente, France. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Powell baled out and survived.

Those killed are buried in the Cognac (Grouin) Communal Cemetery, France.

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

432517 Flight Sergeant INNES, Auburn Clyde

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/19/84 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 119, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NG 416
Radio call sign:	CA – M
Unit:	ATTD 189 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NG416 took off from RAF Fulbeck at 1805 hours on the night of 7/8th March 1945, detailed to bomb oil production facilities at Harburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Smith, D A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R C Powell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Ward, G M DFC (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt F B Walsh, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432517 Flt Sgt A C Innes, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt D H Henson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E L Preece, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 2225 hours at Ostlich Hassel. Flt Sgt Innes was killed in the crash and Flt Lt Smith and Sgt Henson were injured. They later died on the their injuries.

These three are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side of the road from Hamburg to Hanover. The other four crew members were POW's.

This was the first operational sortie by the crew with the Squadron.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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426438 Flying Officer KELLY, William Desmond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/2422 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 62, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 840
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 189 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB840 took off from RAF Fulbrook, Lincolnshire, at 2018 hours on the 2nd
February 1945, detailed to bomb Karlsruhe, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 426438 FO Kelly, W D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Howarth, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Webb, R J (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt A L James, (Air Bomber)
RNZAF WO J H Grubb, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt F A Fox (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R F Dyson, GM (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported : “ The aircraft crashed at
Unterowisheim on 2nd February 1945. The village of Karlsdorf is situated approx 10
miles west of Unterowisheim. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Dyson was a POW.

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

Sgt Dyson (POW) arrived home on 25th July 1945. He was a pre war regular and gained
his George Medal for his brave actions when Lancaster PB745 crashed on 26/27th
November 1944.

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

428488 Flight Sergeant YOUNG, Robert John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/45/93 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NG 307
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 189 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NG307 took off on the night of 2/3rd February 1945, detailed to bomb Karlsruhe, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Locke, G E Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt J C Whyte, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF Flt Sgt W J Treadwell, (Navigator)
 RAAF 428488 Flt Sgt R J Young, (Air Bomber)
 RAF PO Blencowe, A D (Wireless Operator)
 RAF Sgt G E Brook, (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RAF Sgt R Powell, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at approx 2250 hours on 2nd February 1945, near Jarny France. Five of the crew were killed and PO Blencowe and Sgt Powell were safe. Those killed are buried in the Hotton War Cemetery, Belgium. Hotton is south of Liege on the N86.

Sgt Powell later reported “ I was Rear Gunner in NG307 We took off from base at approx 2015 hours and proceeded on course at 4000 feet in a fair amount of cloud. On reaching position C we commenced to climb to our bombing height of 16,000 feet. We were climbing steadily in thick cloud with no breaks being observed. On reaching 12,000 feet the port wing dipped violently and the aircraft fell away into a steep dive developing into a spin. The engines appeared to be going up till this time The Pilot informed the crew that something was wrong, and presumably attempted to correct the first dive but without success. At about 8/9000 feet I abandoned the aircraft with the rear turret still serviceable up to time of leaving. The aircraft was in a violent spin and completely out of control. When the aircraft crashed the bombs exploded and wreckage was scattered over a wide area.”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413155 Pilot Officer DAVIS, Reginald Austin,

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/862 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 829
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 190 SQN RAF

Summary

Stirling LJ829 took off from RAF Fairford at 1503 hours on the 20th September 1944, detailed to carry out air operations in Holland. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF	FO Matheson, R J Captain (Pilot)
RAAF	413155 PO Davis, R A (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt E F Keen, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF	426206 PO Willett, K (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RCAF	WO1 R W Allen, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt S J Cooke, (2 nd Flight Engineer)
RCAF	WO1 D L Brouse, (Air Gunner)
RASC	Lance Cpl F Rexstrew, Royal Army Service Corps, 253 Airborne Coy.
RASC	Driver J F Leech, Royal Army Service Corps, 253 Airborne Coy.

The aircraft was totally wrecked near Arnhem and all on board were killed. They are buried in the Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery, Netherlands. Arnhem is in Eastern Netherlands, and the cemetery is 7kms west of Arnhem.

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

410499 Flying Officer KIDGELL, Jamews Ian

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/369 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LK 267
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 190 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 21st November 1944, Stirling LK267 was carrying out non operational night glider towing and was engaged in night circuits and landing with a Horsa glider. At approx 2108 hours the glider was released and landed OK. At approx 2117 hours LK267 dropped its towrope and at 2113 hours requested permission to land. The aircraft was told to stand by, and nothing further was heard from the aircraft. The aircraft crashed at approx 2120 hours at Newton Field, Great Dunmow, Essex, UK. Six of the crew were killed, and Sgt Reid died later in hospital of his injuries.

The aircraft hit the ground in practically level flight with all four engines and airscrews under power. It crashed into a bank and exploded on impact.

Crew:

RAAF 410499 FO Kidgell, J I Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF FO Brain, W W D (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Holt, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Woods, E D (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R D Payne, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt R M Dauncey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt A Reid, (Air Gunner)

FO Kidgell, PO Brain and Flt Sgt Reid are buried in the Brookwood Military cemetery, UK. Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

Sgt Holt is buried in the Burnley Cemetery, UK.

PO Woods is buried in the Chapeltown (or Burcross) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Payne is buried in the Lewisham (Hither Green) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Dauncey is buried in the Northwich Cemetery, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

418459 Flight Sergeant NUNN, Kenneth Stanley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166,45,48 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 822
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 190 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ822 took off from RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire, on the night of 11/12th April 1944, detailed to carry out a special operations night flight. The aircraft crashed at 2309 hours on the 11th April at Knighlon Farm, Hampreeton, near Wimborne, Dorset, and all the crew were killed. The aircraft dived into the ground and burst into flames when it hit the ground.

