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

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

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

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

He has written and published eight books on RAAF fatalities in the eight RAAF Squadrons serving in RAF Bomber Command in WW2.

He is a member of Canberra Legacy.

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*Alan Storr. A WW2 photo of the Author*

## RAAF WW2 FATALITIES BY CATEGORIES

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

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## **REFERENCE SOURCES :**

Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Print Outs.

AWM 237 (65) RAAF WW2 Fatalities by Squadrons

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

AWM 65 ( ) Citations held by Australian War Memorial

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

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

Veteran Affairs Nominal Roll 1939-1947 RAAF members .

Commonwealth War Graves records.

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

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

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

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## **SECOND WORLD WAR OVERVIEW : ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.

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.

THE FOLLOWING AUSTRALIANS ENLISTED/SERVED  
IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE IN WW2  
AND ARE MISSING OR WERE KILLED IN ACTION.

NAMES ON THE AWM COMMEMORATIVE ROLL.

FOLIO	NAME	
1	WG CDR ATKINSON, R A, DSO, DFC AND BAR	MISSING
2	AIR MARSHAL SIR P.R.M. DRUMMOND, KCB, DSO AND BAR, OBE, MC, MID.	MISSING
3	FO HONIG, A DFM	MISSING
4	FO GLYDE, R L DFC	MISSING
5	SGT DUNSTAN, B P	MISSING
6	WG CDR STILLING, S G DFC	MISSING
7	FLT LT ROBERTSON, C G DFC	MISSING
8	PO ROBSON, A, DFC	MISSING
9	SGT WELFARE, E F	MISSING
10	PO RAISES, B	MISSING
11	PO McINTOSH, J	MISSING
12	PO McDONOUGH, B M	MISSING
13	FO LATHAM, R.T.E.	MISSING
14	GP CAPT CROSBIE, L J	MISSING

NAMES ON THE AWM HONOUR ROLL.

15	WG CDR WELLAND, R.D.	MISSING
16	WG CDR DILWORTH, J F, DFC	BURIED
17	SQN LDR TAYLOR, G.R. DFC	BURIED
18	SQN LDR WALSH, K H	BURIED
19	SQN LDR LEIGHTON, J.W.E. MID	BURIED.

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FOLIO	NAME	
20	WG CDR MAYERS, H C, DSO, DFC AND BAR	MISSING
21	PO TUCKFIELD, K M	MISSING
22	SQN LDR HICKEY. W J DFC	MISSING
23	FLT LT HURLEY, T K	
24	SQN LDE MENZIES, G L	MISSING
25	AVM MCCLAUGHRY, CB, DSO, MC, DFC	BURIED

NAME ON THE AWM ROLL OF HONOUR

26	FO CLISBY, L R	BURIED
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70030 WG CDR ATKINSON, RICHARD ASHLEY, DSO, DFC AND BAR  
(Born in Australia and enlisted/served in the Royal Air Force – missing on  
13/12/1944)

REFERENCES :

(1) AWM 76 (B21) : Letter from father dated 5 August 1958.

“ My son was born in Emmaville, NSW on 21 May 1913. His home town was  
Sydney.

Occupation : Mining Engineer.

1922-1930 : The Kings School,, Parramatta, NSW

1931-1937 : London University. Graduated B.Sc ; A.C.G.I.: A.R.S.W. the Degrees in  
Electrical and mining Engineering.

1933 : Joined R.A.F. Obtained his wings and went on the Reserve of Officers on  
leaving the UK.

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left to take up appointment in Western Siam at Renong.

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1939-1942 : Joined 205 Catalina Sqn (RAF). Operating from Singapore and Ceylon.  
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Southern Europe May to September.(\*). Awarded Bar to DFC.

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13/12/1944 : Shot down over Eidsfiord, near Asvoll, Norway, with navigator FO  
Upton.

Notes : (\*) 248 Sqn (RAF) operating Mosquito's from Portreath, Cornwall

(\*) 235 Sqn (RAF) operating Mosquito's from Banff, Scotland, from Sept 44.

(2) AWM Commemorative Roll : Name recorded on Runnymede Memorial, Surrey  
UK, Panel 200.

(3) Commonwealth War Graves : Son of Jack and Emily Henrietta Atkinson: husband  
of Joan Patricia Atkinson of Laidley, Queensland, Aust. Died Age 30 on 13 December  
1944

(4) RAAF Casualty file : NAA A705, 163/22/100 – Extract from :

Mosquito HR 114 of 235 Sqn RAF based at Banff, Scotland, flown by Wg Cdr  
Atkinson took off on 13/12/1944 to attack shipping in the Eids Fiord on the  
Norwegian coast. Atkinson led in the attack of a strike force of 16 Mosquitos, and his  
aircraft was seen to be hit by flak in the starboard wing while over the target. As he  
pulled away from the attack, the starboard wing broke off, the aircraft rolled over and  
it crashed into the sea.

It was considered unlikely that the crew of Wg Cdr Atkinson (Pilot) and FO Upton  
(RAF) (Navigator Wireless) would have survived the crash.

(5) RAAF Casualty file : NAA A705, 163/22/100 – Extract from :  
Loss of Catalina aircraft AH 540 of 205 Sqn RAF based at Seletar, Singapore.  
On Thursday 25 December 1941, this aircraft Captained by Flt Lt R.A. Atkinson, took off at 0615 hours on an operational reconnaissance flight to locate, and shadow, if located, a convoy of two or more ships. The aircraft was accompanied by another Catalina, captained by Sqn Ldr A W Jardine, and the two aircraft left the datum point at the same time, AH 540 taking the right hand sector, and the other aircraft the left hand sector.

At 0839 hours an aircraft was sighted by AH540 and the “X” signal 479 was passed to RAF Station Seletar. At 0841 hours the aircraft closed, was identified an enemy and opened fire. The signal “FGQ” was then sent. The engagement lasted 15 minutes and at about 0900 hours the petrol tank was pierced and caught fire. Attempts were made to put it out by means of fire extinguishers which were unavailing. The Captain then decided to force land. The enemy aircraft was identified as being similar to the Japanese Army 97 Twin-engined heavy bomber.

At 1300 hours a Catalina aircraft under the command of Sqn Ldr S.G. Stilling was despatched from Seletar to search for and located nine survivors at 1530 hours. AH 540 had by then sunk. Two dinghies were dropped and the survivors were eventually picked up at 0400 hours the next day and returned to Seletar, arriving 1200 hours the following day. The crew of AH 540 were :

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RAAF	T/Sgt R A Borchers	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nav	Gunshot wounds and burns. Admitted
	No 407314		Alexander Hospital
RAF	T/Sgt T D Morris	Wop/AG	Burns
RAF	T.Sgt P Smith	Wop/AG	“
RAF	T/Cpl J Wyant	Rigger	“
RAF	LAC D Ballard	Flt Mech	“
	Petty Officer Heath		“

(5) AWM 65(129) Photocopies of the following Citations awarded to Atkinson along with other material are attached :

Biographical details – RAAF OHQ London form made out by Atkinson.  
Photograph in Flight Magazine Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 1945, of some Coastal Command Pilots including Atkinson.

DFC Citation 27/3/1942

DSO Citation 24/4/1943

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dropping flights, and 4 sea rescue operations. .... Upon arrival in Australia, he immediately sought a posting for further operational flying. He was posted to No. 11 Squadron and, as a flight commander and captain of Catalina aircraft, he completed approximately 90 per cent of the above mentioned operational hours between May and December 1942. For several months he commanded the Cairns detachment of Nos 11 and 20 Squadrons, and in that capacity has taken part in more raids than any other pilot in the two Squadrons.

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Also included were numerous patrols over the sea and land approaches to Buna and Lae during hours of darkness.

Atkinson mainly flew in Catalina A 24-25 with the length of missions ranging from 18 to 22 hours duration.

(8) AWM (11/106) The Strike record of Aircraft Captains of Nos 11 and 20 Squadrons during 1/5/42 to 24/4/1943 : Records Sqn Ldr Atkinson as carry out 34 night strike missions during this period.

#### **Citations :**

The Citation for the DFC awarded to the then Flt Lt Atkinson of 205 Sqn RAF is as follows :”This officer has carried out many long distance reconnaissance sorties and on several occasions he has successfully beaten off attacking enemy aircraft. One morning in December 1941, Flt Lt Atkinson's flying boat was attacked by enemy aircraft when 300 miles north of Singapore. The enemy were immediately engaged but after a fifteen minute combat, the flying boat's petrol tank was hit and exploded; the aircraft caught fire and was forced to alight on the sea. The crew of which two were wounded were all suffering from burns. They were unable to launch the dinghy and had to remain in the sea for 6.5 hours before being rescued by a Dutch submarine. Throughout Flt Lt Atkinson set an excellent example by his great steadiness and courage. London Gazette 27/3/1942, page 1381)”

The Citation for the Bar to the DFC awarded to the then Acting Wing Commander Atkinson of 235 Sqn RAF is as follows : “ Wg Cdr Atkinson has participated in a very large number of sorties. In September 1944, this officer led an attack on two merchant ships both of which were sunk. In October 1944, Wg Cdr Atkinson led a formation of aircraft in an attack on a large barge, a tug and two escort vessels. In spite of intense anti-aircraft fire, the attack was pressed home with great determination. The two escort vessels were set on fire and the tug was seriously

damaged. On another occasion, this officer led a formation of aircraft in an attack on two small ships, both of which were sunk. By his gallant leadership, and great tactical ability, Wg Cdr Atkinson played a prominent part in the successes obtained. (London Gazette 19/1/1945 page 467) “

AIR MARSHAL SIR PETER ROY MAXWELL DRUMMOND,  
KCB, DSO and Bar, OBE, MC, MID  
(Born in Australia and enlisted/served in the Royal Air Force – missing on 27/3/1945)

REFERENCES :

(1) AWM 76(B150) : Letter from Lady Drummond of 21 May 1951.

“the Late Air Marshal Sir Peter Roy Maxwell Drummond,  
Regular Air Force Officer, Royal Air Force.

Born Perth, W.Aust on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1894.

Senior Air Staff Officer, HQ Middle East 1937-1941;

Deputy Air Officer Commanding, Middle East 1941-1943:

Air Member for Training and Member of Air Council, 1943-1945.

Killed in aircraft accident 27<sup>th</sup> March 1945.”

(2) AWM Commemorative Roll : Name recorded.

(3) RAF Air Force List January 1945 ; Pages 23(a), 140(a) and Page 490.

