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

Veteran Affairs Nominal Roll 1939-1947 RAAF members .

Commonwealth War Graves records.

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

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SECOND WORLD WAR OVERVIEW : ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Source : Veteran's Affairs World War 2 Nominal Roll

Note : There were **11,061** 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

424350 Flight Sergeant AMBROSE, Patrick Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/305 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:	LM 177
Radio call sign:	MH – N
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LM177 took off from RAF Snaith, Goole, Yorkshire, at 1742 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:

RAF FO Reay G N Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D Thomson, (Flight Sergeant)
RAF FO Arbon, H G (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt I B Runciman, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424350 Flt Sgt P J Ambrose, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt J Hutchinson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J F Maxwell, (Rear Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “ The aircraft crashed at Kelz approx. 8 miles south west of Cologne 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.

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

411439 Flight Sergeant BRIGDEN, Clifton MacLeay

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/83 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 123,
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: HR 787
Radio call sign: MH -
Unit: ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HR 787 took off from RAF Snaith, near Goole, Yorkshire, at 0026 hours on 27 April 1943 detailed to attack Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 411439 Sgt C M Brigden, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt N Thompson, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt RG H Sees, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt W D Griffith, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C C Peters, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W Holding, (Wireless Operator)
RAAF 408564 Flt Sgt W V Chittock, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 406804 Sgt B F K Green, (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was established from German documents that the aircraft crashed 2kms east of Kleinen Broich, and all the crew were killed.

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

Sgt Sees, Sgt Holding and Flt Sgt Chittock 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

421885 Flight Sergeant BROUGHAM, Geoffrey Graham

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/470 1661/6/310 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 147, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LM 544
Radio call sign:	MH – Q2
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LM544 took off from RAF Snaith at 2214 hours on the night of 30/31st March 1944, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 421885 Flt Sgt G G Brougham, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Williams, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Bowling, H (Navigator)
RAAF Flt Sgt J H Gowlland, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418175 Flt Sgt K McD Radley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 434198 Flt Sgt L F Peel, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 427164 Flt Sgt A H Williams, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft when outward bound at 19,000 feet was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Wahlen, 4kmks south of Neustadt (Hessen). Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Williams and FO Gowlland were POW's.

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

Flt Sgt Gowlland later reported "After the aircraft was hit the Captain ordered 'prepare to abandon a/c'. I left my position in the nose with the intention of warning the WOP. The aircraft began spinning before I reached him and I was thrown out of the escape hatch left open by the Nav. The Engineer later said that the Pilot had ordered abandon A/c but the developed spin was strong. When the Engineer examined the wrecked aircraft next morning, five bodies were with the wreckage although the Captain had been thrown clear but was dead. All five were buried nearby at a small village near Neustadt."

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

420537 Flight Sergeant CARMICHAEL, John Arthur Lloyd

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/423 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 97,
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LV 778
Radio call sign:	C6 – B
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LV778 took off from RAF Snaith at 1825 hours on the night of 24.25th February 1944, detailed to bomb Schweinfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Jackson, D Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Langford, F G (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt R J Colley, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO F R Rohrer, (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt L N Atkinson, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J F Brown, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 420537 Flt Sgt J A L Carmichael, (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J C Harthill, (Air Gunner)

Captured German documents later revealed that the aircraft crashed near Sollbach/Bottweartal 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

434777 Flight Sergeant COLLAS, Cyril

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/745 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 437,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NR 241
Radio call sign:	MH – A
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NR241 took off from RAF Snaith at 1236 hours on the 16th November 1944 detailed to bomb Munster, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

On return from the mission while preparing to land NR241 collided with a 578 RAF Sqn Halifax. Both aircraft crashed at 1743 hours at Camblesforth, some 4 miles SSE of Selby, Yorkshire. All the crews in both aircraft were killed.

Crew: NR241

RAF WO J W Bruce, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Bidwell, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 434777 Flt Sgt C Collas, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt J D Suffolk, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P D Hockley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T L Sumner, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J C W Smith, (Rear Gunner)

WO Bruce is buried in the City of London Cemetery, Manor Park, Essex, UK.
Sgt Bidwell is buried in the Wokingham (St Paul) Churchyard, Berkshire, UK.
Flt Sgt Collas is buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.
Flt Sgt Suffolk is buried in the Nottingham Southern Cemetery, Nottinghamshire, UK.
Sgt Hockley is buried in the Thurrock (Stanford-Le-Hope) Cemetery, Essex, UK.
Sgt Sumner is buried in the Pontefract Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.
Sgt Smith is buried in the Crowland (SS Mary, Guthlac and Bartholomew) Churchyard, Lincolnshire, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
418737 Flying Officer COSGRIFF, Brain Patrick

Source: AWM 237(65) NAA : A705 166/21/69 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 340,
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 581
Radio call sign:	C6 – C
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ581 took off from RAF Snaith at 2302 hours on the night of 20/21st July, 1944 detailed to bomb Bottrop, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 418427 FO Jowett, H A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R G Hodgson, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF FO Brown, K J (Navigator)
RAAF 418737 FO Cosgriff, B P (Air Bomber)
RAAF Flt Sgt A Laing, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 437210 FO Lowe, R A E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt K E C Adams, ((Rear Gunner)

MZ581 was hit by flak over the target area and the fins and rudders were severely damaged. Soon after the A/c collided with another aircraft, but control was regained and a course set for Woodbridge in Suffolk, UK. On the approach to Woodbridge MZ581 collided with trees and crashed near the runway. Three of the crew lost their lives. A later flying accident report stated “The collision occurred during night operations in the first phase. The crash occurred at night near a fully lit airfield. The collision resulted in loss of control and the Pilot made a gallant attempt to bring the damaged aircraft back to this country. It was suggested that the crew should have baled out before landing.” The Flt Engineer reported “While over the target area a collision occurred at 0135 hours between my aircraft and another 4 engined aircraft. No one was injured in the collision. After the collision the aircraft was flying starboard wing low and did so for the rest of the flight We eventually reached Woodbridge and decided to land. The Captain informed flying control of very little rudder control and permission to land was given. We made a normal approach and the crew were ordered to crash positions. During the approach the A/c swung to port, the Pilot corrected and the A/c swung again to port. I heard the engines being opened up and thought we were overshooting. The aircraft then hit trees and crashed. I escaped through the broken astro dome and the A/c caught fire.” The Navigator reported “The A/c crashed into pine trees east of Woodbridge. The Pilot had great difficulty controlling the A/c as the port fin and rudder were missing, large holes were in the fuselage and starboard main plane outboard of the starboard engine.”

FO Jowett, FO Cosgriff and FO Lowe (who died from his injuries) are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK.

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

418038 Flying Officer CUNNINGHAM, Alan Forster

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/671 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 443
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 343
Radio call sign:	MH -
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ343 took off from RAF Snaith at 1439 hours on the 6th October 1944,detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Bell, R D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F Longbottom, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J J Harris, (Navigator)
RAF FO Mohr, M J S (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418038 FO Cunningham, A F (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W H H Matthews, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Meering, (Rear Gunner)

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

422153 Flight Sergeant EVERETT, John Raymond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/65 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 84,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 481
Radio call sign:	MH – X
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW481 took off from RAF Snaith, near Goole, Yorkshire, at 0004 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 FO Carder, R E Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 422153 Flt Sgt J R Everett, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt G Burdsall, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Storey, E S (Navigator)
RAF PO King, C A (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Kettley, C (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt W H T Alexander, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF Sgt A R Albone, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “the aircraft was seen to come down in flames, crash and explode near the village of Buecknitz.”

Both Flt Sgt Everett and Sgt Albone were killed and the other were POW's.
Those killed 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

413112 Flight Lieutenant FELL, Alwyn Kevin Dudley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/200 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 112,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HX 330
Radio call sign:	MH – V
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HX330 took off from RAF Snaith at 1911 hours on the night of 15/16th 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 413112 Flt Lt Fell, A K D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt M Duckworth, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Tomalin, H F (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt C E Harvey, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt T R Dennis, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P R Cattrall, (Air Gunner)
RCAF WO R Sharp, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Hericourt (Haute-Saone), 45kms ESE of Vesoul, France

All of the crew were killed and they are buried in 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 from Paris to Nancy.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
426086 Flight Sergeant, GLOVER, Edward Andrew

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/342 1166/15/206

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 118, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LK 750
Radio call sign:	MH – Y2
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LK750 took off from RAF Snaith at 1932 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 Flt Sgt C R Seaman, (Captain (Pilot))
 RAF Sgt W Powell, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF Flt Sgt W R Robson, (Navigator)
 RAAF 426086 Flt Sgt E A Glover (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt R H Pickford, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt L: H Baldwin, (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RAF Sgt L H Gulliver, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was hit and crashed near Brumholder.

Three of the crew Flt Sgt Seaman, Flt Sgt Glover and Sgt Baldwin were killed and the four others were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Wesfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

Sgt Pickford later reported "When we were attacked at approx 2230 hours on 18/3 the order to abandon was given. After I acknowledged and was preparing to go I passed out through lack of oxygen. Before this I saw Glover sitting down facing me. Told by the Germans that Glover was killed."