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Sgt P Croudiss, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J W Mitchell, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF Flt Sgt D J Sampson, (Navigator)
RAAF 417690 Flt Sgt L E Ziersch, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418459 Flt Sgt K S Nunn, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF FO Hadley, R S (Air Gunner)

Those killed re buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, UK. Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

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

426677 Flight Sergeant PHILLIPS, Garnet Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/504 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 881
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 190 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ881 took off from RAF Fairford on 21st September 1944, detailed to carry out an operational mission. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Beberfield, B A Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt C F Branson, (Flight Engineer)
 RNZAF pO Yarwood, M J (Navigator)
 RAAF 426677 Flt Sgt G A Phillips, (Air Bomber)
 RCAF Flt Lt Munro L N (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 420476 WO G Morris, (Air Gunner)
 RASC Driver B E Jones, (253 Airborne Coy, RASC)
 RASC Driver Hughes, (253 Airborne Coy, RASC)

The aircraft was hit by flak and shot up by a night fighter.

FO Beberfeld, PO Yarwood, Flt Sgt Phillips and Sgt Branson were killed, and both Flt Lt Munro and WO Morris survived the crash and returned to their unit. They later reported that “they baled out as the aircraft broke up, and that both Jones and Hughes had previously baled out or were blown out of the aircraft.”

The four who lost their lives are buried in the Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. The town of Nijmegen is located south of Arnhem and the cemetery is in the south west part of the town.

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

11348 Flying Officer PORT, Norman Harry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/219 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 827
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 190 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ827 took off from RAF Fairford at 2141 hours on an operational sortie on the night of 25/26th August 1944. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 11348 FO Port, N H Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Newman, F C (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Rosay, C M (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R VG Fulcher, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt K G Garner (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt E T Cornelius, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W T Russell, (2nd Flight Engineer) *
 * Attached from 1665 Heavy Conversion Unit for operational experience)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated :” the aircraft was shot down by ack-ack fire and crashed near Villebougis, France. “
Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Fulcher was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Villeneuve St Georges Old Communal Cemetery, France. Villeneuve St Georges is a town 18kms south east of the centre of Paris and on the Paris-Melun road.

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

426206 Pilot Officer WILLETT, Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/862 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 829
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 190 SQN RAF

Summary

Stirling LJ829 took off from RAF Fairford at 1503 hours on the 20th September 1944, detailed to carry out air operations in Holland. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF FO Matheson, R J Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 413155 PO Davis, R A (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E F Keen, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 426206 PO Willett, K (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RCAF WO1 R W Allen, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S J Cooke, (2nd Flight Engineer)
RCAF WO1 D L Brouse, (Air Gunner)
RASC Lance Cpl F Rexstrew, Royal Army Service Corps, 253 Airborne Coy.
RASC Driver J F Leech, Royal Army Service Corps, 253 Airborne Coy.

The aircraft was totally wrecked near Arnhem and all on board were killed. They are buried in the Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery, Netherlands. Arnhem is in Eastern Netherlands, and the cemetery is 7kms west of Arnhem.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

417690 Flight Sergeant ZIERSCH, Leslie Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166,45,48 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 822
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 190 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ822 took off from RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire, on the night of 11/12th April 1944, detailed to carry out a special operations night flight. The aircraft crashed at 2309 hours on the 11th April at Knighlon Farm, Hampreeton, near Wimborne, Dorset, and all the crew were killed. The aircraft dived into the ground and burst into flames when it hit the ground.

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Sgt P Croudiss, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J W Mitchell, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF Flt Sgt D J Sampson, (Navigator)
RAAF 417690 Flt Sgt L E Ziersch, (Air Bomber)
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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

418143 Pilot Officer MELVILLE, Peter Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 143, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 626
Radio call sign:	DT- V
Unit:	ATTD 192 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW626 took off from RAF Foulsham at 2043 hours on the night of 26/27th March 1944, detailed to carry out special duties in support of Main Bomber Command Force operations over Essen, Germany.
The aircraft was last heard on W/T at 2127 hours transmitting SOS. The signal strength was weak but it was believed the Halifax ditched in the North Sea, some 60 miles off the Norfolk fishing port of Cromer. From the wreck of the aircraft it appeared that rather than a forced landing the aircraft had broken up on impact.

Crew:

RAAF 418143 PO Melville, P G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A J Rogers, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt B F Welch, (Navigator)
RNZAF FO Gray, H G (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T M Cox, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W J Cumberland, (Rear Gunner)
RAF PO Kennedy, R W (Special Equipment Operator)

Seven bodies were recovered. PO Melville, Sgt Welch, FO Gray and Sgt Rogers are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

Sgt Wilson is buried in the New Hall Lane Cemetery, Preston, UK.

PO Kennedy is buried in the Eenrum (Wierhuizen) Protestant Cemetery, Netherlands.

Sgt Cumberland is buried in the Schiermonnikoog (Vredenhof) Cemetery, Netherlands.

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

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415345 Flight Lieutenant MITCHELL, William Hewitt Power

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/799 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 94, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NA 241
Radio call sign:	DT – O
Unit:	ATTD 192 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NA241 took off from RAF Foulsham at 1610 hours on the night of 23/24th February 1945, detailed to carry out a special duty flight to support the Bomber Command Force attacking the marshalling yards at Pforzheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415345 Flt Lt Mitchell, W H P Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F Perkins, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A K Goodall, (Navigator)
RAF FO Clark, A V (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J L Kerr, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt T G Campbell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R N Seager, (Rear Gunner)
RAF PO Powell, R (Special duties operator)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported that “the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed near Mauren on 23/2/1945. Mauren is a village approx 12 miles north west of Stuttgart. Seven of the crew were killed and PO Powell was a safe.

PO Powell later reported “ On being hit by cannon fire from a night fighter, I saw the mid Upper Gunner vacate his seat and adjust his chute. I could receive nothing on the inter com, I therefore did likewise (put on chute). I beckoned to the Mid Upper to bale out but he refused to move. I therefore bypassed him. The aircraft seemed to go in a vertical dive as I left by the side door, but as I was about to hit the deck, I saw a sheet of flame and the aircraft burning. The Germans told me that all the others were dead. “.