AWM Call No. : RC 358 41120 941 G 786 (a)

(4) Commonwealth War Graves : Name recorded on Runnymede Memorial, Panel 264.

Son of John Maxwell Drummond and Caroline Ann Drummond.

Husband of Lady Drummond of Kensington, London.

Age 50 at Date of Death.

(5) Extract from RAAF Casualty File : NAA : A705, 166/37/1002 refers

Liberator AL 504 of 231 Sqn RAF. Departed RAF Station Northolt, UK at 2300Z hours on 26 March 1945 for Ottawa, Canada, via Lagens, Azores, on special flight carrying VIP's. ETA Lagens 0810Z hours on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Last contact with AL 504 by Prestwick was at 0716Z hours on 27 March.

The aircraft was reported overdue at Lagens and an air/sea search instituted.

Dinghies, wreckage and oil patch seen in position 40.30N, 20.17W\*, but no trace of crew or passengers. (\*in the Atlantic Ocean approx 150/200 miles north east of the Azores.)

Crew :

RAF Wg Cdr Biddell, W H OBE, DFC, Captain (Pilot)

RAF FO Brodie, A B (Co-Pilot)

RCAF Flt Lt Buchanan, D (Co-Navigator)

RAAF 408707 Flt Lt Shea, K G (Co-Navigator)

RCAF WO Spence, D J (Flight Engineer)

Mr. Williams, F W (UK Civilian Radio Officer)

Mr Bannister, V I C (UK Civilian Flight Clerk)

Plus Seven Passengers

Commander Brabner, DSO, DSC, MP

Air Marshal Sir P Drummond, KCB, DSO,CBE,MC.

Sir John Abraham.

Mr Jones, Mr Robinson, Mr Twentyman, and Sqn Ldr Plumm.

It was later recorded that the missing crew and passengers had lost their lives at sea.

(A.Storr, Volunteer AWM Published & Digitised Records. 2nd August 2004)

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Also included were numerous patrols over the sea and land approaches to Buna and Lae during hours of darkness.

Atkinson mainly flew in Catalina A 24-25 with the length of missions ranging from 18 to 22 hours duration.

(8) AWM (11/106) The Strike record of Aircraft Captains of Nos 11 and 20 Squadrons during 1/5/42 to 24/4/1943 : Records Sqn Ldr Atkinson as carry out 34 night strike missions during this period.

120334 FO HONIG, AMICHAH, DFM.

(Born in Australia and enlisted/served in the Royal Air Force – missing on 30/8/1943)

REFERENCES :

(1) AWM Commemorative Roll : Born at Perth WA 4/9/1919. Domiciled in Melbourne.

In March 1931 went to Palestine from where he enlisted in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Member of No 603 Sqn RAF. Presumed date of death 30/8/1943.

(2) Commonwealth War Graves : Name recorded on Alamein Memorial, Egypt, Column 268.- in memory of Flying Officer Amighai Honig. The Alamein Memorial forms the entrance to the El Alamein War Cemetery. Alamein is a village, bypassed by the main coast road, approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

(3) Extract from RAAF Casualty file : NAA : A705, 166/18/162.

On 30/8/1943, Beaufighter V 523 of 603 Sqn RAF flown by FO Honig was one of four aircraft carrying out an offensive sweep off the west coast of Greece. A 10.26am a ship was sighted in position 38.53N 20.46E. Honig attacked at 10.27am. His cannon strikes were apparent along the ships deck. As the second aircraft went into attack Honigs aircraft was seen to strike the water and break up. The scene of the casualty was near Prevese which is at the entrance to the Gulf of Arta on the west coast of Greece.

Crew : RAF FO Honig, A, DFM (Pilot)

RAF Sgt Finlay, H GT (Navigator Wireless)

The Squadron at the time was based at Misurata West with detachments at Berka 111 and El Magrun.

(4) The Distinguished Flying Medal 1918-1982 by I.T.Tavender Page 325 :

AWM Call No : R 355 1342 T 232d V1

Honig Amichai 774070 Sergeant, RAFVR, No 14 Sqn. DFM promulgated in the London Gazette 26 December 1941.

Citation : In December 1941, this airman was detailed to participate in an attack on concentrations of armed fighting vehicles and enemy transports. Despite adverse weather conditions, Sergeant Honig displayed the greatest determination to complete his task and finally carried out a most successful attack from a very low altitude. By his keenness and tenacity, this airman has been able to cause considerable damage and destruction to the enemy's armed fighting forces.

Note : In December 1941, 14 Sqn were flying Blenheim aircraft and operating from Landing Ground 75 and then Gambut.

(Note : AWM Commemorative Roll says Christian name is Amichai.  
Commonwealth War Grave says Amighai.)

39983 FO GLYDE, RICHARD LINDSAY, DFC.  
(Born in W.Aust – Enlisted/served in the Royal Air Force – missing on 13/8/1940)

REFERENCES :

(1) AWM 76 (B204) – The following summarises the material on this file which includes a letter (undated) from Glyde's mother who was living at Claremont WA, and a statement of Glyde's service in the RAF from the Air Ministry, London.

Statement of Service :

Flying Officer Richard Lindsay Glyde, DFC (39983)

Place & Date of Birth : Perth, WA. 29.1.1914

Prewar profession or calling : Royal Air Force Pilot.

Appointments and Promotions :

Granted Short Service Commission in the General Duties Branch RAF.

Acting as Pilot Officer on Probation. 9.8.1937

Confirmed as Pilot Officer on 24.5.1938

Flying Officer 24.11.1939

Death presumed on 13.8.1940.

Principal Postings

Unit	Duties From	To
No 3 Flying Training School	Flying	21.8.37 25.3.38
No 1 Anti-Aircraft Coop Unit	Flying	26.3.38 23.10.38
No 87 (Fighter) Squadron	Flying	24.10.38 8.9.39
No 87 Sqn, Combined fighter force	Flying	9.9.39 13.8.40
	Missing	13.8.40 -

Missing in Flying Battle. Death Presumed on 13.8.1940

Last known address of mother : Mrs P.N.Clyde, 1 George Avenue, Claremont, W.Aust.

Extracts from mother's undated letter :

“On 6/9/39 my son went with his Squadron to France. About mid October 1939 whilst forming on his Squadron Leader who lost his direction and had to land in Belgium, they were both interned first at the Headquarters of the Gendarmerie in Brussels, and then transferred to a mediaeval fortress outside Antwerp, where about 40 RAF personnel, namely bomber crew, were interned.

He received high commendation from the Air Ministry for his part in planning and carrying out the escape of his Sqn Leader, another 87 Sqn pilot and himself. In what had to date been looked at as an impenetrable fortress. They were helped by British agents,

and returned to their squadron in France, in disguise after being hidden in various parts of Brussels while the search went on. He remained with 87 Sqn until its remnants returned individually as best they could after the fall of France.

After a short posting to Yorkshire, he operated from Exeter during the Battle of Britain and as you know was shot down in combat over the English Channel on 13/8/1940.

His DFC was won before leaving France”.

(2) AWM Commemorative Roll Database : Name : Glyde, Richard Lindsay, DFC.  
Service No : 39983. Rank : Flying Officer. Unit : No 87 Squadron.  
Service : Royal Air Force. Date of Death : 13/8/1940.

(3) Commonwealth War Graves Commission : Glyde, Richard Lindsay.  
Date of Death : 13/8/1940. Son of Frank Cave Glyde and Phyllis Napier Glyde of  
Claremont. W Aust.  
Name commemorated on Runnymede memorial, Panel 5, Surrey, UK.  
This Memorial overlooks the River Thames on Cooper's Hill at Englefield Green  
between Windsor and Egham on the A308, four minutes from Windsor.

(4) AWM Honours and Awards (Gazetted) Database.  
Glyde, Richard Lindsay, DFC, London Gazette of 4 June 1940, Page 3353, Position 1

(5) NAA : A705, 163/34/110 : RAAF Casualty file in the name of Glyde R C.  
Glyde died in combat with a German bomber, which was shot down by his comrades.  
Glyde had 9 confirmed victories and had destroyed at least 5 other aircraft. He fell  
with his plane in the English Channel off Portland Bill, UK.  
(Note : At the time 87 Sqn was operating Hurricane aircraft, and was based at Exeter,  
with detachments at Bibury and Hullavington. UK.)

**Citation :**

The Citation for the DFC awarded to FO Glyde of 87 Sqn RAF is as follows :  
“This officer showed great dash and offensive spirit and has accounted for four enemy  
aircraft. London Gazette 4/6/1940, page 3353.”

1256923 SGT DUNSTAN, BRUCE PAUL  
(Born In Chelsea, Vic. Aust. – Enlisted in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve –  
Missing 12 February 1942)

REFERENCES :

(1) AWM 76 (B 155) :

Place & Date of Birth : Chelsea, Victoria, Aust. 1<sup>st</sup> September 1920.

Pre War Profession : Plumbers Mate

Principal Units in which served :

11 July 1940 1 R. C. Uxbridge, UK

15 July 1940 9 R.C. Drem 31 July 1940 No 1 R.N.

30 August 1940 5 I.T.W. 14 Sept 1940 No 50 Group 23 Nov 1940 Pool.

8 March 1941 8 S.F.T.S.

9 June 1941 53 O.T.U.

26 July 1941 No 452 Sqn RAF (Note : Sqn at Kenley then Red Hill. Aircraft Spitfires.)

15 January 1942 No 41 Sqn RAF (Note : Sqn at Westhampnett. Aircraft Spitfires)

12 Feb 1942 No 1 Depot N/E

Battle Casualty :

Missing killed in action 12 February 1942. Death presumed that date.

Promotions : 11 July 1940 : A.C.2. 19 Sept 1940 : L.A.C. 24 May 1941 : Sergeant.

Awarded Flying Badge : 24 May 1941

Last known address next- of-kin : Mrs H J McKilligan, 9 Clifton Grove, Old Torwood  
Road, Torquay. Vic. (Mother)

(2) AWM Commemorative Roll Database :

Service : RAF Volunteer Reserve

Date of Death : 12/2/1942 Age at Death : 21 years

Memorial : Runnymede

Notes : served with Britain.

(3) Commonwealth War Graves :

Son of Horace John Dunstan and Helen Josephine Dunstan of Westcliffe on Sea,  
Essex.

Name commemorated on Panel 82 Runnymede Memorial, Sussex. UK.