Sgt Robson reported : "Attacked at 2230. Abandon order. From time I left (approx 30 seconds) Glover was less than 6 feet from me. I could see his head and shoulders but rest of him was hidden behind black out curtains. He had removed his helmet and I could not communicate with him. I did motion to him to help me open the escape hatch and he understood and gave help without coming from behind the curtains. I believe he was not injured. A/c under control when I left Germans told me Glover had been killed."

Sgt Powell reported : "Skipper ordered abandon, I acknowledged. Glover came towards the escape hatch and that was the last time I saw Glover. Unfortunately the ship broke up and I was thrown out."

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

406804 Flight Sergeant GREEN, Bryant Francis Kingdom

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/83 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 123,
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: HR 787
Radio call sign: MH -
Unit: ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HR 787 took off from RAF Snaith, near Goole, Yorkshire, at 0026 hours on 27 April 1943 detailed to attack Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 411439 Sgt C M Brigden, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt N Thompson, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt RG H Sees, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt W D Griffith, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C C Peters, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W Holding, (Wireless Operator)
RAAF 408564 Flt Sgt W V Chittock, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 406804 Sgt B F K Green, (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was established from German documents that the aircraft crashed 2kms east of Kleinen Broich, and all the crew were killed.

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

Sgt Sees, Sgt Holding and Flt Sgt Chittock 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

424584 Pilot Officer GREENWOOD, Bruce Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film 463 OAFH NAA : A705, 166/32/710
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 142, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 348
Radio call sign:	MH – D
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ348 took off from RAF Snaith at 1502 hours on the 21st March 1945, detailed to bomb Rheine, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 426148 FO Paradise, J E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R F Gunn, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 424584 PO Greenwood, B F (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt A Armstrong, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424950 FO Berick, K W (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Hood, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt L Hart, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed on to farmland near Bevergern some 10kms NNE of Rheine. All the crew landed safely by chute but within 24 hours four of the crew had been shot. These four FO Paradise, Sgt Gunn, PO Greenwood and Flt Sgt Armstrong are buried at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Noordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.
The other three crew members were POW's.

FO Berick alter reported "After leaving the target at 10,000 feet the A/c was bombed by A/c above it. One bomb fell through the wing just aft of the port nacelle, The port fin was knocked off and the rudder controls were useless. The A/c lost height rapidly. All except the Rear Gunner were not injured and I was unsure about the Rear Gunner. I baled out at 9000 feet . The others were still in the A/c. I was captured immediately and have no news re the others. I saw the Captain at the Gestapo.

In December 1945 a War Crimes investigation report stated " the three perpetrators are known and the evidence against them is complete. We are trying to locate the three one of whom is in Russian held territory to bring them to justice."

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

424901 Flying Officer GROSE, Kenneth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/431 Micro Film 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 412, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 916
Radio call sign:	MH – O
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ916 took off from RAF Snaith at 1600 hours on the 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:

RAAF 424901 FO Grose, K Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Morgan, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt A Cooper, (Navigator)
RAF G H Norrish, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424317 Flt Sgt M J N Reynolds, (Wireless Operator Air))
RAF Sgt E W Weston, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D C Martin, (Rear Gunner)

It was established that the aircraft crashed at 1830 hours between the towns of Geldern and Sevelin both being west of the Rhine and on the north west of the Ruhr approaches.

FO Grose was killed and the remaining six crew members were POW's.

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

Flt Sgt Reynolds later reported "On the afternoon of 11 September we set out to attack an oil refinery at Gelsenkirchen. About 3 minutes from the target we were badly hit by flak and the petrol tanks caught fire. Despite this the Captain flew the plane in to bomb and then on his orders the rest of the crew baled out. I was the last to leave and the Captain should have followed me through the escape hatch. But once we were clear I think he tried lift the burning A/c over the American lines about 25kms away and so avoid capture. Before he could manage this the port wing fell off and the plane crashed. He was not wounded when we baled out."

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

410158 Pilot Officer HALL, Horace Mervyn

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/526 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 168, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LV 880
Radio call sign:	MH – C
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LV880 took off from RAF Snaith at 2120 hours on the night of 10/11th April, 1944, detailed to bomb rail installations at Tergnier, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 410158 PO Hall, H M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G J W Peck, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422577 FO Kirkwood, F G (Navigator)
RCAF FO Hartley, C T (Air Bomber)
RAAF 408733 WO J B Osborn, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P W Hegarty, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 427078 Flt Sgt M J Fairclough, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was attacked by a night fighter and the port wing set on fire. The Pilot attempted to blow out the fire by diving steeply but this was unsuccessful and moments after the order was given for the crew to put on chutes. The aircraft then exploded and crashed at Davencourt (Somme), 7kms NNE of Montdidier.

Four of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Fairclough and Sgt Hegarty were POW's whilst FO Kirkwood evaded capture.

Those killed are buried in the Davencourt Communal Cemetery, Locality Somme, France. Davencourt is a village 30kms south east of Amiens and about 7kms NNE of Montdidier at town on the D933 road from Amiens to Paris.

Flt Sgt Fairclough later reported “ We were attacked by a night fighter from below. The port wing was set on fire and the Captain tried to put it out by diving the A/c. He also ordered put on chutes. I went forward to see if the abandon order had been given as I couldn't make contact. I was thrown to the floor and couldn't get up, but finally blown out when the A/c exploded. Later learnt that the abandon order had been given. Captured a few months late by the Gestapo.”

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

400258 Flight Sergeant HAMMOND, Louis James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/27 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 28, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	DT 721
Radio call sign:	MH – J
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax DT721 took off from RAF Snaith at 1750 hours on the night of 27/28th January 1943, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF WO1 L O’N Weakley, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt PA Best, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Hough, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt C Street (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J A Daragon, (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Purnell, E V J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 400258 Flt Sgt L J Hammond, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and it crashed in the grounds on Huize Padua Mental Hospital between Boeken and Groesbeek (Noord-Brabant), Holland. WO I Weakley, Sgt Daragon and Sgt Hammond were killed and the four other crew members were POW’s.

WO1 Weakley is buried in the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. Groesbeek is 10kms south east of the town of Nijmegen and close to the German frontier.
Sgt’s Hammond and Daragon 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.

Sgt Hough later reported that Hammond was killed when the night fighter attacked and that he was still in the aircraft when it crashed, 11 miles south weest of Eindhoven, Holland.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
418427 Flying Officer JOWETT, Henry Anthony

Source: AWM 237(65) NAA : A705 166/21/69 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 340,
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 581
Radio call sign:	C6 – C
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ581 took off from RAF Snaith at 2302 hours on the night of 20/21st July, 1944 detailed to bomb Bottrop, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 418427 FO Jowett, H A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R G Hodgson, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF FO Brown, K J (Navigator)
RAAF 418737 FO Cosgriff, B P (Air Bomber)
RAAF Flt Sgt A Laing, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 437210 FO Lowe, R A E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt K E C Adams, ((Rear Gunner)

MZ581 was hit by flak over the target area and the fins and rudders were severely damaged. Soon after the A/c collided with another aircraft, but control was regained and a course set for Woodbridge in Suffolk, UK. On the approach to Woodbridge MZ581 collided with trees and crashed near the runway. Three of the crew lost their lives. A later flying accident report stated “The collision occurred during night operations in the first phase. The crash occurred at night near a fully lit airfield. The collision resulted in loss of control and the Pilot made a gallant attempt to bring the damaged aircraft back to this country. It was suggested that the crew should have baled out before landing.” The Flt Engineer reported “While over the target area a collision occurred at 0135 hours between my aircraft and another 4 engined aircraft. No one was injured in the collision. After the collision the aircraft was flying starboard wing low and did so for the rest of the flight We eventually reached Woodbridge and decided to land. The Captain informed flying control of very little rudder control and permission to land was given. We made a normal approach and the crew were ordered to crash positions. During the approach the A/c swung to port, the Pilot corrected and the A/c swung again to port. I heard the engines being opened up and thought we were overshooting. The aircraft then hit trees and crashed. I escaped through the broken astro dome and the A/c caught fire.” The Navigator reported “The A/c crashed into pine trees east of Woodbridge. The Pilot had great difficulty controlling the A/c as the port fin and rudder were missing, large holes were in the fuselage and starboard main plane outboard of the starboard engine.”

FO Jowett, FO Cosgriff and FO Lowe (who died from his injuries) are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
408770 Flight Sergeant LANCASTER, Ernest Lee

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/136/198 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 110, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	DT 670
Radio call sign:	MH – M
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax DT670 took off from RAF Snaith at 2023 hours on the night of 16/17th April 1943, detailed to bomb Plzen Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt D F Inch, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T F Hayden, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt H Riley, (Navigator)
RAF FO Clements, R F (Air Bomber))
RAAF 408770 Flt Sgt E L Lancaster, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F P Dards, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R M Mumme, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak which damaged the engines and it crashed at Chalons-sur-Marne, (Marne) France. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Dards became a POW while Sgt Riley evaded capture. Flt Sgt Lancaster is buried in 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 N14 road from Paris to Nancy

The remaining four who lost their lives are buried in the Chalons-en-Champagne East Communal Cemetery, Locality Marne, France. Chalons-en-Champagne is the chief town in the Department of Marne. .