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

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432425 Flight Sergeant PATERSON, Dallas Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/681 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 94, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 449
Radio call sign:	DT – Y
Unit:	ATTD 192 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ449 took off from RAF Foulsham at 1625 hours on the night of 23/24th February 1945, on a special duty flight accompanying the Bomber Command force attacking a marshalling yard at Pforzheim. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt G A Morgan, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E Spencer, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt A M Brunton, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt J F Carvell, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432425 Flt Sgt D J Paterson, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt W M Wilkinson, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L W Greaves, (Air Gunner)
RAF FO Barking, G E (Specialist Equipment Operator)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed near Neuhausen on 23 February 1945, which is 18 miles west of Stuttgart. Six of the crew were killed, and Sgt Greaves and FO Barking were POW's.

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

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421118 Pilot Officer THOMPSON, David McNab

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5241379 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 318, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 621
Radio call sign:	DT – Q
Unit:	ATTD 192 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW621 took off from RAF Foulsham at 2349 hours on the night of 4/5th July 1944, detailed to carry out Operation BS. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 421118 PO Thompson, D McN Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E A Padley, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Birkin, W (Navigator)
RAF PO Aiston, A (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt T Charlesworth, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Smith, R L (Specialist Operator)
RAF Sgt G Richards, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W F Schofield, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was believed to have crashed into the sea and all the crew were killed.

FO Thompson is buried in the Calais Canadian War Cemetery, France.

Sgt Padley is buried in the Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery, Hutot-Sur-Mer Locality
Seine- Maritime, France.

PO Aiston is buried in the Mahon-Plage Communal Cemetery, France.

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

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4!6016 Flight Sergeant BRITTEN-JONES, Ansell Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/107 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	FK 411
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 194 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hudson FK411 crashed at Palam India, on 15th April 1943. The aircraft had just become airborne with the undercarriage nearly or completely retracted, when it banked slightly into wind, lost height and struck the ground with both engines running. The aircraft burst into flames and was destroyed.

Crew:

RAAF	Flt Sgt A E Britten-Jones, Captain (Pilot)	
RAF	Flt Sgt A Brown, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)	
RAF	PO Andrew, F J (Navigator Bomb Aimer)	Injured
RCAF	PO Curtis, J R (Pilot)	Injured
RAF	PO Herring, E L (Pilot)	Injured
RAAF	405558 Sgt F Gloster, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Injured

Flt Sgt Britten-Jones and Sgt Brown were killed in the crash, and the other four on board were injured.

Flt Sgt Britten-Jones and Sgt Brown are buried in the Delhi War Cemetery, India. .

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419070 Flying Officer NEELANDS, Neil William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/29/263 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	KK 175
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 194 SQN RAF

Summary:

A Court of Inquiry into an aircraft accident to Dakota KK175 which occurred on the 20th June 1945, found that the aircraft was slightly descending through cloud, with the likelihood that a 1250 foot high mountainous peak was obscured by cloud or rain. KK175 first struck a tree, and a second tree ripped off the port main plane. The aircraft then ploughed through undergrowth and made final impact on a rocky hillside resulting in the forepart of the aircraft containing the crew being almost totally burnt out. The aircraft crashed at Kyaukpya, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Wg Cdr Crawford, R C DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 419070 FO Neelands, N W (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Forrester, F M (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 437031 WO A O Walkington, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar. The cemetery is located in the village of Taukkyan, which is about 35kms north of Yangon (formerly Rangoon).

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413791 Warrant Officer PEARCE, Walter Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/413 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	FZ 600
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 194 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 19th April 1944, Dakota FZ600 crashed into a hillside when dropping supplies in the Northern Indian area, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RCAF PO Christie, B R Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 413791 WO W D Pearce, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RCAF WO G W Hansford, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Tattie, C E (Wireless Air Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Kohima War Cemetery, Assam, Northern India. Kohima is capital of Nagaland State and is some 200kms from the Indo/Burmese border. (now known as the Indo/Myanmar border)

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401051 Flying Officer RICHARDSON, Paul Walter Wallace

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/330 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	FZ 644
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 194 SQN RAF

Summary

On 24th August 1944, Dakota FZ644 was detailed to carry out a supply drop on an advanced Army column operating in the Indian area, and on completion of this task drop some maps to another Army columns in the same area. The aircraft took off at 1600 hours and should have been back by 18/1900 hours.

Unfortunately the monsoon was very active in the area and when the aircraft arrived over the drop zone, it was covered with thick low lying cloud. The crew knew the supplies were vital to the Army and stayed in the area until 1900 hours when they were able to drop the supplies. Although the night was fast approaching they attempted to deliver the maps, and flying over difficult mountainous terrain the aircraft crashed into a hillside and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt A Downie, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF PO Leisham, J C (Navigator)
 RAAF 401051 FO Richardson, P W W (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF WO N B J Melrose, (Wireless Operator Air)
 RCAF PO Fletcher, L W (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt M G C Hunter-Mushett, (Wireless Operator Air)

Commonwealth War Graves do not record where PO Leisham and Flt Sgt Hunter-Mushett are buried.

The other four crew members are buried in the Ranchi War Cemetery, India. Ranchi is a town in the State of Jharkand, about 419kms north west of Calcutta.

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407378 Flying Officer SCOTT, Geoffrey Colin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/377 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 194 SQN RAF

Summary:

FO Scott (Wireless Air Gunner) attached to 194 Sqn RAF, died of an illness on the 18th April 1944. He is buried in the Rawalpindi War Cemetery, Pakistan.