39579 WG CDR STILLING, STANLEY GORDON, DFC,  
 (Born in Australia and enlisted/served in the Royal Air Force – missing on 1/10/1943)

REFERENCES :

(1) Extracts from AWM Commemorative Roll : Reported missing in battle and later presumed dead on 1 October 1943. Born 16 January 1912 Sydney, NSW. Member RAF on loan to RAAF.

(2) Commonwealth War Graves : 20 Sqn Royal Air Force. Son of Stanley William Matheson Stilling and Ada Stilling : husband of Beryl Adele Stilling of Coogee, NSW. Formerly Captain Royal Australian Artillery. Age 31 when died. Name recorded on Singapore Memorial, Column 423. 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 Straits of Johore. The Cemetery is known locally as the Kranji Memorial.

(3) WW2 Nominal Roll : records his Service as Royal Australian Air Force.

(4) Extracts from RAF Service record Form 373 : NAA : A9300, Barcode 5262137  
 Granted Short Service Commission RAF : 8 March 1937.

Types of Marine Aircraft flown : Swordfish, Walrus, Sunderland, Catalina  
 Locations : Scapa, Singapore.

Courses : Flying Training : C.F.S. 21/12/36 to 8/3/1937 and 4 FTS 15/4/37 to 20/11/37.

Navigation Reconnaissance : School of Air Navigation 7/12/37 to 2/4/1938

Flying Boat Conversion : Calshot 11/4/38 to 3/6/1938

Postings and Attachments :

To	Duty	Date
CFS White Waltham		21/12/36
No 4 F T S M.E.	Flying	3/4/37
Stn Calshot	Supernumerary	30/10/37
School of Air Nav	Flying	6/12/37
Stn Calshot	-	3/4/38
205 Sqn Far East	Adjutant	16/7/38
RAF Stn Seletar (Singapore)	Defence	5/8 to 21/8/1940
S.D.	RAAF	3/4/1942
Safe in Australia		Continued :
5 E D		4/3/42 1RPP Disposal 2/10/43
S.T.F		18/3/42
S.T.Sqn		5/6/42 Missing Operations
HQ Eastern Area		12/10/42 20 Sqn RAF POR 2/43
Ceased		16/10/42
3 O.T.U	C.O.	12/1/43 RAAF Hq N/E Pool 2/4/44
20 Sqn	C.O	29/3/43

(5) Extract from NAA : A9300, Barcode 5262137 Wg Cdr Stilling, DFC, RAF  
 Catalina Captain 20 Sqn RAAF, Cairns  
 24/3/43 1<sup>st</sup> Flight

31/3/43 Recce Cairns – Milne Bay – Gasmata – Bismark Sea.  
10/4/43 Strike Babo  
22/4/43 Mine Laying Kavieng.  
9/5/43 Cairns – Babo Started fires.  
17/9/43 Last flight  
Killed 1/10/43 Death presumed.

(6) Extracts from Operations Record Book, 20 Squadron RAAF Cairns :  
AWM 64, Roll 21 refers :  
25/3/43 : No 39579 S/Ldr S G Stilling, DFC, arrived from Rathmines to take over command of Squadron.  
1/10/43 : Catalina RB – X, W/C Stilling, F/L Hyde, Aircraft proceeds to Darwin AM hours 1<sup>st</sup> October, to carry out reconnaissance of Pomelaa Anchorage Objective to locate and attack 7000 to 8000 freighter transport. RB – X missing on operation. Extensive search carried out. Nil sightings.

(7)AWM Honours & Awards (Gazetted) Database :  
Sqn Ldr Stilling, Stanley Gordon Unit 205 Sqn RAF  
Award : Distinguished Flying Cross.  
Date of London Gazette : 27 March 1942, page 1381, position 1.  
AWM 88 L/91 RAF : Dominion Office requesting the Governor General to present the DFC to the widow.  
AWM 88 Sydney/19-6 : Invitation to the widow to attend the ceremony  
Note : actual Citation is not on the above files.

(8) Extract from NAA : A705, 163/22/100 RAAF Casualty file Wg Cdr Atkinson, R A :  
“At 1300 hours on 25 December 1941, a Catalina of 205 Sqn RAF under the command of Sqn Ldr S.G.Stilling was despatched from Seleter to search for and located nine survivors at 1530 hours. The aircraft AH 540 had by then sunk. Two dinghies were dropped and the survivors were eventually picked up at 0400 hours the next day and returned to Seleter, arriving at 1200 hours on the following day.”

**Citation :**

The Citation for the DFC awarded to the then Sqn Ldr Stilling of 205 Sqn RAF is as follows : “In January 1942, while carrying out an attack on an enemy aircraft, in the face of intense ground fire, Sqn Ldr Stilling’s aircraft was damaged, the port oil tank being hit and one engine put out of action. In spite of this he succeeded with great skill and coolness in bringing the aircraft safely back to base. Sqn Ldr Stilling has always displayed great courage and determination in carrying out his attacks. London Gazette 27/3/1942 page 1381.”

(9) AWM 64 (1/112) Parts 1 and 2 : Details of operational missions as recorded in No 20 Sqn Operational Record Books, carried out by Stilling when Commanding Officer of 20 Sqn RAAF : (Being an RAF Officer on loan to the RAAF)

25/3/43 : Sqn Ldr Stilling S G arrived at Cairns, Q’Land from Rathmines to take over Command of the Squadron.

22/4/1943 : Catalina RB – S. Crew : Sqn Ldr Stilling, FO Keene.

Duty : Sea Mining. Time up 22/0415Z Time down 23/0112Z.  
All aircraft completed Popsy 1 successfully. Accurate opposition from ships and shore. Full details by safe hand to AOC RAAF Command and AOC NEA. Eight Catalinas involved in mission. (Note : believe Popsy 1 was the code name for Kavieng, New Ireland.)

4/5/1943 : Catalina RB – S Crew : Sqn Ldr Stilling, Sgt Tresgaskis.  
Duty : Patrol Area M. Time up 4/0110Z Time down 5/0102Z  
Patrol cancelled due to bad weather conditions. Nil enemy sightings.

9/5/1943 : Catalina RB – S. Crew : Sqn Ldr Stilling, Sgt Tregaskis.  
Duty : Attack Babo. Time up 9/0122Z Time down 10/0245Z.  
Bombs fell diagonally across runway along road to seaplane hangar across east side of north/south runway through area encompassed by small intermediate strip and north of road resulting in visible destruction of three aircraft. A fire of vast proportion in vicinity of oil tank with black smoke billowing to over 5000 feet. West of this point an explosion that shook the aircraft accompanied by a flash which lit up the aircraft at 6000 feet.

13/5/1943 : Catalina RB – S. Crew : Sqn Ldr Stilling, FO Wilkinson.  
Duty : Sea Mining. Time up 13/0440Z Time down : 14/0250Z  
Popsy 11 successfully completed. Nil opposition.

27/5/1943 : Catalina RB – S. Crew : Sqn Ldr Stilling, Sgt Tresgaskis, PO Mobbs.  
Duty : Fairy operation. Time up 27/0316Z Time down 27/2115Z  
Fairy operation successfully completed.

30/5/1943 : Catalina RB – Z. Crew : Sqn Ldr Stilling, Sgt Tresgaskis.  
Duty : Fairy operation. Time up 30/0325Z Time down 31/0050Z.  
Fairy operation successfully completed.

1/6/1943 : Sqn Ldr Stilling appointed A/g Wg Cdr.

7/6/1943 : Catalina RB - Crew : Wg Cdr Stilling, Sgt Griffiths.  
Duty : SGX Force G Time up 7/0245Z Time Down 7/0905Z  
Nil enemy sightings. At 8/0600Z Convoy in position 13.35S, 147.45E.

9/6/1943 : Catalina RB – V Crew : Wg Cdr Stilling, Sgt Griffiths.  
Duty : Attack Babo. (West Dutch New Guinea) Alternative target Timoeaka.  
Time up 9/2134Z Time down 11/0038Z.  
All bombs in target area causing one large fire south west of east end of second runway. Two medium fires north of second runway, also numerous smaller fires in areas of above. Consider fires to be aircraft. Three fires north of road leading to seaplane base and one in water near smaller craft. Ack ack medium and heavy, slight to moderate.

15/6/1943 : Catalina RB – W. Crew Wg Cdr Stilling, Sgt Abby, Sgt Griffiths.  
Duty : Attack Llangoea. Time up 15/2320Z Time down 16/2147Z.  
Three aircraft on mission. All aircraft attacked Llangoea.

Many small fires in town and edge runway. Large fires started in position west end runway. Visible for 40 miles on return flight. Direct hits 3 heavy ack ack gun positions and single Bofors which silenced those guns. Bombs dropped 8 x 500 demo, 24 x 250 GP, 56 x 20 Frag. All in target area.

19/6/1943 : Catalina RB – W. Crew : Wg Cdr Stilling, Flt Lt Lawrence, Sgt Abbey.  
Duty : Patrol area E. Time up 19/2350Z Time down 20/2330Z.  
ASV 95% efficient. Patrol at 1500/2000 feet to within 30 miles of Salamau.

25/6/1943 : Catalina RB – W. Crew : Wg Cdr Stilling, PO Froud.  
Duty : Sea Mining. Mission successfully accomplished.

5/7/1943 : Catalina RB – Q. Crew : Wg Cdr Stilling, PO Froud, Flt Sgt Brindsley.  
Duty : Patrol area O. Time up 5/0355Z Time down : 5/2315Z  
ASV 90% efficient. At 05/1336Z observed flare position 01.10S, 151.45E. Nil other sightings or indications.

8/7/1943 : Catalina RB - R. Crew : Wg Cdr Stilling, FO Froud.  
Duty : Travel to Tanahmerah. Time up 8/2035Z. Time down 10/0025Z.  
Mission carried out successfully.

14/7/1943 : Catalina RB – W. Crew : Wg Cdr Stilling, FO Froud, PO Porteous.  
Duty : Sea mining. Time up 14/0035Z. Time down 15/0215Z.  
Part of mission successfully completed.

20/7/1943 : Catalina RB – N. Crew : Wg Cdr Stilling, FO Marr, FO Froud.  
Duty : Patrol Area O Time up 20/0035Z Time down 21/0050Z.  
ASV 90% efficient. Nil sightings.

26/7/1943 : Catalina RB – X. Crew : Wg Cdr Stilling.  
Duty : Strike. Time up 26/2310Z. Time down 27/0050Z  
Mission uncompleted. Recalled owing to bad weather over target.