Sgt Riley later reported “ Before reaching the target the port was hit by flak. We continued on and the target was bombed. At 0340 hours on 17th April whilst turning on to the last leg of the trip to England we were attacked by a night fighter. Clememts informed the Captain that something was happening to the starboard engine. Then there were several explosions in the bomb aimers compartment possibly by cannon shells. I spoke to the Captain over the I/C and asked him if he could hold the plane which was weaving violently. He replied “No No, get out get out”. I was standing besides Lancaster when the order to abandon was given. As he did not have his I/Com on I assisted him to prepare to abandon. Lancaster fell away from the A/c very well without any apparent injury. I followed him but did not see his chute open when I descended. On landing I saw the crashed A/c about 150 yards away but did not approach owing to a civilian in the vicinity. I did not see Lancaster again. I landed in a very heavily wooded are of the Marne district France.”

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

429464 Flight Sergeant LEWIS, Neville Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/607 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 491,
Volume 1944 .

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NR 129
Radio call sign:	MH – M
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NR129 took off from RAF Snaith at 1721 hours on the night of 21/22nd
November 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Chapman, G L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E V Wallis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 427544 WO W A Porter, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt M W Cockbaine, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429464 Flt Sgt N E Lewis, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J D Clark, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L T Carter, (Air Gunner)

NR129 collided in the air over Belgium with a 346 Sqn RAF Halifax in the vicinity of
Thynes and both aircraft crashed with the crews in both aircraft being killed.
The 346 Sqn aircraft was crewed by members of the Free French Air Force.

Those killed in NR129 are buried in the Leopoldsburg War Cemetery, Locality
Leopoldsburg, Limburg, Belgium. Leopoldsburg is located 58kms north east of Leuven
on the N73.

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

402464 Sergeant LOWATER, Ernest John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 122,
Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	Z 6731
Radio call sign:	MH – A
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Whitley Z6731 took off from RAF Dishforth at 2129 hours on the night of 18/19th August 1941, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. On the return journey and due to fire in the wireless compartment, Z6731 crashed at 0315 hours on the B1116 road north of Crouches farm at Layfield, 11 miles north west of Leiston, Suffolk, UK.

All the crew were killed in the crash.

Four of the Squadron's aircraft (including Z6731) were lost on this mission.

Crew:

RCAF PO Loney, W J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J L Gilman, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R E Bennett, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J Taylor, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 402464 Sgt E J Lowater, (Wireless Air Gunner)

PO Loney and Sgt Lowater are buried in the Honington (All Saints) Churchyard, Suffolk, UK.

Sgt Gilman is buried in the Southport (Birkdale) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

Sgt Bennett is buried in the Swansea (Oystermouth) Cemetery, Glamorganshire, UK.

Sgt Taylor is buried in the Widnes Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
437210 Flying Officer LOWE, Robert Arthur Edward

Source: AWM 237(65) NAA : A705 166/21/69 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 340,
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 581
Radio call sign:	C6 – C
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ581 took off from RAF Snaith at 2302 hours on the night of 20/21st July, 1944 detailed to bomb Bottrop, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 418427 FO Jowett, H A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R G Hodgson, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF FO Brown, K J (Navigator)
RAAF 418737 FO Cosgriff, B P (Air Bomber)
RAAF Flt Sgt A Laing, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 437210 FO Lowe, R A E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt K E C Adams, ((Rear Gunner)

MZ581 was hit by flak over the target area and the fins and rudders were severely damaged. Soon after the A/c collided with another aircraft, but control was regained and a course set for Woodbridge in Suffolk, UK. On the approach to Woodbridge MZ581 collided with trees and crashed near the runway. Three of the crew lost their lives. A later flying accident report stated “The collision occurred during night operations in the first phase. The crash occurred at night near a fully lit airfield. The collision resulted in loss of control and the Pilot made a gallant attempt to bring the damaged aircraft back to this country. It was suggested that the crew should have baled out before landing.” The Flt Engineer reported “While over the target area a collision occurred at 0135 hours between my aircraft and another 4 engined aircraft. No one was injured in the collision. After the collision the aircraft was flying starboard wing low and did so for the rest of the flight We eventually reached Woodbridge and decided to land. The Captain informed flying control of very little rudder control and permission to land was given. We made a normal approach and the crew were ordered to crash positions. During the approach the A/c swung to port, the Pilot corrected and the A/c swung again to port. I heard the engines being opened up and thought we were overshooting. The aircraft then hit trees and crashed. I escaped through the broken astro dome and the A/c caught fire.” The Navigator reported “The A/c crashed into pine trees east of Woodbridge. The Pilot had great difficulty controlling the A/c as the port fin and rudder were missing, large holes were in the fuselage and starboard main plane outboard of the starboard engine.”

FO Jowett, FO Cosgriff and FO Lowe (who died from his injuries) are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK.

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

424776 Flight Sergeant MASHMAN, Keith Austin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5526705 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Flt Sgt Mashman (Wireless Operator Air) was killed on operations on 4th November 1944. The aircraft crashed at Vendiville, France and he is buried in Lille Southern Cemetery, Locality Nord, France.

No other details are available as his RAAF Casualty file is not held at Archives.

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

407091 Sergeant MILNE, Angus

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/144/106 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 122,
Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	Z 6811
Radio call sign:	MH – D
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Whitley Z6811 took off from RAF Dishforth at 2134 hours on the night of 18/19th August 1941, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt J A B Jamieson, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Shorrock, F W ((2nd Pilot)
RAAF 407091 Sgt A Milne, (Observer)
RAF Sgt F W Coles, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt H R F Johnston, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0200 hours near Malden (Gelderland), 5kms south of Nijmegen, Holland. It was thought that the aircraft may have collided with an enemy night fighter. Three of the crew were killed in the crash and PO Shorrock and Sgt Coles were POW's..

Those killed are buried in the Uden War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Uden is a town on the main road between Eindhoven and Nijmegen.

PO Shorrock later reported “When we were shot down I could see no chance of Milne’s life having been saved. I cannot make a more definite statement but I believe that he was killed. Sgt Cole survived.”

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

408733 Warrant Officer OSBORN, John Bruce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/526 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 168, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LV 880
Radio call sign:	MH – C
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LV880 took off from RAF Snaith at 2120 hours on the night of 10/11th April, 1944, detailed to bomb rail installations at Tergnier, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 410158 PO Hall, H M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G J W Peck, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422577 FO Kirkwood, F G (Navigator)
RCAF FO Hartley, C T (Air Bomber)
RAAF 408733 WO J B Osborn, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P W Hegarty, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 427078 Flt Sgt M J Fairclough, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was attacked by a night fighter and the port wing set on fire. The Pilot attempted to blow out the fire by diving steeply but this was unsuccessful and moments after the order was given for the crew to put on chutes. The aircraft then exploded and crashed at Davencourt (Somme), 7kms NNE of Montdidier.

Four of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Fairclough and Sgt Hegarty were POW's whilst FO Kirkwood evaded capture.

Those killed are buried in the Davencourt Communal Cemetery, Locality Somme, France. Davencourt is a village 30kms south east of Amiens and about 7kms NNE of Montdidier at town on the D933 road from Amiens to Paris.

Flt Sgt Fairclough later reported “ We were attacked by a night fighter from below. The port wing was set on fire and the Captain tried to put it out by diving the A/c. He also ordered put on chutes. I went forward to see if the abandon order had been given as I couldn't make contact. I was thrown to the floor and couldn't get up, but finally blown out when the A/c exploded. Later learnt that the abandon order had been given. Captured a few months late by the Gestapo.”

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

426148 Flying Officer PARADISE, John Edwin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film 463 OAFH NAA : A705, 166/32/710
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 142, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 348
Radio call sign:	MH – D
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ348 took off from RAF Snaith at 1502 hours on the 21st March 1945, detailed to bomb Rheine, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 426148 FO Paradise, J E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R F Gunn, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 424584 PO Greenwood, B F (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt A Armstrong, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424950 FO Berick, K W (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Hood, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt L Hart, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed on to farmland near Bevergern some 10kms NNE of Rheine. All the crew landed safely by chute but within 24 hours four of the crew had been shot. These four FO Paradise, Sgt Gunn, PO Greenwood and Flt Sgt Armstrong are buried at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Noordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.
The other three crew members were POW's.

FO Berick alter reported "After leaving the target at 10,000 feet the A/c was bombed by A/c above it. One bomb fell through the wing just aft of the port nacelle, The port fin was knocked off and the rudder controls were useless. The A/c lost height rapidly. All except the Rear Gunner were not injured and I was unsure about the Rear Gunner. I baled out at 9000 feet . The others were still in the A/c. I was captured immediately and have no news re the others. I saw the Captain at the Gestapo.

In December 1945 a War Crimes investigation report stated " the three perpetrators are known and the evidence against them is complete. We are trying to locate the three one of whom is in Russian held territory to bring them to justice."