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437031 Warrant Officer WALKINGTON, Allan Oliver

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/29/263 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	KK 175
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 194 SQN RAF

Summary:

A Court of Inquiry into an aircraft accident to Dakota KK175 which occurred on the 20th June 1945, found that the aircraft was slightly descending through cloud, with the likelihood that a 1250 foot high mountainous peak was obscured by cloud or rain. KK175 first struck a tree, and a second tree ripped off the port main plane. The aircraft then ploughed through undergrowth and made final impact on a rocky hillside resulting in the forepart of the aircraft containing the crew being almost totally burnt out. The aircraft crashed at Kyaukpya, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Wg Cdr Crawford, R C DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 419070 FO Neelands, N W (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Forrester, F M (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 437031 WO A O Walkington, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar. The cemetery is located in the village of Taukkyan, which is about 35kms north of Yangon (formerly Rangoon).

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426292 Flight Sergeant BAMBRICK, Virgil Gilbert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/222 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page473, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 689
Radio call sign:	A4 – B
Unit:	ATTD 195 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK689 took off from RAF Witchford at 1129 hours on the 4th November 1944, detailed to bomb Solingen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 429465 Flt Sgt W V Loughnan, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F T H Rookwood, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt F K Derby, (Navigator)
RAAF 426292 Flt Sgt V G Bambrick, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R F Holland, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W M James, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt F P J Smith, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ The aircraft crashed near Wermelskirchen on 4th November 1944, which is located approx 18 miles south east of Dusseldorf.’

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt James was a POW.

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

In a POW report Sg James stated “ I was blown out of the aircraft by an explosion and believe it probable that the rest of the crew were killed. The aircraft crashed near Dusseldorf.”

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417706 Flight Lieutenant HERAPATH, Ronald Martin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/908 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 508, Volume 1944..

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 697
Radio call sign:	A4 – C
Unit:	ATTD 195 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK697 took off from RAF Wrattling Common at 1126 hours on the 12th
December 1944,detailed to bomb Witten, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 417706 Flt Lt Herapath, RM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R C Starkey, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt D J Job, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W H A Horton, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W T Hartland, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Halliwell, A E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Creaser, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported later “ The aircraft crashed at Oberwiese
on he Dortmund-Ems Canal. The lockkeeper stated that the aircraft exploded.”

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Horton was a POW. Those killed are buried in the
Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Weestfalen, Germany. The
cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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429465 Flight Sergeant LOUGHNAN, Walter Veith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/222 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page473, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 689
Radio call sign:	A4 – B
Unit:	ATTD 195 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK689 took off from RAF Witchford at 1129 hours on the 4th November 1944, detailed to bomb Solingen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 429465 Flt Sgt W V Loughnan, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F T H Rookwood, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt F K Derby, (Navigator)
RAAF 426292 Flt Sgt V G Bambrick, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R F Holland, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W M James, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt F P J Smith, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “ The aircraft crashed near Wermelskirchen on 4th November 1944, which is located approx 18 miles south east of Dusseldorf.’

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt James was a POW.

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

In a POW report Sg James stated “ I was blown out of the aircraft by an explosion and believe it probable that the rest of the crew were killed. The aircraft crashed near Dusseldorf.”

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419096 Flight Sergeant MOREY, Mervyn Langdon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/434 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 473, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NG 219
Radio call sign:	JE – T
Unit:	ATTD 195 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster N219 took off from RAF Witchford at 1135 hours on the 4th November 1944, detailed to bomb Salingen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF WO E M Morris, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S P Hunt (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt G S Brown, (Navigator)
RCAF FO Mortimer, G A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419096 Flt Sgt M L Morey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt I I Cohen, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R W Tilsed, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Solingen, which is approx 13 miles south east of Dusseldorf.

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

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27513 Flying Officer CARROLL, Neville

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/849 Digitised. Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LK 193
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 196 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LK193 took off from RAF Shepherds Grove, Stanton, Norfolk at 2230 hours on the night of 2/3rd April 1945, detailed to carry out a night operations container drop in Denmark. The aircraft was observed flying very low in a north easterly direction, and it crashed in the North Sea and exploded close to shore off Cromer, Norfolk. All the crew were killed. .

Crew:

RAAF 27513 FO Carroll, N Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Flt Sgt A O Bennett, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF WO G Hughes, (Navigator)
 RAF WO S J V Philo, (Air Bomber)
 RAF WO J Grain, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt R E Marshall, (Air Gunner)

FO Carroll, WO Hughes, WO Philo, WO Grain and Flt Sgt Marshall are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

Flt Sgt Bennett is buried in the Hinckley (Barwell) Cemetery, UK.

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410069 Warrant Officer LEES, John Hugh

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/348 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 842
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 196 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ842 took off from RAF Keevil, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, at 1820 hours on the evening of 4th April 1944, detailed carry out a Horsa glider towing exercise. The aircraft crashed at dusk at 2100 hours near Ramsey and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 410069 WO J H Lees, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S Meera, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Teece, J R (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J T Wilkinson, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 408353 Flt Sgt K Payne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S Claypole, (Rear Gunner)

A report into the accident stated “ The Horsa had either just cast off or the rope broke near Petersfield and the tug was probably heading for base. The reasons for the crash are unclear. LJ842 was seen flying over Romsey at a low altitude and not in any apparent difficulty. It was possible that the pilot was flying above 10/10ths cloud over Winchester and came down to see where he was, but got too low and in avoiding a slight hill over Romsey, the aircraft stalled and it struck the ground at a fairly steep angle.”

WO Lees and Flt Sgt Payne are buried in the Bath (HSomerset, UK.

Sgt Meera is buried in the Gateshead East Cemetery,UK.

FO Teece is buried in the Dudley (St Augustine Holly Hall) Churchyard, UK.

Sg Wilkinson is buried in the South Shields (Harton) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Claypole is buried in the Nottingham Church Cemetery, UK.

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408353 Flight Sergeant PAYNE, Kenrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/348 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records

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401713 Flying Officer SMITH, Dick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/591 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 196 SQN RAF

Summary:

When on leave on 30th June 1944, FO Smith was killed when a flying bomb fell in Aldwych, London. Also killed was 3913 Flt Sgt Ferguson O E BEM, (RAAF)
Both are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, UK. Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

Two other Australians were injured at the time. viz 406845 Flt Lt Greville, I W and 412896 FO Burney, SW.