3/9/1943 : Catalina RB – X. Crew : Wg Cdr Stilling, Flt Sgt Stephens.  
Duty : four aircraft to attack Lakunai & Vanakanua. New Britain.  
Time up 3/0056Z Time down 3/2130Z.  
All aircraft over target except RB-M which returned due to insufficient time to reach target before daylight. Remaining aircraft dropped bombs in areas allotted. Many large fires started & numerous explosions. Intense searchlight and moderate to light ack-ack from known positions. Entire mission very successful. All aircraft returned to base.

5/9/1943 : Catalina RB – X. Crew : Wg Cdr Stilling, Flt Lt Cowan, Flt Sgt Stephens.  
Duty : Sea mining. Time up 5/2245Z Time down 8/0615Z  
Mission successfully accomplished.

12/9/1943 : Catalina RB - Crew Wg Cdr Stilling.  
Duty : Two aircraft strike on Ambon. Time up 12/2250Z. Time down 14/0330Z. Mission successfully completed. All bombs fell in target area causing

numerous fires. One very big fire started at base of concrete wharf, three medium and several small fires started in vicinity. Intense to light moderate A/A encountered by all aircraft. Main fires were started by FJ – G which were observed by all other aircraft.

1/10/1943 : Catalina RB – X.Crew : Wg Cdr Stilling, Flt Lt Hyde, Flt Sgt Black.  
Duty : Attack shipping in Pomelaa Harbour. Time up 30/2010Z. Time down ---  
The aircraft proceeded to Darwin AM hours. Objective of mission to locate and attack a 7000/8000 ton freighter transport. RB – X did not return from this mission.  
An extensive search was carried out but nil sightings of aircraft or crew.  
Presumed date of death Wg Cdr Stilling 1/10/1943.

41210 FLT LT ROBERTSON, COLIN GRAHAM, DFC.  
(Enlisted/served in the Royal Air Force – missing on 5/3/1945)

**REFERENCES :**

(1) AWM Commemorative Roll : Name : Robertson, Colin Graham, DFC  
Rank : Flt Lt. Unit : No 278 Sqn. Service : Royal Air Force.  
Date of Death : 5/3/1945. Cause of Death : Killed in action. Age at Death : 27 years.  
Son of Eric & Phyllis Chilton Robertson of Kalamunda, West Aust.  
Born 21/12/1917, Edinburgh. Arrived Australia 5/8/1927.  
Commissioned in RAF 28/9/1938.

(2) Commonwealth War Graves : Memorial : Runnymede, Panel 266.  
Date of Death : 6/3/1945.

(3) NAA : A705, 166/43/1202. RAAF Casualty file extract :  
Walrus L 2271 of 278 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Thornley Island, Emsworth,  
Hants., at 0835 hours on 6 March 1945, to search for a Hurricane pilot reported to  
have baled out  
three miles east of Flamborough Head, East Yorkshire. L2271 had been scrambled  
from Beccles, with the search area being a distance of 140 miles.

On reaching the area, the pilot Flt Lt Robertson informed the Controller that he was  
going down to search. Nothing more was heard until 10 minutes later when a Spitfire  
pilot reported he had seen a Walrus dive straight into the sea. L2271 had crashed  
about five miles north east of Bridlington, and east of Flamborough Head.

Immediately another Walrus and Warwick aircraft were sent out to search plus 2 ASR  
high speed launches. Aircraft wreckage was found but no survivors were seen.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Robertson, C G, DFC (Pilot)  
RAAF 406336 Flt Lt Walker, CD G (Gunner)  
RAF WO Carpenter, L A G (Gunner)

It was later recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

(Note : AWM Commemorative Roll records date of death as 5/3/1945.  
Commonwealth War Graves and the above RAAF Casualty file say 6/3/1945.)

**Citation :**

The Citation for the DFC awarded to Flt Lt Robertson of 95 Sqn RAF is as follows :  
Flt Lt Robertson has been a member of a Sunderland aircrew since November 1939.  
He was appointed Captain in March 1941 and during this period he has completed  
2,000 flying hours of which 1,780 have been on operational flights. Flt Lt Robertson  
has displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and reliability. He has completed his  
missions cheerfully under adverse weather conditions. On one occasion he located  
three lifeboats containing 75 survivors from a merchant vessel that was torpedoed in  
the Atlantic. He alighted, transhipped the survivors to the aircraft and despite  
confused ocean swell, succeeded in taking off and bringing them back without any  
damage to the aircraft. London Gazette 26/6/1942, page 2819.”

PO ROBSON, ANGUS, DFC  
(Enlisted/served in the Royal Air Force. Missing on 22/8/1940)

REFERENCES :

(1) AWM Commemorative Roll :

Name : Robson, Angus. Unit : 144 Sqn RAF  
Date of death : 22/8/1940. Nationality : United Kingdom.  
Son of Thomas Angus and Violet Anne Robson of 117 Manning Rd, Woollahra,  
NSW Aust.

(2) Commonwealth War Graves :

Name : Robson, Angus. Date of Death : 22/8/1940  
Memorial : Panel 10, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

(3) Archives : RAAF Casualty File A705, 163/55/117 :

Death presumed on 22/8/1940. At the time 144 Sqn RAF were based at Hemswell,  
UK, and flying Hampden aircraft. An Air Ministry letter of 30/5/1941 records that  
Robson is buried at a cemetery in Frederikshaven.

A letter from his mother dated 15/12/1940 states “my son PO Robson, Angus, DFC  
who was selected here and went to England in August 1938 and received a 4 year  
short service commission with the RAF. He was on active service with a heavy  
bomber squadron in Lincolnshire and posted missing on 22/8/1940.”

The Casualty file also records that Robson was a member of the RAAF Active Citizen  
Air Force. His number was C 7615, Cpl A Robson. He was selected in 1938 for a  
Commission in the RAF. His discharge certificate from the RAAF reads “No C 7615  
Cpl Robson A. Discharged under AFR 115 (m) – “on appointment Commission” –  
from the Active Citizen Air Force on 8 August 1938 at RAAF Station Richmond.”

(4) AWM Honours & Awards (Gazetted) Database :

Name : Robson, Angus. Honour/Award : Distinguished Flying Cross.  
Date of London Gazette : 6 August 1940, Page 4809, position 1

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to PO Robson is as follows ; “PO Robson showed  
conspicuous courage when carrying out a bombing attack on warships in  
Wilhelmshaven in July. Undeterred by terrific enemy gunfire he swept down to 20  
feet above the buildings, crossed the harbour and pressed home his attack on an  
enemy warship. (London Gazette 6/8/1940 Page 4809) “

929531 FLT SGT WELFARE, EDWARD FRANCIS.  
(Enlisted/served in the Royal Air Force. Missing on 20/3/1942.

REFERENCES :

(1) AWM Commemorative Roll :

Name : Welfare, Edward Francis. Rank : Flight Sergeant.  
Unit : No 104 Squadron (Wellington Bomber Squadron).  
Service : Royal Air Force. Date of Death : 20/3/1942.  
Place of Death : Shot down in mission over Italy.

(2) Commonwealth War Graves :

Name : Welfare, Edward Francis. Nationality : United Kingdom.  
Rank : Sergeant Regiment : Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.  
Unit : 104 Sqdn. Age : 24  
Son of John & Mary Welfare, Manly, NSW, Australia.  
Memorial : Alamein Memorial Column 262.

(3) Archives : RAAF Casualty File A705, 163/177/236 :

Reported missing in air operations in the Middle East on the night of 20/21 March 1942.

Aircraft : Wellington D 8510.

Crew :

RAF PO Pope, F N Captain (Pilot)

RAF Sgt Catral W B (2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot)

RAF PO Boyers, J C (Observer)

RAF Sgt Walker, A D (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt Welfare, E F (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt Leggett (Air Gunner)

136319 PO RAISES, BRAHAM.  
(Enlisted/served in the Royal Air Force. Missing on 10/12/1942)

REFERENCES.

(1) AWM Commemorative Roll :

Name : Raises, Braham (also known as Raises, Brian) Service Number : 136319  
Unit : No 601 Squadron Service : Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.  
Date of Death : 10/12/1942 Age at Death : 21 years  
Son of Nahum and May Raises of Tel Aviv, Israel.

(2) Commonwealth War Graves :

Name : Raises, Brian. Nationality : United Kingdom.  
Date of Death : 10/12/1942. Cemetery : Alamein Memorial, Column 249

(3) Archives : RAAF Casualty File ref A705, 166/35/691 :

Mother : Mrs Raises Address : c/- Rossnive Marvelwear Knitting Mill, 155 Victoria  
St, East Brunswick. Victoria. Date of Death : 10/12/1942.

(4) RAF Squadrons by Wg Cdr C GT Jefford, MBE, RAF.

AWM Call No R358 4131 09441 J45R

Type of Aircraft flown by 601 Sqn in December 1942 : Spitfire

Squadron location : El Nogra

It can be concluded from the above that PO Raises mustering was that of Pilot.

43298 PO McINTOSH, JOHN.  
(Enlisted/served in the Royal Air Force. Missing on 4/10/1940.

#### REFERENCES.

(1) AWM Commemorative Roll :

Name : McIntosh, John. Unit : 233 Sqn RAF.

Date of Death : 4/10/1940.

(2) Commonwealth War Graves :

Date of Death : 5/10/1940 Nationality : United Kingdom.

Memorial : Panel 9, Runnymede, Surrey. UK.

(3) Archives : RAAF Casualty file ref A705, 163/47/82.

PO McIntosh reported missing on air operations on 5/10/1940.

The aircraft crashed off the east coast of England on 5/10/1940. The body of one member of the crew was picked up by a trawler shortly after and buried at sea.

Crew details are not available on the Casualty file.

At the time the Squadron was located at Leuchars, Scotland, and the aircraft type being flown was Blenheim.

42137 PO McDONOUGH, BRYAN MARTIN.  
(Enlisted/served in the Royal Air Force. Missing on 31/7/1940)

REFERENCES ;

(1) AWM Commemorative Roll :

Name : McDonough, Bryan Martin. Unit : 236 Sqn RAF.  
Date of Death : 31/7/1940. Age at Death : 23 years.

(2) Commonwealth War Graves :

Name : McDonough, Bryan Martin. Date of Death : 1/8/1940.  
Son of John Martin McDonough and Nellie McDonough.  
Memorial : Panel 9, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

(3) Archives : RAAF casualty file A705, 163/47/57.

This records the presumed date of death as 1/8/1940.

No other crew or mission details are recorded on this file.

In July/August 1940 236 Sqn RAF was located at Thorney Island with a detachment at St Eval, Cornwall, and operating Blenheim aircraft.