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

434198 Flight Sergeant PEEL, Lloyd Francis

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/470 1661/6/310 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 147, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LM 544
Radio call sign:	MH – Q2
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LM544 took off from RAF Snaith at 2214 hours on the night of 30/31st March 1944, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 421885 Flt Sgt G G Brougham, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Williams, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Bowling, H (Navigator)
RAAF Flt Sgt J H Gowlland, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418175 Flt Sgt K McD Radley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 434198 Flt Sgt L F Peel, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 427164 Flt Sgt A H Williams, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft when outward bound at 19,000 feet was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Wahlen, 4kmks south of Neustadt (Hessen). Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Williams and FO Gowlland were POW's.

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

Flt Sgt Gowlland later reported "After the aircraft was hit the Captain ordered 'prepare to abandon a/c'. I left my position in the nose with the intention of warning the WOP. The aircraft began spinning before I reached him and I was thrown out of the escape hatch left open by the Nav. The Engineer later said that the Pilot had ordered abandon A/c but the developed spin was strong. When the Engineer examined the wrecked aircraft next morning, five bodies were with the wreckage although the Captain had been thrown clear but was dead. All five were buried nearby at a small village near Neustadt."

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

427544 Warrant Officer PORTER, William Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/607 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 491,
Volume 1944 .

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NR 129
Radio call sign:	MH – M
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NR129 took off from RAF Snaith at 1721 hours on the night of 21/22nd
November 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Chapman, G L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E V Wallis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 427544 WO W A Porter, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt M W Cockbaine, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429464 Flt Sgt N E Lewis, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J D Clark, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L T Carter, (Air Gunner)

NR129 collided in the air over Belgium with a 346 Sqn RAF Halifax in the vicinity of
Thynes and both aircraft crashed with the crews in both aircraft being killed.
The 346 Sqn aircraft was crewed by members of the Free French Air Force.

Those killed in NR129 are buried in the Leopoldsburg War Cemetery, Locality
Leopoldsburg, Limburg, Belgium. Leopoldsburg is located 58kms north east of Leuven
on the N73.

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

421756 Flying Officer PRESTON, James Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/152/237 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 412,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 319
Radio call sign:	MH – B
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ319 took off from RAF Snaith at 1616 hours on the 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:

RAAF 421756 FO Preston, J R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Hughes, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Pollitt, J F (Navigator)
RAAF 419905 Flt Sgt H V Shirley, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 422653 FO Stockwell, R N (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L Hunter, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Wright, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 1850 hours on 11th September on to the Zimmerai-Platz at Bochum, Germany. Four of the crew were killed and FO Pollitt, Flt Sgt Shirley and FO Stockwell were POW's.

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

Flt Sgt Shirley later stated "We were bombarded by flak. The port outer was on fire, the port inner CSU was U/S and the tail control gear was shot away. The order for crew to put on chutes was acknowledged. I was wounded in the head. The Nav baled out before me. Five were still in the aircraft when I went at 18,500 feet. The A/c was out of control and crashed around Bochum. The other 2 POW's were with him in a cell at Bochum."

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

427164 Flight Sergeant WILLIAMS, Arthur Henry

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/470 1661/6/310 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 147, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LM 544
Radio call sign:	MH – Q2
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LM544 took off from RAF Snaith at 2214 hours on the night of 30/31st March 1944, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 421885 Flt Sgt G G Brougham, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Williams, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Bowling, H (Navigator)
RAAF Flt Sgt J H Gowlland, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418175 Flt Sgt K McD Radley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 434198 Flt Sgt L F Peel, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 427164 Flt Sgt A H Williams, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft when outward bound at 19,000 feet was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Wahlen, 4kmks south of Neustadt (Hessen). Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Williams and FO Gowlland were POW's.

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

Flt Sgt Gowlland later reported "After the aircraft was hit the Captain ordered 'prepare to abandon a/c'. I left my position in the nose with the intention of warning the WOP. The aircraft began spinning before I reached him and I was thrown out of the escape hatch left open by the Nav. The Engineer later said that the Pilot had ordered abandon A/c but the developed spin was strong. When the Engineer examined the wrecked aircraft next morning, five bodies were with the wreckage although the Captain had been thrown clear but was dead. All five were buried nearby at a small village near Neustadt."

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

403167 Flying Officer WILSON, Lionel Adolphus

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/1065 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 31,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LV 952
Radio call sign:	MH – F
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LV952 took off from RAF Snaith at 1647 hours on the night of 5/6th January 1945, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Leach, A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P Neale, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J S Staples, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt W G Bowen, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403167 PO Wilson, L A (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt W M Burton, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D E F Thomsett, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Leinhausen. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Thomsett was a POW. Those killed are buried at the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hanover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

Sgt Thomsett later stated “ I baled out but as the Inter Com was useless I have no knowledge of the others.”

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

418175 Flight Sergeant RADLEY, Kenneth McDonald

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/470 1661/6/310 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 147, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LM 544
Radio call sign:	MH – Q2
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LM544 took off from RAF Snaith at 2214 hours on the night of 30/31st March 1944, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 421885 Flt Sgt G G Brougham, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Williams, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Bowling, H (Navigator)
RAAF Flt Sgt J H Gowlland, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418175 Flt Sgt K McD Radley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 434198 Flt Sgt L F Peel, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 427164 Flt Sgt A H Williams, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft when outward bound at 19,000 feet was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Wahlen, 4kmks south of Neustadt (Hessen). Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Williams and FO Gowlland were POW's.

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

Flt Sgt Gowlland later reported "After the aircraft was hit the Captain ordered 'prepare to abandon a/c'. I left my position in the nose with the intention of warning the WOP. The aircraft began spinning before I reached him and I was thrown out of the escape hatch left open by the Nav. The Engineer later said that the Pilot had ordered abandon A/c but the developed spin was strong. When the Engineer examined the wrecked aircraft next morning, five bodies were with the wreckage although the Captain had been thrown clear but was dead. All five were buried nearby at a small village near Neustadt."

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

414442 Flight Sergeant WILKINS, Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/589 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 146,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LV 822
Radio call sign:	MH – Z2
Unit:	ATTD 51 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LV822 took off from RAF Snaith at 2200 hours on the night of 30/31st March 1944, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414442 Flt Sgt E Wilkins, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L H Wyness, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Marshall, J B (Navigator)
RAF FO James, W K (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt L R Adams, (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF Sgt A J Bradshaw, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Nicholl, (Air Gunner)

LV822 when outbound to the target was sent down out of control by a night fighter, crashed and exploded near Guntersdorf, approx 21 miles north west of Giessen, Germany.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Niedersachsen, Germany.

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

407366 Flight Sergeant KERR, John Archibald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/132/245 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z 9615
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTAD 52 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z9615 crashed at 1630 hours on 13th October 1942 at Mosul (Iraq), Middle East. The crew of three were killed following engine failure and a subsequent misjudgement of the circuit during a forced landing attempt

Crew:

RAF Sgt T G Pritchard, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G T Spark, (Observer)
RAAF 407366 Flt Sgt J A Kerr, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Mosul War Cemetery, Iraq. Mosul is the most northerly town in Iraq.

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

400280 Pilot Officer MORRIS, Alan Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/45/192 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	V 9105
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTAD 53 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hudson V9105 crashed during a test flight on 28th September 1942. The aircraft took off at 1945Z hours and crashed 30 minutes after take off in jungle country approx 20 miles south east from Edinburgh Field, Trinidad The plane caught fire and depth charges on board exploded. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 400280 PO Morris, A A Captain (Pilot)
USAAF AML 3/c G M Nobbs, (US Naval Mechanic)
USAAF Private 1st Class S L Shipes
USAAF Private 1st Class C K R Smith
USAAF Private 1st Class J H Fischer

PO Morris is buried in the Port of Spain (St James) Military Cemetery, Trinidad and Tobago.

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

8934 Flight Sergeant RICHARDS, Jack Kenneth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/272 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	BZ 873
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 53 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ873 took off from St Eval near Wadebridge, Cornwall at 2050 hours on the night of 20/21st May 1944 to carry out a Leigh Light anti sub patrol over the Atlantic. At 0120 hours on 21st May a signal was received from the aircraft 'investigating possible U boat'. The signal was cancelled a few minutes later and since then nothing further was heard. The aircraft failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Bowman, G A Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 8934 Flt Sgt J K Richards, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt R D Christie, (1st Navigator)
RAAF 423171 Flt Sgt W W Moore, (2nd Navigator)
RAF Sgt G Harrison, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 420313 FO Watkins, H W (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425024 Flt Sgt J T Kerr, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425311 Flt Sgt A F Johnson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF WO F W Atherton (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO McTaggart, W (Flight Engineer)

The patrol was down the French coast then out to sea down the Spanish coast to Gibraltara and back. The aircraft was expected back about 8am 21st May. It left base at 6pm the day before. Sgt Harrison body was washed ashore on the north coast of Spain. Atherton's body was found floating at sea by a fisherman who established the identity but did not recover the body.

Sgt Harrison is buried in the Bilbao British Cemetery, Spain. Bilbao is a seaport in the north of Spain.