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422761 Warrant Officer STEVENSON, John Daglish

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/951 NAA : A9300 Barcode 52421021
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 245
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 196 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ245 took off from RAF Shepherds Grove, Stanton, Suffolk, on the night of 25/26th February 1945, detailed to bomb the target at Navarsgard, Norway. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420304 FO Tickner, R G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt G R Humphrey, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422649 WO R W Mann, (Navigator)
RAAF 423986 FO Caldwell, J H (Air Bomber)
RAAF 422761 WO J D Stevenson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 423888 PO Quirk, E R (Air Gunner)

Three of the crew were killed and FP Caldwell, PO Quirk and WO Mann were POW's.

FO Tickner has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK. The aircraft is at the bottom of Holen Lake in Norway, and that the body of FO Tickner is in the aircraft.

WO Stevenson and Flt Sgt Humphrey are buried in the Arendal Hosedal Cemetery, Norway. Arendal is a large town on the south east coast of Norway.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415291 Pilot Officer WHITAKER, Richard Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/331 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 315,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EE 964
Radio call sign:	ZO – F
Unit:	ATTD 196 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EE964 took off from RAF Watchford, Ely Cambridgeshire, at 2000 hours on the night of 5/6th September 1943, detailed to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Norris, F Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 415291 PO Whitaker, R R (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt G W Moss, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt T C Foster, (Navigator)
RAF FO Ayling, K A C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt F J Brown, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A E G Price, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Sgt R A Newman, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Bachenuau near Mannheim, at 0100 hours on the 6th September, 1943. Seven of the crew were killed and Sgt Newman was a POW.

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

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

437196 Pilot Officer CASEY, Raymond Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/969 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	SW 472
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 198 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blue and Green sections (4 aircraft in each section) took off at 0945 hours to attack a train west of Wallnufen. Green No 1 turned back and PO Casey flying Green No3 took over the Section. The aircraft arrived over the target at 1020 hours and attacked through scattered cloud 5/10ths at 3000 feet. Blue section attacked first after Green section had made a pass at the target without actually firing.

Considerable light flak was encountered from the target area and after breaking away Blue Leader heard Casey call up seeking permission to carry out a further attack. Blue Leader told him not to attack again, but the Section was on its way down by then. After breaking and climbing Green No 2 saw SW472 in a gentle gliding turn at about 1500 feet and on fire. The aircraft crashed a little north of the target. Casey did not use his R/T again nor was he seen to bale out.

Crew:

RAAF 437196 PO Casey, R T (Pilot)

PO Casey is buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Sotau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side of the road from Hamburg to Hanover.

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

412874 Pilot Officer FROST, John Thomas Naldrett

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/254 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	MN 719
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 198 SQN RAF

Summary:

Typhoon MN719 took off at 1350 hours on 20th August 1944, detailed to attack concentrations of enemy tanks and transports. The attack was very successful, but MN719 was hit by light flak and was seen turn over when attempting a forced landing. The aircraft crashed at Vimoutiers, Normandy, France, in close proximity to the enemy lines and the pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 412874 PO Frost, J T N (Pilot)

PO Frost is buried in the St Desir War Cemetery, France. St Desir is a village on the N13 to Caen, and 4kms west of Lisieux.

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

405916 Pilot Officer Laman, Stanley Maxwell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/255 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	JR 435
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 198 SQN RAF

Summary:

Typhoon JR435 took off from RAF Manston at 1634 hours on the 13th January 1944, in a formation of six aircraft, detailed to carry out a Ranger operation to cover German Air Force bases north of north west Paris.

On the way over PO Laman joined with his leader Sqn Ldr Bryan in chasing a Geeland transport, and his No 1 eventually shot it down JR435 sustained no damage and reformed and resumed course in the normal way. Near Champagne a bank of low mist was encountered, as the Leader circled the formation north. Due to bad weather and changing weather they suddenly emerged over Juvincourt airfield at a height of 50 feet. Ground defences put up an intense barrage of light ack-ack and Laman's aircraft was hit apparently by 40mm HE in one of the tanks. The aircraft crashed vertically in a blazing mass in the centre of the landing field.

Crew:

RAAF 405196 PO Laman, S M (Pilot)

PO Laman is buried in the Roye New British Cemetery, France. Roye is a commune in the Department of the Somme, 40kms south east of Amiens.

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

409272 Flight Sergeant OSBORNE, Edgar Thomas Leslie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/98 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	NP 591
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 198 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 2nd September 1943, Typhoon NP591 in conjunction with 3 other aircraft from the Squadron took off from RAF Manston on 2nd September 1943. The formation attacked a group of shipping in the Westerschelde at about 1020 hours. Flt Sgt Osborne successfully attacked a barge and then the aircraft was seen to dive on a tug from about 500 feet, firing as he went and scoring many hits As the aircraft reached mast top height, FO Jones who was following Osborne into the attack saw NP591 flick over on its back, dive into the water and break up.

A Missing Research & Enquiry team, Holland, later reported that “Flt Sgt Osborne’s body was washed ashore at Rilland-Bath situated on the eastern extremity of the Island of Zuid Beveland. “

Flt Sgt Osborne is buried in the Bergen-op-Zoom, Canadian War Cemetery, Netherlands. The cemetery is located on the coast of Holland near the Belgium border.

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

420497 Flying Officer PARKES, William George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/322 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	JR 447
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 198 SQN RAF

Summary:

Typhoon JR447 took off from RAF Manston at 1040 hours on 9th March 1944, together with three other aircraft from the Squadron, detailed to carry out a Ranger operation on targets south of Paris. Owing to very thick haze over Paris all the aircraft were obliged to return to base.