124933 PO LATHAM, RICHARD THOMAS EDWIN.  
(Enlisted/served in the Royal Air Force. Killed in Action on 15/8/1943.

#### REFERENCES.

(1) AWM Commemorative Roll :

Name : Latham, Richard Thomas Edwin. Unit : 455 Sqn RAF Volunteer Reserve.  
Date of Death : 15/8/1943.

(2) Commonwealth War Graves :

Date of Death : 15/8/1943. Age at Death : 34 years.

Son of the Rt Honourable Sir John Greig Latham, PC, GCMG, KC, MA, LL.M and  
Lady Latham BA (Melb), BCL (Oxon), Rhodes Scholar, Fellow of All Souls (Oxon),  
of South Yarra, Victoria, Australia.

Memorial : Runnymede, Surrey, UK. Panel 125.

(3) Archives : RAAF Casualty File A705, 166/24/157 :

Records PO Latham as missing on 15/8/1943 on an early morning air operation from  
the UK. PO Latham was the Navigator Bombaimer on an Hampden aircraft AE 378  
'G' of 455 Sqn RAF detailed to carry out an operational flight from Leuchars,  
Fife, Scotland, to the Norwegian coast. The aircraft was required to make a  
landfall south of Bergen and carry out a reconnaissance of Leads and Fiords along the  
coast in that area, and then return to base. The aircraft took off at 0059 hours on 15  
August. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to  
base.

Another aircraft reported seeing an explosion which on investigation appeared to the  
blazing wreckage of a crashed aircraft. This was in a position 60.09N, 0519E, a  
position that Latham's aircraft would have been in at that time. AE 378 carried 3 x  
500lb MC and 2 x 250lb GP bombs.

The Crew of AE 378 were :

RAAF 411763 PO Finn, V B Captain (Pilot)

RAF 124933 PO Latham, R T E (Navigator Bombaimer)

RAAF 406431 WO Campbell, C B (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt Marriott, K E (Wireless Operator Air Gunner).

PO Latham, PO Finn and Sgt Marriott reported for duty at 455 Sqn on 5 April 1943  
and had completed 11 operational missions. WO Campbell joined the Squadron on 30  
May 1942 and had completed 13 operational sorties.

29064 GROUP CAPTAIN CROSBIE, LEONARD JOHN.  
(Enlisted/served in the Royal Air Force. Missing on 22/6/1946)

(1) AWM Commemorative Roll :

Name : Crosbie, Leonard John. Date of Death : 22/6/1946.

Unit : 335 Sqn, Air Command South East Asia, RAF.

Cause of Death : Killed in aircraft accident. Location : off coast of Burma.

(2) Commonwealth War Graves :

National : United Kingdom. Memorial : Column 459, Singapore.

(3) Archives : RAAF Casualty File A705, 166/8/1406 :

Crosbie was a passenger in an Expeditor aircraft which took off from Mergui, Burma on a ferry flight to Germany on 22/6/1946. The aircraft was last seen entering cloud off the Burma coast between Tavoy and Mergui, but it failed to reach its destination.

The RAF crew were FO Allard, W (Pilot) and FO Stuart D I P (Navigator). Crosbie's appointment was GD Sigs Plan in the Signals Office of Air Command SEA.

When the aircraft was reported missing search patrols interrogated a Headsman of a Burma village who informed the patrol that the aircraft had crashed into the sea approx 8 miles from the shore. The Headsman produced a damaged log book (Stuart). A later patrol between Tavoy and Mergui found a valise which had been washed ashore with the name 'Allard' marked on it. Villager stated to this patrol that the aircraft was seen flying low, it exploded and fell into the sea.

The Casualty file also records the following :

Wife : Mrs A L Crosbie, C/- H R Long, Esq, College Farm, West of Colville, Cambridgeshire. UK.

Father : MR W R Crosbie, Morrison Road, Midland Junction, West Aust.

Brother in Law : Mr N Millar, 21 Hanna St, South Melbourne, Vic. Aust.

37308 WG CDR WELLAND, RUSSELL DARBY  
(enlisted/served in the Royal Air Force. Missing on 12/9/1941).

REFERENCES :

(1) AWM Roll of Honour :

Name : Welland, Russell Darby.      Number : 37308      Rank : Wg Cdr  
Unit : 55 Sqn    Service : RAAF      Date of Death : 13/09/1941  
Place of Death : Eastern Mediterranean      Cause of Death :Missing (Lost at sea)  
(Note : there was no 55 Sqn in the RAAF in WW2. 55 Sqn was in the RAF.)

(2) Commonwealth War Graves :

Nationality : United Kingdom      Unit : Cdg 55 Sqn      Service : Royal Air Force.  
Age : 29 years Son of Arthur Alfred and M L Welland: husband of Helena Alison  
Welland of Hessle, Yorkshire.  
Memorial : Column 239, Alamein Memorial. The Alamein Memorial forms the  
entrance to the El Alamein War Cemetery. Alamein is a village, bypassed by the main  
coast road, approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

(3) 1939 Royal Air Force Lists : Extract

Name : Welland R D    Rank : F/O  
Where serving : RAF School of Aeronautical Engineering. No 1 Electrical &  
Wireless School, Cranswell. Under instruction : Welland 24/4/38.

Note : 55 Sqn RAF in Sept 1941 was based at Aqir and flying Blenheim aircraft.

40044 WG CDR DILWORTH, JOHN FREDERICK, DFC,  
(Born in Australia and served in the Royal Air Force–Killed in action 25/2/1944)

REFERENCES :

(1) AWM Roll of Honour entry : Name : Dilworth, John Frederick, DFC,  
Rank : Wing Cdr; Unit : 100 Sqn; Service : RAAF; Place of Death : Germany; Date  
of Death : 25/2/1944; Cause of Death : Missing in flying battle.

(2) Commonwealth War Graves : Member 100 Sqn RAF, Royal Air Force Volunteer  
Reserve. Died on 25/2/1944 age 30 years. Son of Joseph and Anne Louise Dilworth,  
husband of Vera Dilworth of Ealing, Middlessex, UK.  
Buried Durnbach War Cemetery, Germany, Grave 5. F. 19, Bad Toloz, Bayern.  
Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48 kms south of Munich..  
Durnbach War Cemetery is 3kms north of the village Gmundam Tegernsee.

(3) NAA : A705, 166/9/262 : Extract from RAAF Casualty File held by Aust  
Archives in the name of Dilworth JF 40044.

Lancaster ED 815, (HW – P) of No.100 Sqn RAF flown by Wg Cdr Dilworth,  
Captain (Pilot) was reported missing on the night of 24/25<sup>th</sup> February, 1944. Target  
Schweinfurt, Germany. The aircraft took off from RAF Station Grimsby, Lincolnshire  
UK, at 1822 hours on 24 February 1944 Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take  
off and it did not return to base.

The recommended route to the target was Base – 50.45N 00.15E – 50.10N 0130E –  
48.36N 08.36E – Target – 50.15N 10.25E – 50.30N 0720E - 50.00N 01.20E – 50.45N  
00.15E –Base. Thirteen other aircraft from 100 Sqn were detailed for this mission and  
two of the other aircraft failed to return.

The main fighter activity was en route to the target particularly between Stuttgart and  
Schweinfurt. On the homeward route practically no opposition was encountered.

Ground defences were moderate.

Crew :

RAF 40044 Wg Cdr Dilworth, J F, DFC Captain (Pilot)

RAF Sgt Merricks, A J H (2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot)

RAF Sgt Smith, E H V (Flight Engineer)

RAF Flt Sgt Savage, P H (Navigator)

RCAF WO Trumpour, J G T (Air Bomber) POW

RAF Sgt Tippleston, J E (Wireless Operator Air) POW

RAF Sgt Bourne, R (Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt Hewitson, J (Air Gunner)

Two of the crew were POW's. The remainder of the crew were killed.

The above Casualty file also records the following : Enlisted 15/7/36, Point Cook.  
General Register Office, Somerset House UK Certificate of 14/4/1958 records date of  
death as 25/2/1944 and the Place of Death as Boesinger, Germany, (30 miles south of  
Stuttgart).

(4) RAF Bomber Command Losses in the Second World War by W R Chorley, 1944,  
Page 98 records that W/Cdr Dilworth had completed 31 sorties on his first operational  
tour and taken part in at least 14 sorties on his second tour.

(5) AWM 65 (1047) : On 1/1/1943 Dilworth records the following biographical details on a RAAF form required for use at RAAF OHQ at London :  
Present Appointment : CO of RAAF Sqn 460 in UK.  
Date of Birth : 17/10/1914. Born at Sydney, NSW.  
Date of entering Service : 1936. Place of Training ; Point Cook.  
Home Address : Raglan St, Turramurra, Sydney.

(6) Units of the RAAF, A Concise History, Volume 3 Bomber Units, Page 123 records that W/Cdr Dilworth was Commanding Officer, 460 Sqn RAAF from 14 December 1942 to 15 February 1943.

(7) AWM 64 A50 History sheets 460 Sqn :  
14/12/1942 : Sqd Ldr Dilworth appointed command of 460 Sq with the rank of Wg Cdr.  
16/2/1943 : Wg Cdr Dilworth relinquishes command of 460 Sqn.  
The above history sheets record the following missions :  
/12/1942 : W/C Dilworth Captain, Lancaster W 4329 Target : Duisberg  
16/1/1943 : W/c Dilworth Captain, Lancaster W 4327 Y Target : Berlin.  
17/1/1943 : W/C Dilworth Captain, Lancaster W 4308 C Target : Berlin  
During this period 460 Sqn was located at a satellite drome at Brighton, East Yorkshire.

(8) DFC Award. No Citation is available. Promulgated in London Gazette, 21/12/1945, Page 6207, position 1, to be effective 24/2/1944.

(Note : AWM Roll of Honour says Unit : 100 Sqn. Service : RAAF.  
Commonwealth War Graves and Angam say Unit : 100 Sqn. Service : Royal Air Force.

36134 SQN LDR TAYLOR, GEORGE RICHARD, DFC.  
(Born in Australia – served in the Royal Air Force. Missing on 13 August 1941.)

REFERENCES :

(1) AWM Roll of Honour :

Name : Taylor, George Richard, DFC.            Number : 36134

Rank : Sqn Ldr.            Unit : 207 Sqn.            Service : RAAF.

Date of Death : 13/8/1941.    Place : Germany.

Cause : Missing believed killed in action.

(Note : There was no 207 Sqn in the RAAF in WW2.. 207 Sqn was in the RAF.)