All the remaining nine 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

400834 Flying Officer RISBEY, Geoffrey Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/55/224 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 727
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 53 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hudson AM727 returned from an anti-sub patrol on 15th September 1942 at Edinburgh Field, Trinidad, British West Indies. The visibility at the base and at Walker Field and at Nas Piarrel was temporarily reduced to 500 yards due to a heavy thunderstorm.

The aircraft made a circuit of the drome with wheels down at an estimated height from 500 to 800 feet. It then entered the thickest part of the storm situated to the north west of the runway while still at that height. When next sighted the aircraft was just breaking through the storm below the level of a line of trees at right angles to the runway and approx 200 yards from the commencement of the runway. The aircraft struck a tree with its starboard wing, the wing broke off and the aircraft crashed and immediately broke in half. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 400834 FO Risbey, G T Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 401354 FO Walker, J W P (Observer)
RAF Sgt N F Brassington, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A M Parkin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
US Navy AAM3C W M Boots Jnr, (Mechanic)

The two RAAF and two RAF crew members are buried in the Port of Spain (St James) Military Cemetery, Trinidad and Tobago.

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

401354 Flying Officer WALKER, Jack Waring Paix

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/55/224 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 727
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 53 SQN RAF

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Crew:

RAAF 400834 FO Risbey, G T Captain (Pilot)
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RAF Sgt N F Brassington, (Wireless Air Gunner)
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402980 Flying Officer WOOD, Gordon Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/47 Commonwealth War Graves records
AWM 65 (5467)

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	P 9228
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 53 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington P9228 crashed at 0827 hours on 13 August 1943 one mile north west of Lakeheath village Suffolk, and about 11 miles east of Ely. It collided with Spitfire P7530.

P9228 took off at 1005 hours with an instructor and 4 experienced air gunners on board Including FO Wood who was on a Gunnery Leaders course. Another Wellington and Spitfire P7530 took off about the same time. All three aircraft were detailed to carry out quarter attacks. During the exercise while the leading Wellington was being attacked by the Spitfire, P9228 started changing position from port to starboard. At the time P9228 was slightly to the rear and to starboard, and the Spitfire when breaking away downwards and to also to starboard collided with P9228. The starboard wing of the Spitfire caught the starboard wing of P9228 and the Spitfire burst into flames and the Wellington dived to earth. Both aircraft crashed about one quarter of a mile from each other.

An accident report later stated “The primary cause of the accident was that the Spitfire pilot misjudged his forward momentum on the break away. A contributory cause was the Wellington changed over its position whilst the Spitfire was committed to the attack thus confusing the Spitfire pilot. Before recovery could be made the aircraft collided.”
The crew of both aircraft were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Shannon, E M Captain (Pilot)

RAF PO McDonald Smith, (Instructor)

RAAF 402980 FO Wood, G F (Air Gunner)

RNZAF PO Dreaver, B C (Air Gunner)

RAF Flt Sgt H Nuttridge, (Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt K P T Akeroyd (Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Lt Shannon, FO Wood and PO Dreaver are buried in the Beck Row (St John) Churchyard, Suffolk, UK

Flt Sgt Nuttridge and Sgt Akeroyd are buried in the Castleford (Whitwood) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK. Commonwealth War Graves records do not record the burial details of PO MacDonald Smith.

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

403261 Warrant Officer DOWNING, Arthur William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/310 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Baltimore
Serial number:	FA 418
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 55 SQN RAF

Summary:

Baltimore FA418 was detailed to attack Isernia a town in Italy on 18th October 1943. FA418 was flying in No 3 position in a formation of 12 aircraft. As the formation dived on to the target, FA493 passed over the leading aircraft and struck No 3 with its main plane cutting off the tail unit of FA418. FA418 immediately went into a spin and exploded when it hit the ground. Three parachutes were seen to open as both aircraft went down.

Crew:

RAAF 411056 WO A R Stratton, Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO G H Stevens, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 403261 WO A W Downing, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt A Beaumont, (Air Gunner)

All the crew of FA418 were killed and they are buried in the Cassino War Cemetery, Italy. The Cemetery lies in the commune of Cassino, Province of Frosinone, 139kms south east of Rome.

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

407364 Flight Sergeant HUNT, John Alexander Richards

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/124/120 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Baltimore
Serial number:	FA 276
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 55 SQN RAF

Summary:

Baltimore FA276 was hit by ack-ack fire, burst into flames and crashed at 0820 hours on 2nd April 1943, near El Merguequ, 20 miles north west of Gabes, Tunis. All the crew were killed.

Members of 55 Sqn found the wreck of the aircraft and the graves of those killed which was prepared by the Italians.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Wright C L Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Neper, M O (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 407364 Flt Sgt J A R Hunt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt White, I (Air Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Sfax War Cemetery, Tunisia. The town of Sfax is 270kms south of Tunis.

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

400398 Pilot Officer JOHNSON, Alfred Carrington

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/176/173 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	M 322
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 55 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim M322 crashed south of Fuka drome, Middle East, at 1900 hours on 12th November 1941 at night. The aircraft hit a slight escarpment during its approach to the flare path, possibly due to the altimeter being incorrectly set. Bombs on board exploded on impact.

Crew :

RAF PO Chater, T G G Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400398 PO Johnson, A C (Observer)
RAAF 402300 Sgt L T Watson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in 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.

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

404045 Sergeant RHOADES, Leslie Colin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/156/89 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V 6228
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 55 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V6228 detailed to carry out a high level bombing attack on Gambut aerodrome, took off at 0525 hours GMT with 2 other aircraft in V formation, accompanied by five aircraft from 113 Sqn RAF. The force began its run up to the target from 40 miles out to sea at a height of 15,000 feet. Bombs were dropped at 0714 hours GMT, and V6228 turned right and headed north out to sea in a gradual dive.

The formation was then attacked by 4 ME109's, and V6228 was hit in the port wing by cannon shells and by machine gun bullets just forward of the gun turret. The aircraft lost speed and height and as it went down Sqn Ldr Blackmore waved on the other two aircraft. V6228 was last seen to land on the water approx 40 miles north of Gambut, while 2 ME109's circled overhead at approx 200/200 feet.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Blackmore, H G P Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF Sgt W D Cole, (Observer)
RAAF 404045 Sgt L C Rhoades, (Wireless Air Gunner)

In 1948 it was presumed that the three crew members 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 bypassed by the main coast road, approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

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

411056 Warrant Officer STRATTON, Alfred Rowland

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/310 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Baltimore
Serial number:	FA 418
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 55 SQN RAF

Summary:

Baltimore FA418 was detailed to attack Isernia a town in Italy on 18th October 1943. FA418 was flying in No 3 position in a formation of 12 aircraft. As the formation dived on to the target, FA493 passed over the leading aircraft and struck No 3 with its main plane cutting off the tail unit of FA418. FA418 immediately went into a spin and exploded when it hit the ground. Three parachutes were seen to open as both aircraft went down.

Crew:

RAAF 411056 WO A R Stratton, Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO G H Stevens, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 403261 WO A W Downing, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt A Beaumont, (Air Gunner)

All the crew of FA418 were killed and they are buried in the Cassino War Cemetery, Italy. The Cemetery lies in the commune of Cassino, Province of Frosinone, 139kms south east of Rome.

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

402300 Sergeant WATSON, Lionel Timothy

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/176/173 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	M 322
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 55 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim M322 crashed south of Fuka drome, Middle East, at 1900 hours on 12th November 1941 at night. The aircraft hit a slight escarpment during its approach to the flare path, possibly due to the altimeter being incorrectly set. Bombs on board exploded on impact.

Crew :

RAF PO Chater, T G G Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400398 PO Johnson, A C (Observer)
RAAF 402300 Sgt L T Watson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in 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.

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

411287 Flying Officer COLEMAN, Bernard Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/28 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Typhoon
Serial number:	PN 433
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 56 SQN RAF

Summary:

Typhoon PN433 took off from Bickling at 0930 hours on the 20th January 1943, to carry out a non-operational day practice battle formation. An accident occurred when PN433 collided with R8822 flown by PO McKenzie.

The formation was in a thin layer of cloud at the time. PN433 was flying on the left of a V formation behind R8822. PN433 slid across underneath R8822 and the propeller of R8822 cut off the tail of Coleman's aircraft and PN433 crashed.

Crew:

RAAF 411287 FO Coleman, B J (Pilot)

FO Coleman is buried in the Scottow Cemetery, Norfolk, UK. Until September 1943 ground on the northern side of the Cemetery was set aside for burials from the Coltishall RAF Station which is very close to it.

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

410130 Flying Officer MILLER, Alexander Stewart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5244352 Commonwealth War Graves record
AWM 65 (3622)

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 56 SQN RAF

Summary:

FO Miller (Pilot) was reported missing on an operational flight on 9th November 1944 over Holland.

No other detail is available re the mission as Archives do not hold a RAAF casualty file.

FO Miller is buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms southwest of Kleve.

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

27266 Flight Sergeant BARRON, Harold Lawrence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/1460 Micro Film 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 292, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 526
Radio call sign:	DX – D
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB526 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2300 hours on the night of 21/22nd June 1944, detailed to bomb Wesseling, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Six aircraft from the Squadron (including JB526) failed to return from this mission.