On the return journey FO Abbott (No 1 to Parkes) observed that both wing tips of JB447 were damaged. It was believed the aircraft had flown between two obstructions while flying in formation at zero feet.

FO Parkes reached the English coast in the vicinity of Dungeness accompanied by Abbott although he was apparently having difficulty controlling his machine. Parkes informed his No1 that he was running short of petrol and intended to force land at Lydd. At approx 1225 hours Parkes endeavoured to land but when only a few feet off the ground he decided to make another circuit. The aircraft did not climb and it hit a clump of trees at the edge of Lydd airfield, and burst into flames. FO Parkes was taken to a clearing station but died of his injuries on 9 March 1944.

Crew:

RAAF 420497 FO Parkes W G (Pilot)

FO Parkes is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, UK. Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

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

412747 Warrant Officer STOKES, Gordon Jeffrey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/549 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	JP 503
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 198 SQN RAF

Summary:

Typhoon JP503 flown by WO Stokes, was one of a formation of 12 aircraft from the Squadron (3 sections of 4) which took off on 7th June 1944. The Section the WO Stokes was flying in located a tank just west of Corneilles and proceeded to attack. The pilot who attacked before Stokes saw tracer bullets from a machine gun near the target. JF503 attacked and the aircraft was hit by machine gun fire. The aircraft was seen to pull up from the attack with a small flame coming from under the starboard wing. WO Stokes took the aircraft up under control and went into cloud at approx 1200 feet.

During the climb the Formation Leader saw an object fall away from the aircraft, which he believed to be the cockpit hood. JF503 was then seen to come out of the cloud, and crash at approx 0910 hours, 4 miles WSW of Corneilles. No one saw WO Stokes bale out from the aircraft and he was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 412747 WO G J Stokes (Pilot)

WO Stokes is buried in the Les Moutiers-Hubert Churchyard, Calvados, France
Les Moutiers-Hubert is a village and commune 18kms south of Lisieux.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

410936 Flight Sergeant ALLEN, Keith Fowler

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/184 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 110, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 480
Radio call sign:	EX – S
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ480 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 1911 hours on the night of 11'12th March 1944, detailed to carry out a gardening mine laying operation off the south west coast of France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 410936 Flt Sgt K F Allen, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Tym, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 410509 Flt Sgt T G D Mills, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C R West, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W H Ebsworth, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Clark, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R H Cantwell, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down in wooded country at Le Pin Sec near Lake Hourtin, France, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Naujac-Sur-Mer Communal Cemetery, France. Naujac is a village about 54kmks north west of Bordeaux.

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

413357 Flight Sergeant DAVEY, Allan John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/9/159 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 303, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EE 946
Radio call sign:	EX – P
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EE946 took off from RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk, at 2017 hours on the night of 31st/1st September 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 413357 Flt Sgt A J Davey, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W A Crawford, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Flt Sgt R E Adam (Navigator)
RAF Sgt B J Kennell, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt L E Short, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt D Scott, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 425253 Flt Sgt K J Wilkes, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported : “the aircraft was attacked by a night fighter and crashed at Schlalch, 35 miles SW of Berlin.”

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

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

432360 Warrant Officer DENT, Ian Wilshire

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 16/9/661 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 177, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NA 259
Radio call sign:	EX -
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NA259 took off from RAF North Creake at 1458 hours on the 25th June 1945, to carry out a non-operational air test. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 432360 WO I W Dent, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R E G Seymour, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF PO Way, W (Navigator)
RAF Sg A M Adams, (Air Gunner)

At about 1515 the aircraft was observed flying low over the sea and turning inland towards the beach at Cromer, Norfolk. Moments later it crashed at the foot of the cliffs, bursting into flames and all the crew were killed.

An investigation into the accident reported “ Eye witnesses state that on the approach to the beach all engines were throttled back and smoke was issuing from the outer engine or main plane. It was also stated that the aircraft had an ‘unusual sound’ when flying over Cromer at 1000 feet. It appeared that a forced landing was essential. “

The Station Commander at North Creake stated “I proceeded to the scene of the accident within the hour. .It appears that something as yet undefined, was wrong with the aircraft. The remains of the aircraft are badly smashed and it is doubtful if an examination will reveal anything. It would seem that the pilot had some idea to execute a belly landing on the beach as the spot would have been very suitable. In my opinion if this theory is correct, the pilot failed in his intention because of the crowds on the beach and changed his mind too late.”

WO Dent is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

Sgt Seymour is buried in the Reading (Henley Road) Cemetery, UK.

PO Way is buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Sgt Adams is buried in the Wells-Next-The-Sea Cemetery, UK.

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

411636 Flight Sergeant ELSLEY, Henry Cecil

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/103 Digitised, Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 286, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EH 934
Radio call sign:	EX – K
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EH934 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 2045 hours on the night of 23/24th
August 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off
and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 401933 PO Fisher, R G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J C Parkinson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt N Kendall, (Navigator)
RAAF 411936 PO Nairn, C M (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E H Cuff, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R G C Forbes, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 411636 Flt Sgt H C Elsley, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was attacked by a night fighter and crashed at Ruhlsdorf, which is 12 miles
south west of Berlin All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945
War Cemetery, Germany.

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408569 Warrant Officer FINLAYSON, Alexandre Douglas DFM

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/119 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 298, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EE 917
Radio call sign:	EX – L
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EE917 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 0040 hours on the night of 30/31st August 1943 detailed to bomb Munchengladbach, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 408833 Flt Sgt A A Harlem, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J T Smith (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt W BH Julian, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt I N McLaren, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412129 Flt Sgt F E Gee, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H E Elphick, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R H G Ellis, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 408569 WO A D Finlayson, DFM (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0356 hours on 31st August 1943, at Eind (Limburg), 6kms north east of Weert. All the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Eindhoven (Woensel General) Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Eindhoven is located 31kms south east of s'Hertogenbosch and 14kms south west of Helmond.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFM awarded to the then Sgt Finlayson of 199 Sqn and promulgated in the London Gazette of 4/6/1943, is as follows :

“ This NCO Has shown outstanding ability and devotion to duty of the highest order.