(2) Commonwealth War Graves :

Taylor, George Richard, DFC.            No 36134.            Nationality : United Kingdom.

Rank : Sqn Ldr.            Service : RAF. Unit : 207 Sqn.

Date of Death : 13/8/1941. Grave : Buried Row 4. B 9. Berlin 1939-45 War Cemetery.

The Cemetery is in the district of Charlottenburg, 8kms west of the city centre on the south side of the Heerstrasse.

(3) AWM 65 (4978) :

Biographical details recorded by Taylor for use by RAAF OHQ, London.

Taylor, George Richard. 36134. RAF. FO. Date of Birth 1918. Place : Brighton Vic.

Education : Brighton Grammar School. Melbourne Grammar School.

Previous Service Experience : in RAAF before obtaining Short Service Commission in the RAF in 1938.

Mother lives at Melbourne, Victoria.

DFC Award promulgated in London Gazette of 13/9/1940.

Citation : Flying Officer George |Richard Taylor (36134).

This officer has completed 32 successful operational flights as Captain aircraft and has on several occasions succeeded in finding his target regardless of adverse weather conditions and severe enemy opposition. His devotion to duty and his determination in pressing home his attacks are most praiseworthy. He has always shown a high degree of courage, is a thoroughly determined and reliable young officer, and he sets an excellent example to the squadron.

(Note : Whilst there is no documentary evidence to confirm this, Taylor was probably a member of 207 Sqn RAF during the period the above 32 operations were carried out. The Squadron flew Ansons from Cransfield (Bedfordshire) and then Cottesmore (Leicestershire) from July 1939 until April 1940, when it disbanded. The Squadron reformed in November 1940 at Waddington being re- equipped with Manchesters. Taylor was a member of 207 Sqn flying a Manchester when he was killed on 13/8/1941.)

(4) NAA : A705, 163/58/42 : Extract from RAAF Casualty file :

Manchester L 7377, EM – G, of 207 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station

Waddington, on the night of 12/13<sup>th</sup> August 1941 to bomb Berlin. The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed at 0200 hours on 13 August 1941 at Grossbeeren, 5kms south east of Tetlow, Germany.

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Taylor, G R, DFC, Captain (Pilot)

RAF PO Nottidge, J J

RAF Flt Sgt Beattie, T, DFM

RAF Flt Sgt Birt, G R, DFM

RAF Flt Sgt Wetherill. Became POW.

RAF Sgt McPhail.

Sgt McPhail survived the crash but died on 14 August whilst under treatment for burns. McPhail and the four other members of the crew (including Taylor) who lost their lives in the crash, are buried in the Berlin 1939-45 War Cemetery.

40064 SQN LDR WALSH, KEVIN HARROLD.

(Born in Australia. Served in the Royal Air Force – missing on 2/9/1941)

REFERENCES :

(1) AWM Roll of Honour : Name : Walsh, Kevin Howard.

Number : 40064. Rank : Sqn Ldr. Unit : 139 Sqn Service : RAAF

Date of Death : 1/9/1941. Place : Germany. Cause : Missing.

(Note : There was no 139 Sqn in the RAAF in WW2.. 139 Sqn was in the RAF.

Walsh's Christian name is shown as Kevin Howard in the AWM Roll of Honour.

C'wealth War Graves and WW2 Nominal Roll say Kevin Harrold.)

(2) Commonwealth War Graves :

Name : Walsh, Kevin Harrold. Number : 40064 Nationality: United Kingdom.

Rank : Sqn Ldr. Regiment : Royal Air Force. Unit : 139 Sqn.

Date of Death : 2/9/1941.

Memorial : Buried Row B, Grave 4, Wenduine Communal Cemetery.

Wenduine Communal Cemetery is located in De Haan, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. It is between Oostende (16km) and Zeebrugge (9km) on the N34 connecting Oostende to Zeebrugge.

(3) WW2 Nominal Roll :

Name : Walsh, Kevin Harrold. Service : RAAF Number : Unknown.

Date of Birth : 20 July 1916. Place of Birth : Mt Pleasant, South Aust.

Date of Enlistment : 15 July 1936. Place of Enlistment : Point Cook, Vic, Aust.

(4) NAA : A705, 163/63/89 : RAAF Casualty file re Walsh, K H. 40064.

Walsh was the pilot of a 139 Sqn RAF Blenheim attacking shipping on a day mission off the coast of Belgium. Walsh's aircraft was the first of three aircraft to attack. It was hit by flak and was seen to catch fire and dive into the sea 100 yards seaward of the target. Nothing further was seen of the aircraft or crew.

Blenheim 27274, XD of 139 (Jamaica) Sqn RAF. The aircraft took off from RAF Station Manston at 1023 hours on 2/9/1941..

Crew :

RAF Sqn Ldr Walsh, K H (Pilot)

RAF Flt Sgt Hole, A G.

RAF Sgt Brook, G H.

Sgt Brook is recorded as missing with no known grave. Sqn Ldr Walsh is buried in the Wenduine Communal Cemetery, Belgium, and Flt Sgt Hole is buried in Holland.

Sqn Ldr Walsh was on a short service commission in the Royal Air Force of 5 years.

40053 SQN LDR LEIGHTON, JOHN WILLIAM EDWARD, MID.  
(Born in Australia and served in the Royal Air Force – killed on 26 July 1942.)

**REFERENCES :**

(1) AWM Roll of Honour : Number : 40053 Rank : Sqn Ldr Unit : 460 Sqn  
Service : RAAF Date of Death : 26 July 1942 Place of Death : Germany.

(2) Commonwealth War Graves :

Name : Leighton, John William Edward. Nationality : United Kingdom.  
Regiment : RAF Unit : 460 (RAAF) Sqn Age : 25 years  
Date of Death : 26 July 1942. Service No. : 40053  
Son of Edward Leo Joseph and Margaret Mary Leighton, of Hurlstone Park, NSW,  
Aust.  
Casualty : Commonwealth War Dead Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Cleves,  
Germany.

(3) AWM 65 (3154) : Extracts from Bibliographical details form made out by Sqn Ldr  
Leighton on 5 May 1942 and required for use by RAAF Hdqtrs London.  
Present appointment and location : O.C 'B' Flight, 460 Sqn, Brighton UK.  
Date of Birth : 15/4/1917. Place : Goulburn, NSW.  
Educated : De La Salle College, Ashfield, NSW.  
Date of Entering service : June 1936.  
Place of Training : Pont Cook, Vic, Wittering, CFS Upavon.  
Civilian Career : Various Building trades.  
Father : Mr E Leighton, 40 Starkey St, Hurlstone Park, NSW.  
Wife : Not yet thank God.  
Children : Not that I know of. Home Address : Homeless.

RAF Air Force Lists : (See attached extracts)

January 1939 : Leighton, J W E Rank : PO Seniority : 26 August 1937  
Unit : No 52 (Bomber) Squadron, No 2 Bomber Group, RAF, Upwood, Ramsey,  
Huntingdon, UK  
July 1942 : 40053 Leighton, J W E Rank : Sqn Ldr. Seniority : 1.12.1941  
(AWM Call No : RC 358. 41120 941 G786a)

(4) Summary of the circumstances whereby Sqn Ldr Leighton, when Captain (Pilot)  
of Wellington Z 1462 of 460 Sqn was shot down on 26 July 1942 on a bombing  
mission against Duisberg, Germany.

Sqn Ldr Leighton and crew were detailed to operate Z1462 against Duisberg,  
Germany, on the night of 25/26<sup>th</sup> July 1942. The aircraft took off from RAF Brighton  
at 2351 hours on the 25<sup>th</sup> July, but since then nothing has been heard from the aircraft  
and it failed to return to base. Z1462 was one of fifteen aircraft from the Squadron  
that took part in the raid.

**Crew :**

RAF Sqn Ldr Leighton, J W E MID Captain (Pilot)  
RAAF 405219 Sgt C F Sinclair, (Observer)  
RAAF 404804 Sgt R Sherman, (Bomb Aimer)  
RAAF 6210 Sgt W G Taylor, (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)  
RAAF 407834 Sgt L J Sams, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Sinclair and Sgt Sherman became POW's, The remaining three crew members are buried in the Rheichswald Forest War Cemetery, Cleves, Germany.

In a later statement Sgt Sherman said "attacked twice by enemy fighters. The first attack set the starboard engine on fire. The second set the fuselage on fire near the auxiliary tanks. The order to bale out was given, and acknowledged by all except the Rear Gunner. I went to check on the Rear Gunner but he was dead. The first attack was about five minutes before the target. I met Sherman in Stalag 3. He saw the aircraft explode after he baled out. The three other crew members were in the aircraft when it blew up,"

Sgt Sherman later reported : "after baling out I walked for three days in the direction of the Zuider Zee, obtaining food from several Dutch farmers. On the third day I was offered food and a bed by another Dutch farmer. Whilst I was asleep the farmer brought the police."

Sqn Ldr Leighton served in the RAF in WW2 and at the time of his death was attached to 460 Sqn RAAF as OC "B" Flight of the Squadron. He was born in Australia at Goulburn on 15/4/1917 and educated at De La Salle College, Ashfield, NSW. His service career began in the RAAF in June 1936 commencing training at Point Cook, Vic. In July 1939 he was a Pilot Officer serving in 52 Bomber Sqn of No 2 Bomber Group RAF. He was also Mentioned in Despatches (References : Commonwealth war graves, RAF Lists January 1939 and July 1942)

For further information on Sqn Ldr Creighton refer to publication R940.544941 S886a held in the AWM Research Centre's reference collection.

77976 WG CDR MAYERS, HOWARD CLIVE, DSO, DFC and BAR.  
(Born in Australia and served in the Royal Air Force – killed 20<sup>th</sup> July 1942.)

REFERENCES :

(1) AWM Commemorative Roll : Number 77976, Rank : Wg Cdr,  
Unit : 250Sqn RAF, Service : RAF, Date of Death : 20 July 1942,  
Place of Death : Middle East

(2) Commonwealth War Graves :  
Name : Mayers, Howard Clive. Nationality : United Kingdom  
Regiment/Service : RAF Volunteer Reserve, Unit : 250 Sqn Age : 32 years  
Date of Death : 20/07/1942 Service No : 77976  
Son of George Russell Mayers and Penelope Mayers ; husband of Mayers.  
Memorial : Alamein Memorial, Egypt, Column 247.