Crew:

RAF PO Weightman, S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A J Osborn, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt D G Townsend, (Navigator)
RCAF FO Syzmanski, C (Air Bomber)
RAAF 27266 Flt Sgt H L Barron, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W R Parkinson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H W J Yardley (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft when outbound, was attacked by a night fighter which set its engines on fire, and the JB526 exploded and disintegrated in the air. It crashed 1km north west of the small town of Koslar, 3kms west of Julich.

Six of the crew were killed and PO Weightman 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

410208 Warrant Officer BEECHER, Thomas Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/579 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 292, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 115
Radio call sign:	DX – M
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM115 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2306 hours on the night of 21/22nd June 1944, detailed to bomb Wesserling, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Six aircraft from the Squadron (including LM115) failed to return from the mission.

Crew:

RAF FO Bayley, A F Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Heasman, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Maunsell, J R (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Q D Naysmith, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410208 WO T F Beecher, (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt V L Marshall, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Donovan, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Oud Turnhout, (Antwerpen), 3kmseast of Turnhout, Belgium..
Three of the crew were killed, and Sgt's Heasman and Marshall were POW's, whilst FO Maunsell and Flt Sgt Naysmith evaded capture.

Those killed are buried in the Schoonselhof Cemetery, Locality Atwerpen, Belgium.
Antwerp lies 57kms north of Brussels on the E19 and 59kms north east of Gent on the E17 motorway.

Flt Sgt Naysmith later reported "On hearing the crew acknowledge a bale out order he was the first to leave. He was later conveyed in a truck with the bodies of Beecher and Donovan to the prison camp where he saw Marshall."

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

429371 Flight Sergeant BLACK, Frank Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/846 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 503, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 264
Radio call sign:	DX – K
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD264 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 1639 hours on the night of 6/7th December 1944, detailed to bomb Giessen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Riddell, W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Scott, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt P D Mann, (Navigator)
RAAF 426895 Flt Sgt N F D McGladrigán, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429371 Flt Sgt F A Black, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R S McKillop, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Forward, (Rear Gunner)

A report by a Missing Research and Enquiry team stated “the aircraft was returning from a raid in Germany when it was shot down by a night fighter at approx 9pm on 6th December 1944 at Erdhausen, 12 miles north west of Giessen.

Five of the crew were killed in the crash, and Flt Sgt McGladrogon and Sgt Forward were POW's. Flt Sgt McGladrigán however died of his injuries on 10th December 1944.

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

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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427063 Pilot Officer CAMPBELL, Victor Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/910 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 140,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 653
Radio call sign:	DX – O
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM653 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2342 hours on the night of 20/21st March 1945, detailed to carry out a diversionary raid on Halle, while other aircraft were attacking Bohlen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 428261 Flt Lt Palling, A R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt G W Ackerman, (Flight Sergeant)
RAAF 427063 PO Campbell, V R (Navigator)
RAAF 415946 PO Lind, G O H (Air Bomber)
RAAF 415988 WO C Jardine, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J Henderson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt M O'Loughlin, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed in the crash and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany. This was an experienced crew with over 30 sorties to their credit.

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

426046 Flight Sergeant CHADWICK, Thomas Patrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/7/206 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 329
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 336
Radio call sign:	DX – G
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM336 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 1915 hours on the night of 23/24th September 1944, detailed to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF PO Hogan, P D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E O Bryant, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF PO Millar, R N (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt J P C Gordon (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt C L Kingsnorth, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 426046 Flt Sgt T P Chadwick, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF WO11 W H Arnold, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak at approx 01100 hours while flying low over a north eastern suburb of Paris. It crashed on fire near the rue du Louvre and the rue de Rivoli, setting fire to the Magasen du Louvre, one of the principal Paris department stores.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Clichy Northern Cemetery, Locality Hauts-de-Seine, France. Clichy is a town adjoining the northern boundary of Paris.

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

275328 Flying Officer CHIVERS, Ernest Keele

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/110 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 156,
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 707
Radio call sign:	DX -
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED707 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2240 hours on the night of 23/24th May 1943, detailed to bomb Dortmund, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 275328 FO Chivers, E K Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T R Bayles, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt P Parkin, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt I A Jerks, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D A Robb, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W H Bestwick, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W B Rawnsley, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0247 hours in the Waddenzee between Den Helder and the Isle of Texel. All the crew lost their lives.

FO Chivers, Sgt Parkin and Sgt Robb are buried in the Texel (Den Burg) Cemetery, Locality Noord-Holland, Netherlands. Texel is one of the West Frisian Islands and Den Burg is its main town.

Sgt Bayles and Sgt Jervis are buried in the Bergen-op-Zoom War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Bergen-op-Zoom is a town in the Dutch province of Noord-Brabant, 40kms north west of Antwerp (Belgium).

The other two crew members Sgt Bestwick and Sgt Rawnsley 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

5870 Flying Officer COBERN, Charles Alan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/929 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 140,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	RA 530
Radio call sign:	DX – Y
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster RA530 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2345 hours on the night of 20/21st March 1945, detailed to bomb a synthetic oil plant at Bohlen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 5870 FO Cobern, C A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt K C Ashun (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Calderbank, W F (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt S B Searby, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R Bates (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Lawrence, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Ramsbottom, (Rear Gunner)

With in few minutes of take off RA530 crashed into a house near Stickney, 7 miles NNE of Boston on the main road leading to the Lincolnshire town of Spilsby.

Four of the crew were killed and three were injured. One of the injured Flt Sgt Searby died of his injuries on 1st April 1945.

FO Cobern is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK.

Sgt Ashun is buried in the Bootle Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

FO Calderbank was cremated in the Blackpool (Carleton) Crematorium, Boulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire, UK

Flt Sgt Searby is buried in the Croft (All Saints) Churchyard, Lincolnshire, UK.

Sgt Ramsbottom is buried in the Sheffield (Shiregreen) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400580 Sergeant COOK, Andrew Harry Theodore

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/361 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 174,
Volume 1941

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8985
Radio call sign:	DX -
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z8985 took off from RAF Feltwell at 2010 hours on the night of 7/8th
November 1941, detailed to carry out a Rover patrol with Munster as its objective.
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 400580 Sgt A H T Cook, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A McKillop, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A C Crease,
RAF Sgt J H D Howes,
RAF Sgt A A Thomson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J L Ledsham,

The aircraft crashed near Haastrecht (Zuid Holland), 4kms SSE of Gouda.
Three of the crew Sgt's Cook, McKillop and Thomson were killed and the others were
POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Bergen-op-Zoom Canadian War cemetery, Locality Noord-
Brabant, Netherlands. Bergen-op-Zoom is a town in the Dutch province of Noord-
Brabant, 40kms north-west of Antwerp (Belgium)

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413078 Pilot Officer DUFF, Gordon Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/114 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 324,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4948
Radio call sign:	DX – S
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4948 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 1918 hours on the night of 22/23rd September 1943, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. W4948 when heading for base was intercepted by an enemy intruder aircraft and shot down at 0043 hours over Driby, 9 miles SSE of Louth, Lincolnshire, UK. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Cherrington and Brown baled out as the aircraft fell out of control.

Crew:

RAAF 413078 PO Duff, G A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt A Cherrington, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Rolfe, P N (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R C Brown, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H R Ellmer, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 420780 Sgt R P Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 417232 Flt Sgt W Pryde, (Rear Gunner)

PO Duff, Sgt Smith and Flt Sgt Pryde are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK.

FO Rolfe was cremated at the Nottingham Crematorium, Nottinghamshire, UK.

Sgt Ellmer is buried at Haywards Heath (Western Road) Cemetery, Sussex, UK.

Extract from Hqrs. Bomber Command Routine Order, Serial No A161 of 6/10/43.

“The Commander-in-Chief wishes to bring to the notice of all ranks in the command the courage and devotion to duty displayed by the undermentioned members of a crew of No 57 Sqn on the night of 22/23rd Sept. 1943, when returning from an attack on Hanover.

A413078 PO G A Duff, Pilot and Captain

A417232 Flt Sgt W Pryde, Rear Gunner

A Lancaster A/c captained by PO Duff was attacked by an unidentified enemy A/c at 4000 feet, while in the circuit at Base. The A/c was set on fire by the fighter's first burst and a violent explosion occurred in the port wing. PO Duff succeeded in retaining control of the A/c which was burning along the port wing and almost unmanageable. The Bomb Aimer and Flight Engineer baled out safely at 2000 and 1000 feet respectively. PO Duff remained at the controls and succeeded in keeping the A/c level until at 1000 feet it made a tight turn and dived into the ground. The two members of the crew who landed safely undoubtedly owe their lives to PO Duff's efforts to give his crew the chance to abandon the A/c. Throughout the entire incident, Flt Sgt Pryde engaged the enemy A/c with fire from the rear turret and was seen to be still firing as the A/c went into its last dive.”