When returning from a raid on Essen on 5th March 1943, he was rear gunner in a Wellington bomber which was attacked repeatedly by an enemy fighter. Despite the damage that was caused in this aircraft, he continued to fire at the enemy at each attack, causing it to break off its engagement When returning from the attack on Dortmund on the night of 4th May 1943, Sgt Finlayson was rear gunner of a Wellington bomber which was shadowed by two enemy fighters. When one of these closed to attack, this NCO regardless of the imminent danger, held his fire until the enemy aircraft was in comfortable range, and then handling his guns with cool determination, with two bursts of fire shot down the attacker. By his coolness and presence of mind this NCO undoubtedly saved the lives of the crew and much valuable equipment. His courage, skill

and devotion to duty in action have been an inspiration to the crew and I consider his devotion to duty fully merits the immediate award of the DFM.”

Remarks by the Station Commander : “ Sgt McLaren the Air Bomber in Sgt Harem’s crew confirms that an enemy aircraft attacked by Sgt Finlayson burst into flames and was seen to hit the ground. Instead of calling for evasive action as a means of defence, this NCO preferred to attack the enemy under the best circumstances possible and for his ability and courage in accomplishing the difficult feat of shooting down an enemy night fighter, I strongly recommend him for the immediate award of the DFM.

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401933 Pilot Officer FISHER, Russell Gardiner

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/103 Digitised, Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 286, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EH 934
Radio call sign:	EX – K
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EH934 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 2045 hours on the night of 23/24th
August 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off
and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 401933 PO Fisher, R G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J C Parkinson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt N Kendall, (Navigator)
RAAF 411936 PO Nairn, C M (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E H Cuff, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R G C Forbes, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 411636 Flt Sgt H C Elsley, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was attacked by a night fighter and crashed at Ruhlsdorf, which is 12 miles
south west of Berlin All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945
War Cemetery, Germany.

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412129 Flight Sergeant GEE, Frank Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/119 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 298, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EE 917
Radio call sign:	EX – L
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EE917 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 0040 hours on the night of 30/31st August 1943 detailed to bomb Monchengladbach, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 408833 Flt Sgt A A Harlem, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J T Smith (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt W BH Julian, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt I N McLaren, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412129 Flt Sgt F E Gee, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H E Elphick, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R H G Ellis, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 408569 WO A D Finlayson, DFM (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0356 hours on 31st August 1943, at Eind (Limburg), 6kms north east of Weert. All the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Eindhoven (Woensel General) Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Eindhoven is located 31kms south east of s'Hertogenbosch and 14kms south west of Helmond.

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408833 Flight Sergeant HARLEM, Athol Asher

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/119 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 298, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EE 917
Radio call sign:	EX – L
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EE917 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 0040 hours on the night of 30/31st August 1943 detailed to bomb Monchengladbach, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 408833 Flt Sgt A A Harlem, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J T Smith (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt W BH Julian, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt I N McLaren, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412129 Flt Sgt F E Gee, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H E Elphick, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R H G Ellis, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 408569 WO A D Finlayson, DFM (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0356 hours on 31st August 1943, at Eind (Limburg), 6kms north east of Weert. All the crew were killed.

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421428 Flight Sergeant LAMBOURNE, Henry Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/185 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 82, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EF 271
Radio call sign:	EX – F
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EF271 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 2305 hours on the night of 15/16th February 1944, detailed to carry out a mission of cooperation with the Free French forces of the Interior. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416614 PO Robinson, K A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R A Williams, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R Stubbings, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G Caine, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 421428 Flt Sgt H E Lambourne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Jackson, J A (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Whimpenney, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Vergt in the Dordogne, 22kms south of Perigueux, France.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in Mazargues War Cemetery, 6kms south east from the centre of Marseilles.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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424778 Squadron Leader MERRYFULL, Charles Joseph MBE

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/1008 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	PZ 178
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito PZ178 crashed at RAF Docking airfield at 1018 hours on the 8th July 1945.
The aircraft was seen to break up in the air due to a structural failure. Sqn Ldr Merryfull was flight testing an automatic Window launcher.

Crew:

RAAF 424778 Sqn Ldr Merryfull, C J MBE (Pilot)
RAF LAC F Grady (E)

Sqn Ldr Merryfull is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.
LAC Grady is buried in the St Helens Cemetery, UK.

Sqn Ldr Merryfull's MBE was promulgated in London Gazette 1st January 1946.

An extract from Page 227 of W R Chorley's Volume 8 is as follows :

“ Debris from the Mosquito fell near the Norfolk village of Docking, some 14 miles north east of King's Lynn. A detailed report was later published of the tragedy in which it was reported that the port “Window” tank had detached, due to the failure of the attachment beam. As the tank fell away it was believed it struck the tail plane and caused the Mosquito to dive out of control. Instinctively, it was thought, the Pilot pulled back on the control column imposing severe “g” forces on the starboard wing, which then broke off.”

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410509 Flight Sergeant MILLS, Thomas George David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/184 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 110, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 480
Radio call sign:	EX – S
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ480 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 1911 hours on the night of 11'12th March 1944, detailed to carry out a gardening mine laying operation off the south west coast of France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 410936 Flt Sgt K F Allen, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Tym, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 410509 Flt Sgt T G D Mills, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C R West, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W H Ebsworth, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Clark, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R H Cantwell, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down in wooded country at Le Pin Sec near Lake Hourtin, France, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Naujac-Sur-Mer Communal Cemetery, France. Naujac is a village about 54kmks north west of Bordeaux.