(3) AWM 65 (3583) : Extracts from Bibliographical details made out by  
Wg Cdr Mayers and required for use by RAAF Overseas Hdqrts London.  
Born January, 1910. Sydney, NSW. Educated at Cambridge. Was a member of the  
Cambridge University Air Squadron. Commissioned in the RAFVR in 1930

Wg Cdr Mayers was born in Sydney on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1910. He was educated at  
Cambridge University where he was a member of the University Air Squadron and  
was commissioned in the RAFVR in 1930. Serving with No 601 Squadron RAF he  
achieved distinction as a fighter pilot during the Battle of Britain and in October was  
awarded the DFC.

Mayers was later transferred to the Middle East, where he commanded No 94 Sqn  
RAF and No 239 Wing. RAF. 239 Wing was largely Australian in composition, as it  
consisted of two RAAF Sqns (Nos. 112 and 250) in which a large number of  
Australian fighter pilots were serving. Equipped with Kittyhawks, and filling a fighter  
bomber role, the Wing was in the forefront of operations in 1942. For his work in the  
Middle East Mayers was awarded the DSO. His total score of enemy aircraft  
destroyed in Europe and the Middle East was estimated at eleven. Mayers was killed  
in action on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1942, when his aircraft was shot down by ground fire in the  
desert.

Citations :

DSO : Wg Cdr Mayers has commanded a Wing since April 1942. He is an expert in  
bombing and machine attacks, whilst his tactical knowledge has contributed much to  
the success of long range fighter operations. On two occasions in May 1942, this  
officer led a formation in attacks on enemy aircraft bringing supplies to the enemy  
and destroyed many of them. Wg Cdr Mayers has displayed gallantry and great  
devotion to duty in the direction of recent intensive operations.

DFC : FO Mayers has participated in a number of interceptions and has destroyed  
seven enemy aircraft and possibly three others. During a recent engagements a cannon  
shell passed through the port wing of his aircraft, making a hole four feet in diameter,  
but FO Mayers succeeded in bringing his aircraft safely back to base. He has  
displayed great courage and a fighting spirit.

BAR to DFC : Wg Cdr Mayers has led his Wing on a large number of sorties during  
the Libyan campaign. His mastery of tactics and skilful planning of operations have  
contributed largely to the many successes obtained. One day in December 1941,

During a machine-gun attack against an enemy column, Wg Cdr Mayers observed a member of his formation shot down by anti-aircraft fire. When the attack was concluded, he skilfully landed near the crashed aircraft and, although enemy vehicles were approaching, coolly waited for his comrade to reach him. Putting him in the seat, Wg Cdr Mayers clambered in on top of him and took off as the enemy neared the aircraft. He finally flew safely back to base. This officer has always shown great courage and leadership. He has destroyed at least eleven aircraft.

Daily Express newspaper item on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1942 : Troop Carrier – DSO. The DSO has been awarded to Wg Cdr H C Mayers, DFC and Bar, Australian born RAF pilot, who in May led an attack on 20 German troop carriers over the Mediterranean, in which 13 were shot down and 7 were damaged. Mayers led his fighters in at 50 feet above the sea, and the big German planes fell flaming into the water every half mile or so. Two ME110's were also destroyed and we lost only one fighter.

Reference AWM 76 (B323) : Extracts from letter written by Mrs Betty M Brown, 39 Hurlingham Court, London, SW6 (widow of Wg Cdr Mayers), to Gavin Long, General Editor, Official War History, and dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 1951 :

Educated at Camford School and Jesus College, Cambridge.

Managing Director of Airlog Co Ltd, maker of clockwork aircraft instruments.

Very keen pre-war aviator owning several aircraft, amongst them one of the best Comper Swift Pobjoys ABJK which he flew in the King's Cup race in 1932.

Chief Sports tennis and ski-ing of which he was a prominent member of the Alberg Kandahar Club (Ski-ing).

Member of CUAS (Cambridge University Air Squadron)

Marries on June 24<sup>th</sup> 1933 to myself, (then Betty Gloves of Hampstead, London,) and we lived in London all our married life.

Youngest son of G R Mayers (late) a prominent figure in the coffee and sugar trade in Sydney.

There is also correspondence on the above file to Wg Cdr Mayers log book which was forwarded by Mrs Brown to Gavin Long on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1951 together with various photos of Wg Cdr Mayers. Receipt of these were acknowledged by Gavin Long on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1951, in which he advised that the copying was being arranged by Mr Herington.

Abridged Record of Service of Wg Cdr Mayers, DSO DFC and Bar :

Born Sydney Australia, 9<sup>th</sup> January 1910.

Town with which principally identified ; London.

Prewar profession : Managing Director, Airlog Co Ltd

Previous Service : Cambridge University Air Sqn 1929-1930

Appointments and Promotions :

11.3.40 Granted emergency commission in the General Duties Branch, RAF Volunteer Reserve as Acting Pilot Officer on probation.

1.4.40 Acting Flying Officer.

9.7.40 Relinquished Acting Flying Officer

29.9.40 Acting Flight Lieutenant

29.12.40 Flying Officer (War substantive)

11.3.41 Confirmed in appointment

1.7.41 Acting Squadron Leader

1.10.41 Flight Lieutenant (War substantive)

13.11.41 Acting Wing Commander  
16.4.42 Squadron Leader (War substantive)  
20.7.42 Death Presumed

Principal Postings

No 5 Maintenance Unit	Flying	11.3.40 to 8.7.40.
No 610 Sqn	Flying	3.8.40 to 20.5.41
Hdqrts No 202 Group Middle East	Controller	16.6.41 to 6.7.41
No 94 Sqn	To Command	7.7.41 to 12.11.41
No 234 Wing	To Command	13.11.41 to 4.1.42
Air Hdqrts, Libya	Air Staff (Training)	16.1.42 to 9.4.42
Hdqrts No 239 Wing	To Command	10.4.42 to 20.7.42
	Missing	20.7.42

Battle Casualties

Slightly Injured	(Flying Battle – CC list 281)	13.8.40
Slightly Injured	(Flying Battle – CC list 326)	7.10.40
Missing	(Flying Battle – CC List 890)	20.7.42
Death Presumed	(CC List 1251)	20.7.42

Honours and Awards :

Distinguished Flying Cross	London Gazette	1.10.40
Mentioned in Despatches	“ “	1.1.42
Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross	“ “	13.2.41
Companion of the Distinguished Service Order	London gazette	28.7.42.

Last known address of wife :

Mrs B M Brown, 39 Hurlingham Court, London, SW6.

Other References : Wg Cdr Mayers : see Air War against Germany and Italy, 1939-1943 by John Herington, Volume 3, Pages 36, 231 and 254 refer.

62307 PO TUCKFIELD, KENNETH MONKTON.

(Born in Australia and served in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve – killed 8<sup>th</sup> November 1941.)

REFERENCES :

(1) AWM Commemorative Roll Rank :Pilot Officer Service Number 62307  
Unit No 58 Squadron. Date of Death : 8 November 1941. Missing.

Commonwealth War Graves : Son of Dr W J Tuckfield and Mrs Tuckfield. Husband  
of Lorna of Broughty Ferry, Dundee. Memorial : Runnymede.

### 32035 SQUADRON LEADER HICKEY, WILLIAM JOSEPH, DFC

Born in Australia on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1907. Enlisted/Served in the Royal Air Force and killed on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 1940.

#### REFERENCES :

(1) AWM Commemorative Roll ; Number 322035 Rank : Sqn Leader  
Born 9<sup>th</sup> May 1907. Educated at St Aloysius College, Sydney, and later studied engineering at Sydney University. During the years 1926 until 1928 he served voluntarily as an aircraftsman in No 3 Citizens Air Force Squadron, then stationed at Richmond, New South Wales.

Hickey joined the RAAF as a Cadet on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 1929, and was commissioned as Pilot Officer on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1940. In the following year on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, he resigned his commission with the intention of proceeding overseas to join the Royal Air Force.

He was stationed at Calshot in 1933, where he gained considerable experience on flying boats, but he always preferred fighter aircraft. In 1939 he was posted the Middle East to command No 80 Squadron RAF.

When the Nazis began to overrun Greece, No 80 Sqn was moved to that locality. Under the able leadership of Sqn Ldr Hickey, in the space of two months, the Squadron accounted for forty-two enemy aircraft destroyed in Combat, with the loss of three of its own aircraft. Sqn Ldr Hickey himself lost his life in one of the three squadron aircraft shot down, on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 1940..

His concern for his pilots is best illustrated by an incident which occurred the day before his death in action. During an engagement with a greatly superior number of enemy aircraft he saw one of his pilots, severely wounded, jump from his burning aircraft. The Sqn Ldr followed and circled round again and again to attract the attention of Greek troops in the vicinity. Having done so, he flew off, landed in very difficult country, and organised a relief party to bring in the wounded pilot.

He was not satisfied until the officer had been carried over miles of mountainous territory, sometimes under heavy enemy shellfire, and was safely in hospital. He remained by his side practically the whole night to ensure that everything possible was done. When dawn came, Sqn Ldr Hickey returned to his squadron, and was up again a few hours later leading them into a very heavy engagement, during which he was shot down.

#### Citation DFC

“This officer has participated in 18 raids over enemy territory and has led his squadron with great courage and tenacity. Since the commencement of operations in Greece, Sqn Ldr Hickey has led his squadron in attacking enemy columns with great valour in the face of anti-aircraft fire. His skilful efforts has been reflected in the fine work of the squadron, which has destroyed some 30 enemy aircraft.”

(2) Commonwealth War Graves : Sqn Ldr Hickey died on 21st December 1940. His name is commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. The Memorial forms the entrance to the Alamein War Cemetery. Alamein is a village bypassed by the main coast road, approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

41420 FLT LT HURLEY, THOMAS KEVIN  
(Born in Australia and enlisted in the Royal Air Force, Died 8<sup>th</sup> June 1943)

REFERENCES :

(1) AWM Commemorative Roll : Number 41420 Rank : Flt Lt  
Unit : 224 Sqn RAF. Date of Death : 8<sup>th</sup> June 1943.