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409677 Pilot Officer ELY, George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/104 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 22,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 681
Radio call sign:	DX – J
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB681 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2323 hours on the night of 2/3rd January 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 409677 PO Ely, G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S Lewis, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt R W Homewood, (Navigator)
RCAF FO Nixon, G F (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A W C Ball, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A S Pilbeam, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt K H Harper, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Luhme a village in an area containing many lakes, some 10kms NNW of Rheinberg, Germany. All the crew were killed.

Six of the crew are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.
Sgt Ball has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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420553 Pilot Officer FINCH, Jack

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/216 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 164,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 725
Radio call sign:	DX – M
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB725 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2123 hours on the night of 9/10th April 1944, detailed to carry out mine laying in the Baltic. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420553 PO Finch, J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J G Robson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt F J H Garrick, (Navigator)
RCAF PO Quinn, H E (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410725 Flt Sgt I A Rands, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Smedley, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H B West, (Rear Gunner)

When the aircraft was outbound it was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0025 hours on Farup Gard south of Jelling, Denmark.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Esbjerg (Fourfelt) Cemetery, Denmark. Esbjerg is a major port on the west coast of Jutland.

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14065 Sergeant FRASER, Gilbert Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 4560228 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 249,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4251
Radio call sign:	DX -
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4251 took off from RAF Scampton at hours 1233 hours on 24th October 1942 detailed to bomb Milan, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Miles, J T N Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 14065 Sgt G G Fraser, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Hamilton, W C (Observer)
RAF Sgt J G Taylor, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H B Smith, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A F Heffernan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W J Wakelin, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Ravenna War Cemetery, Italy. The War Cemetery lies on a communal road 1km south of the SS16 from Ravenna to Ferrara near the village of Piangipane in the Communal and Province of Ravenna.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404564 Sergeant GREEN, Stirling Lindfield

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/142/334 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 58, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3410
Radio call sign:	DX -
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3410 took off from RAF Feltwell at 2120 hours on the night of 1/2nd April 1942, detailed to bomb Hanau, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Harvie, G de L Captain (Pilot)
EAF Sgt C F Curtis, (Pilot)
RAAF 404564 Sgt S L Green, (Observer)
RAF Sgt D Henderson. (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 400306 Sgt R Marshall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Tozer, T H (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft at Frettingheim approx 35 miles south west of Hanau. 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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415527 Pilot Officer HAMPTON, George Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/517 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 130,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 671
Radio call sign:	DX – I
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND671 took off from RAF East Kirkby at hours 1850 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.

Crew:

RAAF 415527 PO Hampton, G A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F S Bodkin, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R E G Nuttall (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt T J Adkison, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Milfull, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Strom, C A (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D C Youngs, (Rear Gunner)

When homebound at 21,000 feet, ND671 was shot down by flak and crashed near Geseke a large town 12kms ESE of Lippstadt, Germany.

Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Nuttall and Milfull were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

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415789 Flight Sergeant HASKINS, Ronald Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/257 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 268, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 896
Radio call sign:	DX – D
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA896 took off from RAF Scampton at 2029 hours on the night of 15/16th August 1943, detailed to bomb Milan. On returning to base after the mission, the aircraft made a heavy landing and attempted a take off for a further circuit, on three engines the port outer being feathered. JA896 turned to port through 180 degrees and crashed at 0447 hours on 16th August 1943. Four of the crew were killed and three were injured. Flt Sgt Haskins died of his injuries later that day.

Crew:

RAAF 412853 PO Smithers, J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D J Rose, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Organ, A J Navigator)
RAF Sgt A G Luxford, (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Bladen (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Burgess, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 415789 Flt Sgt R H Haskins, (Rear Gunner)

PO Smithers and Flt Sgt Haskins are buried in the Scampton (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, Lincolnshire, UK. The village of Scampton is 10kms north of Lincoln and the church and churchyard are on the road to Scunthorpe.

Sgt Rose was cremated at the South London Crematorium, Mitcham, Surrey, UK.

FO Organ is buried at the Bristol (Arnos Vale) Roman Catholic Cemetery Gloucestershire, UK.

Sgt Luxford is buried in the Sheffield (Shiregreen) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

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400587 Sergeant HEARLE, William Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/121/101 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 156, Volume 1941

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8897
Radio call sign:	DX -
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z8897 took off from RAF Feltwell at 2355 hours on the night of 10/11th October 1941 detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt M C Young, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400587 Sgt W E Hearle, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Medhurst, (Observer)
RCAF Sgt C T Harbottle, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J G Hanlin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T Kelly, (Air Gunner)

All of 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
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413768 Flying Officer HODGES, Jack Paul

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/401 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 315,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 486
Radio call sign:	DX – F
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB486 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2324 hours on the night of 4/5th July 1944, detailed to destroy a flying bomb site at St-Leu-d'Esserent, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Grubb, A E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Lees, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF PO Weyers, J W (Navigator)
RAAF 413768 FO Hodges, J P (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G T Osborne, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt C N Stalker, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J T Nixon, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter at 0200 hours near Corneilles (Oise)
approx 8kms WNW of Breteuil, France.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Poix-de-Picardie Churchyard, Locality
Somme, France. Poix is a small town 28kms south west of Amiens.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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402239 Sergeant HUTCHISON, Lindsay Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/124/73 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 136,
Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	W 5434
Radio call sign:	DX – Y
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington W5434 took off from RAF Feltwell at 2925 hours on the night of 2 3rd September 1941, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. On return from the mission the aircraft crashed at 0320 hours after hitting a house in Bar Lane, Staplesford, UK. At the time visibility was poor. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 402239 Sgt L T Hutchison, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F McNeill, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F K Crossley, (Observer)
RCAF Flt Sgt L T Lawson (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt A C Turgeon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt D E Soles, (Air Gunner)

Five of the crew are buried in the Whittlesford (SS Mary and Andrew) Churchyard, Cambridgeshire, UK.

Sgt McNeill is buried in the Tranent New Cemetery, East Lothian, UK.

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426104 Flight Sergeant IRWIN, John Percival

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/19/41 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 36,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	J B 419
Radio call sign:	DX – E
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB419 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 1646 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:

RCAF PO MacGillivray, J C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F Wilson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt N Cottrell, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J S Whittle, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R S W Cowdrey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D R Mills, (mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426104 Flt Sgt J P Irwin, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Whittle was a POW.
Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “ A 4 engine bomber appeared in the area between Kienberg and Bornicke and south east of Berlin between 2300/2400 hours. The A/c was flying very low and might have been attempting a belly landing. It hit the ground about 600 yards west of Kienberg, burst into flame on impact and continued to burn for about an hour with ammunition going off. There were no bombs on board.”

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

415988 Warrant Officer JARDINE, Cyrus

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/910 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 140,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 653
Radio call sign:	DX – O
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM653 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2342 hours on the night of 20/21st March 1945, detailed to carry out a diversionary raid on Halle, while other aircraft were attacking Bohlen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 428261 Flt Lt Palling, A R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt G W Ackerman, (Flight Sergeant)
RAAF 427063 PO Campbell, V R (Navigator)
RAAF 415946 PO Lind, G O H (Air Bomber)
RAAF 415988 WO C Jardine, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J Henderson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt M O'Loughlin, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed in the crash and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany. This was an experienced crew with over 30 sorties to their credit.

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

432819 Flight Sergeant KIRKPATRICK, Peter Leeton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/434 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 71,
Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 382
Radio call sign:	DX – N
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB382 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 1703 hours on the night of 8/9th February 1945 detailed to bomb a synthetic oil production plant at Politz. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 418693 FO Clifton, B A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D A Aplin (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J K Wilson, (Navigator)
RAF Fl Sgt E C Slaughter, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432819 Flt Sgt P L Kirkpatrick, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F V J Dunstone, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C K Davey, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by ack-ack after entering Sweden air space and crashed at Helsingborg, Sweden. Six of the crew were killed, and FO Clifton was interned but returned safe to UK on 10/3/45.

Those killed are buried in the Helsingborg (Palsjo) Municipal Cemetery, Sweden. Helsingborg is on the direct route from Copenhagen to Stockholm and is connected by ferry with Helsingor in Denmark.

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

410347 Fligh Sergeant KITCHEN, Stanley Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/132 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 366,
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 320
Radio call sign:	DX – X
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB320 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 1812 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 DO Miller, D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Chambers, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Camille, P E (Navigator)
RAF Sgt T J Colston, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W J B McNaught, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 410347 Flt Sgt S C Kitchen, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C L Manuel, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Acker, 800 metres south of Dransfeld. All the crew were killed and they 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

415946 Pilot Officer LIND, Gilbert Owen Hugh

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/910 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 140,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 653
Radio call sign:	DX – O
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM653 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2342 hours on the night of 20/21st March 1945, detailed to carry out a diversionary raid on Halle, while other aircraft were attacking Bohlen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 428261 Flt Lt Palling, A R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt G W Ackerman, (Flight Sergeant)
RAAF 427063 PO Campbell, V R (Navigator)
RAAF 415946 PO Lind, G O H (Air Bomber)
RAAF 415988 WO C Jardine, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J Henderson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt M O'Loughlin, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed in the crash and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany. This was an experienced crew with over 30 sorties to their credit.