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423162 Flight Sergeant MORRISON, William Hugh

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5537392, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 333,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EE 947
Radio call sign:	EX – D
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EE947 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 1915 hours on the night of 24/25th September 1943, detailed to carry out mine laying off the Frisians Islands. The aircraft returned early and at 2139 hours, in zero wind conditions ran off the end of the runway, coming to a stop with its undercarriage collapsed. Six of the crew were injured and Flt Sgt Morrison was killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt K A Robinson, Captain (Pilot),
RAF Sgt C N Williams, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A R McLean, (Navigator)
RAAF 423162 Flt Sgt W H Morrison, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H E Lambourn, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D W Pratt (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J W Collins, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Morrison is buried in the Beck Row (St John) Churchyard, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

411226 Warrant Officer MURRAY, Hugh George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/169 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

WO Murray and Air Gunner was knocked down by a lorry in High St, Lakenheath, Suffolk at approx 9pm on 22nd October 1943 and killed.

He is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

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411936 Pilot Officer NAIRN, Clifford Morton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/103 Digitised, Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 286, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EH 934
Radio call sign:	EX – K
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EH934 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 2045 hours on the night of 23/24th
August 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off
and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 401933 PO Fisher, R G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J C Parkinson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt N Kendall, (Navigator)
RAAF 411936 PO Nairn, C M (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E H Cuff, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R G C Forbes, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 411636 Flt Sgt H C Elsley, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was attacked by a night fighter and crashed at Ruhlsdorf, which is 12 miles
south west of Berlin All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945
War Cemetery, Germany.

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401659 Pilot Officer ODGERS, Thomas Rex

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 292, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EE 193
Radio call sign:	EX - F
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EE193 took off from RAF Lakenheath on the night of 27/28th August 1943, detailed to bomb Nurnberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 401659 PO Odgers, T R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt C E Gregory, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt R E J Rees, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt L W Davies, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt B J Barton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T WA Wilkes, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RNZAF Flt Sgt B T E Parker, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Futtersee, 13kms NNE of Scheinfeld, Germany, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

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416614 Pilot Officer ROBINSON, Kevin Alphonsus

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/185 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 82, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EF 271
Radio call sign:	EX – F
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EF271 took off from RAF Lakenheath at 2305 hours on the night of 15/16th February 1944, detailed to carry out a mission of cooperation with the Free French forces of the Interior. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416614 PO Robinson, K A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R A Williams, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R Stubbings, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G Caine, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 421428 Flt Sgt H E Lambourne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Jackson, J A (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Whimpenney, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Vergt in the Dordogne, 22kms south of Perigueux, France.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in Mazargues War Cemetery, 6kms south east from the centre of Marseilles.

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425365 Flight Sergeant SAVAGE, Richard Thomas Percival

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/555 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 437, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 518
Radio call sign:	EX – K
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ518 took off from RAF North Creake at 1902 hours on the night of 25/26th September 1944, detailed to carry out a special mission and provide a Mandrell screen. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Chatwin, F R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A W Loveland, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 425365 Flt Sgt R T P Savage, (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt C S Henderson, (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Barham, L A (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R C Saddler, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt P O Roberts, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J W Naylor, (Rear Gunner)

On returning from the operation the aircraft was descending through cloud when it ploughed into tree tops. Power was applied and the aircraft climbed steeply before diving into the ground at 2145 hours at Edgefield Street, 3 miles NNW of Sculthorpe in Norfolk. All the crew were killed.

PO Chatwin was cremated at the Birmingham Municipal Crematorium, UK.
Flt Sgt's Savage and Henderson are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.
Sgt Loveland is buried in the West Wickham (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK.
FO Barham is buried in the Cawstonj Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Saddler is buried in the Hastings Cemetery, Sussex, UK.
Sgt Roberts is buried in the Beddgelert New Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Naylor is buried in the Gedney Hill (Holy Trinity) Churchyard, UK.

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408713 Flight Sergeant SULLIVAN, J Charles Barry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/42 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 38, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 507
Radio call sign:	EX – E
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK507 took off from RAF Ingham at 1925 hours on the night of 7/8th
February 1943, detailed to bomb Lorient, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Powell, K Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A E Keeton, ((Pilot)
RAF Sgt M J Norgate, (Navigate)
RAF Sgt D C Pennycook, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 408713 Flt Sgt C B Sullivan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R V Baker, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the target area and all the crew were killed.
They are buried in the Guidel Communal Cemetery, France.
Guidel is a village 60kms WNW of Vannes and 10kms NW Lorient.

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425253 Flight Sergeant WILKES, Kevin John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/9/159 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 303, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EE 946
Radio call sign:	EX – P
Unit:	ATTD 199 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EE946 took off from RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk, at 2017 hours on the night of 31st/1st September 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 413357 Flt Sgt A J Davey, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W A Crawford, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Flt Sgt R E Adam (Navigator)
RAF Sgt B J Kennell, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt L E Short, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt D Scott, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 425253 Flt Sgt K J Wilkes, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported : “the aircraft was attacked by a night fighter and crashed at Schlalch, 35 miles SW of Berlin.”

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

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405407 Sergeant GUY, Frank Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/14 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	FK 578
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 200 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hudson FK578 took off from RAF Station Takoradi, West African Forces, on 7th January 1943. Soon after the aircraft became airborne it struck rising ground and crashed, and fire completely destroyed the aircraft. Three of the crew were killed in the crash and Sgt Guy died of his injuries later.

Crew:

RAAF 408135 Sgt R C Payne, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 401179 Sgt W J T Watson, (Navigator)
RAAF 405407 Sgt F E Guy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D J Adams, (Wireless Air Gunner)

In a later enquiry into the accident it was considered that the cause of the crash was 'during a dark take off the pilot failed to maintain a safe rate of climb after becoming airborne and flew into rising ground approx 400 yards south of the runway.'
The Station Commander stated. The failure to maintain a safe rate of climb was probably due to pilot lag in changing over from visual to instruments when airborne.

All the crew are buried in the Takoradi European Public Cemetery, Ghana.

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408135 Sergeant PAYNE, Reginald Charles

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401179 Sergeant WATSON, William JamesThomas

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