Air Ministry London : Abridged Record of Service : Flt Lt T K Hurley.  
Date and Place of Birth : 1<sup>st</sup> May 1915, Randwick, NSW  
Pre War Profession : Architectural Draftsman  
Previous Service ; Volunteer Militiaman, 4/3 Battalion , Homebush, 1934-1939  
Pupil Pilot, Royal Air Force, 6/10/1938.  
Appointments and Promotions :  
Granted a short service commission for 4 years in the General Duties Branch, RAF  
(with effect from 6/10/38) as Acting Pilot Officer on probation 14/12/38  
Graded as Pilot Officer on probation 3/9/39  
Confirmed in Appointment 6/10/1939  
Flying Officer 3/9/1940 Flight Lieutenant (War Substantive) 3/9/1941  
Transferred to Reserve of Air Force Officers and retained on the Active list 6/10/42  
Relinquished commission on account of ill-health 10/4/1943. Died 8/6/1943

Principal Postings :

Civil Flying School, Reading, Pupil Pilot training 6/10/38 to 13/12/38  
No 11 Flying Training School, Flying training 31/12/38 to 21/7/1939  
No 224 Squadron Flying duties 22/7/39 to 12/1/1941  
Hdqrs No 51 Group : Flying Instructor at No 11 Flying School 24/3/41 to 29/8/41  
No 26 Elementary Flying Trg School Southern Rhodesia, Flying Instructor 11/10/41  
to 16/2/42  
Royal Aeronautical Establishment, UK, Flying duties, 13/4/42 to 26/9/42  
Experimental Section, Royal Aeronautical Establishment Flying duties, 11/11/42 to  
22/11/1942.

Address Next of Kin : Mother Mrs M A Hurley, 24 Nicholson St Burwood, NSW

32061 SQN LDR MENZIES, GUY LAMBTON

(Granted Short Service Commission in the Royal Air Force 11/7/1931, Died 1/11/1940)

(1) Air Ministry London, Record of Service

(2) Date of Birth 20<sup>th</sup> August 1909

(3) Appointments :

Granted Short Service Commission as Pilot Officer on probation for 5 years in General Duties Branch of the RAF 11/7/1931

Confirmed in Rank : 11/7/1932 Promoted Flying Officer 11/2/1933

Promoted Flight Lieutenant : 1/4/1936.

Granted Permanent Commission in General Duties Branch of RAF 11/7/36

Promoted Squadron Leader, 1/12/1938

Death Presumed on 1/11/1940.

(4) Postings :

2 F.T.S. Flying training 11/7/31

23 F Squadron ADGB Flying duties 229/12/1931

23 F Squadron ADGB Conversion Course SSF Aircraft 11/1/32 to 12/1/32

H.A.D Parachute Course 9/5/32 to 19/5/32

Base Calshot C.A.Supy. Flying Boat Pilots Course 3/7/32

205 F.B. Squadron Far East Flying duties 9/2/1933.

205 F.B. Squadron Far East Adjutant 8/8/1933

205 F.B. Squadron far East Flying Duties 12/9/1933

Depot Supy. leave 11/10/1935

56 (F) Squadron A.D.G.B. Flying duties 18/11/1935

Depot 24T Supy. N/E Sick 24/8/1936

H.Q. Bomber Cd Supy. Temp Nav Duties 10/12/1936

No 2 Balloon Training Unit (24.TGP) Kite Balloon Trng. 1/3/37

(5) Commonwealth War Graves : Sqn Ldr Menzies died on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1940. His name is commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. The Memorial forms the entrance to the Alamein War Cemetery. Alamein is a village bypassed by the main coast road approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

Sqn Ldr Menzies was the son of Dr Guy Dixon Menzies and of I.M. Menzies, Drummoyne, NSW. Husband of Marcia Ina Menzies of Double Bay, Sydney.

AIR VICE MARSHAL McCLAUGHRY, CB, DSO, MC, DFC, MID  
Born in Australia. Served in the Royal Air Force. Killed in aircraft accident 4/1/1943

(1) ABRIDGED RECORD OF SERVICE.

Date/Place of Birth : 26<sup>th</sup> November 1894, Knightsbridge, Adelaide, South Australia.

Prewar profession or calling : Regular Royal Air Force Officer.

Previous Service :

24/9/1913 Commissioned as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut, 76<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, Aust Militia Forces

15/1/1915 Appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut, 9<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment, Aust Imperial Forces.

1/7/1915 Lieut, 76<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, Aust Militia Forces (Attached 9<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment)

1/2/1916 Appointed to the Supernumerary List, Aust Imperial Forces.

25/3/1916 Attached to the Royal Flying Corps.

21/6/1916 Flying Officer, Royal Flying Corps

1/10/1916 Lieut Aust Imperial Forces and Flight Commander Royal Flying Corps, Temporary Captain whilst so employed

23/6/1917 Captain, Australian Imperial Forces

26/10/17 Temporary Major, Squadron Commander, 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron, Aust. Flying Corps

1/10/1918 Appointed to the 2/43<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Battalion (New Organisation) Australian Militia Forces.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

1/8/1919 Granted a permanent commission as Major (Squadron Leader) "Aeroplanes" in the Royal Air Force

30/9/1919 : Resigned appointment in the Australian Imperial Forces.

1/1/1929 : Wing Commander

1/7/1934 Group Captain

7/7/1936 Air Commodore

1/7/1940 Air Vice Marshal (Temporary)

PRINCIPAL POSTINGS

FROM TO

16/5/15 30/5/15 Middle East Forces, Gallipoli

25/6/15 7/8/15 " " " "

25/3/16 25/4/16 No 1 School of Aeronautics, United Kingdom

26/4/16 19/5/16 No 3 Reconnaissance Squadron, Shoreham.

20/5/16 20/6/16 No 20 Reconnaissance Squadron

21/6/16 13/2/17 No 50 (Home Defence) Squadron, Dover.

14/2/17 - No 100 Squadron (To France 22/3/17)

29/6/17 25/7/17 No 68 (Australia Flying Corps) Squadron Havlaxton, UK.

26/7/17 9/8/17 No 69 (Australian Flying Corps) Squadron

10/8/17 2/11/17 No 68 (Aust Flying Corps) Sqn Havlaxton. (To France 22/9/17)

3/11/17 18/12/17 No 71 (Aust Flying Corps) Sqn. Castle Bromwich, UK.

19/12/17 28/11/18 No 4 (Aust Flying Corps) Squadron France. To Command

4/12/18 5/12/18 1<sup>st</sup> (Aust Flying Corps) Wing, Headquarters, UK

6/12/18 26/2/19 8<sup>th</sup> (Australian Flying Corps) Training Squadron.

27/2/19 12/11/21 No 2 School of Navigation and Bomb Dropping, Andover.

To Command

2.

18/11/21 2/4/22 Air Pilotage School  
3/4/22 3/4/23 Royal Air Force Staff College Course  
4/4/23 22/4/23 No 5 Wing Hdqtrs Air Staff duties  
23/4/23 17/9/24 Headquarters Inland Area, Air Staff duties  
27/10/24 21/2/28. No 8 (Bomber) Sqn Iraq. To Command Sqn to Aden 27/2/27  
16/4/28 11/1/31 West British Area Hqtrs, UK. Air Staff duties  
19/1/31 18/12/31 Inland Area Depot. Course at Imperial defence College  
1/1/32 28/9/34 Department of Chief of Air Staff, Air Ministry, Air Staff duties in the Directorate of Operation and Intelligence  
12/10/34 19/9/35 Squadron Headquarters, Heliopolis, Middle East, To Command  
18/10/35 8/6/36 : Headquarters Middle East, whilst in Command at Mersa Matrah.  
15/7/36 27/9/38 :Headquarters Aden, Air Officer Commanding.  
28/11/38 22/8/40 : Directorate of Training, Air Ministry, UK. Director of Training  
16/9/40 25/6/42 : Headquarters No 9 Group. Air Officer Commanding.  
8/7/42 4/1/43 : Air Headquarters Egypt. Air Officer Commanding.  
4/1/1943 : Killed on Active Service in accident to aircraft

8 Battle Casualties

7/6/15 : Wounded in action, Gallipoli (Gun shot wound left foot)  
7/8/15 : Wounded in Action, Gallipoli (Gun shot wound left forearm)

9. Honours and Awards :

Mentioned by Secretary of State for War : London Gazette 28/1/17  
Military Cross London Gazette 18/7/17  
Distinguished Flying Cross London Gazette 2/11/18  
Distinguished Service Order London Gazette 8/2/19  
Mentioned in Despatches London Gazette 16/3/19  
Mentioned in Despatches (France) London Gazette 11/7/19  
Awarded symbol "p.s.a" Air Ministry Order 420/1923  
Awarded Good Shepherd Memorial Essay 1939, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize. Air Ministry  
Order 102/1930/1931

Awarded Symbol "i.d.c"

Companion of the Order of the Bath (Military Division) London Gaz 1/1/42

Commonwealth War Graves :

AVM McClaughry is buried in the Heliopolis War Cemetery, Egypt.

Last Known address of next of Kin :

(Widow) Mrs A G M McClaughry,  
154, Grove End Gardens,  
St John's Wood,  
London, N W 5.

40043 FLYING OFFICER CLISBY, LESLIE REDFORD, DFC  
(Born in Australia on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1914, Enlisted in the RAF in 1937. Killed on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 1940).

REFERENCES ;

(1) AWM Roll Of Honour Number 30043 Rank : Flying Officer  
Unit 1 Sqn Service RAAF (Note this should be 1 Sqn RAF)

FO Clisby was born on the 26th June 1914 at McLaren Vale South Australia. He attended the Nailsworth Technical College, S Aust, and the Adelaide Business College  
He joined the RAAF at Point Cook in 1935, He went to England on a short service commission in the RAF in 1937 and served with No 1 (Fighter) Squadron of the Advanced Air Striking Force during the Battle of France.

During his short but brilliant career as a Hurricane pilot, Clisby shot down over a dozen enemy aircraft , eight of them during five crowded days of aerial battles. During one combat Clisby forced a Heinkel to land, alighted close to it, gave chase to the German pilot, and overpowering him, seized his revolver, and handed him over to the French Throughout his career in France Clisby clung to his RAAF uniform, and was wearing it when on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1940, his aircraft was shot down in flames over Rheims, during a combat in which he fought with his usual fearlessness and skill. His award of the DFC was announced on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1940.

The Citation for his award of the DFC is as follows : “One day in April 1940, FO Clisby, was the pilot of one of three Hurricanes which attacked nine Messerschmidt 109’s, one of which he shot down. The following day he destroyed another ME109. In May 1940, this officer was engaged in six combats against the enemy, in which he shot down eight enemy aircraft. FO Clisby has displayed great courage on all occasions.” (London Gazette 14/6/1940, Page 3622)

(2) Commonwealth War Graves : FO Clisby died on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1940 at the age of 25 years. He is buried in the Choloy War Cemetery, France. He is the son of Albert E Clisby and Mabel E Clisby, of North Walkerville, South Australia.

Other references : AWM 65 (730)