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

400593 Sergeant MACDONALD, Donald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/141 342 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 156,
Volume 1941

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9756
Radio call sign:	DX -
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X9756 took off from RAF Feltwell at 2359 hours on the night of 10/11th October 1941 detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt E R Backhouse, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400593 Sgt D MacDonald, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt H T Smith (Observer)
RAF Sgt M E G Hastings, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt F R Humphreys, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G Maher, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Cologne 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.

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

409166 Pilot Officer McMILLAN, John Ferguson, DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/357 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 59, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 311
Radio call sign:	DX – B
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB311 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2342 hours on the night of 28/29th January 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414267 PO McPhie, K C DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F S G Reeves, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 405465 PO Moreton, K DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 409166 PO MacMillan, J F DFC (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Davis, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO W H Andrews, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W R Weston, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at the village of Glawe near a lake called the Krakower See, about 20 miles east of Parchim.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

Citation :

PO MacMillan was awarded the DFC General Citation (London Gazette 1/6/1945 P2793)

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

273734 Flight Lieutenant MAHONEY, John Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/227/439 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 234,
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 878
Radio call sign:	DX – B
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND878 took off from RAF East Kirkby, near Goole Yorkshire, at 2216 hours on the night of 22/23rd May 1944, detailed to bomb Braunschweig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 417032 PO Winneke, L H Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO E G Graves, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 273734 Flt Lt Mahoney, J J (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R H Wright, (Air Bomber)
RAF Signaller R F Frost, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt A Ife, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J A Moore, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter at 0215 hours on 23rd May 1944. It exploded in the air over Ottersberg a town 16 miles ENE from Bremen.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, 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

400306 Sergeant MARSHALL, Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 58, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3410
Radio call sign:	DX -
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3410 took off from RAF Feltwell at 2120 hours on the night of 1/2nd April 1942, detailed to bomb Hanau, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Harvie, G de L Captain (Pilot)
EAF Sgt C F Curtis, (Pilot)
RAAF 404564 Sgt S L Green, (Observer)
RAF Sgt D Henderson. (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 400306 Sgt R Marshall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Tozer, T H (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at Frettingheim, approx 35 miles south west of Hanau. 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

422033 Flight Sergeant McCUDDEN, Reginald Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/257 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 329,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 201
Radio call sign:	DX – M
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV201 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 1909 hours on the night of 23/24th 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 Flt Sgt F J Austin, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sggt T J Hall, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt F W Cornwell, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J V O'Dwyer, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R Howarth, Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt G W Speicher, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 422033 Flt Sgt R T McCudden, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed near Eppenbrum at approx 1130pm on 23rd September 1943, presumably as a result of enemy action. Eppenbrum is approx 6 miles south west of Pirmasens, Germany.

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt O'Dwyer 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

426895 Flight Sergeant McGLADRIGAN, Neil Francis Dallaway

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 503, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 264
Radio call sign:	DX – K
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD264 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 1639 hours on the night of 6/7th December 1944, detailed to bomb Giessen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Riddell, W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Scott, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt P D Mann, (Navigator)
RAAF 426895 Flt Sgt N F D McGladrigan, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429371 Flt Sgt F A Black, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R S McKillop, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Forward, (Rear Gunner)

A report by a Missing Research and Enquiry team stated “the aircraft was returning from a raid in Germany when it was shot down by a night fighter at approx 9pm on 6th December 1944 at Erdhausen, 12 miles north west of Giessen.

Five of the crew were killed in the crash, and Flt Sgt McGladrogon and Sgt Forward were POW's. Flt Sgt McGladrigan however died of his injuries on 10th December 1944.

The six 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

414267 Pilot Officer McPHIE, Keith Cumming DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/357 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 59, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 311
Radio call sign:	DX – B
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB311 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2342 hours on the night of 28/29th January 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414267 PO McPhie, K C DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F S G Reeves, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 405465 PO Moreton, K DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 409166 PO MacMillan, J F DFC (Air Bomber)
RAF PO S H Davis, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO W H Andrews, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W R Weston, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at the village of Glawe near a lake called the Krakower See, about 20 miles east of Parchim.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to PO McPhie is as follows :
PO McPhie has taken part in many successfully attacks against strongly defended targets in Germany. On one occasion during an operation over Berlin, his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter and, in the ensuing engagement, this officer's skilful airmanship was responsible for bringing his own aircraft through unscathed. At all times he has set a fine example of efficiency, courage and determination. (London Gazette 1/6/1945 P2793)

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

404348 Pilot Officer MILLER, Keith John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/45/123 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 162,
Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	X 9978
Radio call sign:	DX -
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X9978 took off from RAF Feltwell at 1835 hours on the night of 15/16th October 1941, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404348 PO Miller, K J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt N J Lewery, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D W Jennings, (Observer)
RAF Sgt E T Christie, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G W T Jackson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt B S Jones, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 2117 hours at Grevenbicht (Limburg) on the east bank of the Maas river, 8kms north west of Sittard (Holland).

The crew of six were killed and they 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.

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

421039 Flight Sergeant MINTER, William Raymond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/256 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 365,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 237
Radio call sign:	DX – Z
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB237 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 1757 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:

RCAF Flt Lt Novick, A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L H Howling, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R D Harvey, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G M Turnbull, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt F H Roseblade, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sg E F Taylor, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 421039 Flt Sgt W R Minter, (Rear Gunner)

A later Missing Research & Enquiry report stated “The aircraft appeared over the village of Polle from the direction of Kassel at approx 2300 hours on 22nd October. It was burning fiercely in the air and crashed. A witness said that it had been attacked by a night fighter.” Polle is on the west bank of the Weser.

Flt Lt Novick, Flt Sgt Taylor and Flt Sgt Minter were killed, and four were POW's. Those killed 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

405465 Pilot Officer MORETON, Kenneth, DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/357 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 59, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 311
Radio call sign:	DX – B
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB311 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2342 hours on the night of 28/29th January 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414267 PO McPhie, K C DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F S G Reeves, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 405465 WO Moreton, K DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 409166 PO MacMillan, J F DFC (Air Bomber)
RAF PO S H Davis, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO W H Andrews, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W R Weston, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at the village of Glawe near a lake called the Krakower See, about 20 miles east of Parchim.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

Citation :

WO Moreton was awarded the DFC General Citation (London Gazette 1/6/1945, P2793)

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

428261 Flight Lieutenant PALLING, Aubrey Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/910 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 140,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 653
Radio call sign:	DX – O
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM653 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2342 hours on the night of 20/21st March 1945, detailed to carry out a diversionary raid on Halle, while other aircraft were attacking Bohlen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 428261 Flt Lt Palling, A R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt G W Ackerman, (Flight Sergeant)
RAAF 427063 PO Campbell, V R (Navigator)
RAAF 415946 PO Lind, G O H (Air Bomber)
RAAF 415988 WO C Jardine, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J Henderson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt M O'Loughlin, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed in the crash and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany. This was an experienced crew with over 30 sorties to their credit.

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

423007 Flying Officer PAULINE, Claude Desmond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/701 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 126,
Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NG 398
Radio call sign:	DX – N
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NG398 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 1700 hours on the night of detailed to bomb a synthetic oil plant at Wintershall, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 423007 FO Pauline, C D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Davies (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt C F J Hole, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt G Cartwright, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt R M Cocozza (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt C Q Rafferty, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J F Shearron, (Rear Gunner)

It as later established that the aircraft crashed at Ettlingen, which is approx 4 miles south east of Karstuhe, 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.

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

410721 Flight Sergeant PERRY, John Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/1176 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 289,
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 5008
Radio call sign:	DX – B
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W5008 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2131hours on the night of 27/28th August 1943, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Levy, P A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W S Lynn, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Sgt W MacKillop, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R May, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W C Thomas, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 410721 Flt Sgt J C Perry, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt T R Crowther, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near the village of Zeckern presumably as a result of enemy action
Zeckern is 18 miles north west of Nuremburg.

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt May 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
417232 Flight Sergeant PRYDE, William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/114 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 324,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4948
Radio call sign:	DX – S
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4948 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 1918 hours on the night of 22/23rd September 1943, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. W4948 when heading for base was intercepted by an enemy intruder aircraft and shot down at 0043 hours over Driby, 9 miles SSE of Louth, Lincolnshire, UK. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Cherrington and Brown baled out as the aircraft fell out of control.

Crew:

RAAF 413078 PO Duff, G A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt A Cherrington, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Rolfe, P N (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R C Brown, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H R Ellmer, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 420780 Sgt R P Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 417232 Flt Sgt W Pryde, (Rear Gunner)

PO Duff, Sgt Smith and Flt Sgt Pryde are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK.

FO Rolfe was cremated at the Nottingham Crematorium, Nottinghamshire, UK.

Sgt Ellmer is buried at Haywards Heath (Western Road) Cemetery, Sussex, UK.

Extract from Headquarters Bomber Command Routine Order, Serial No A161 of 6/10/43.

“The Commander-in-Chief wishes to bring to the notice of all ranks in the command the courage and devotion to duty displayed by the undermentioned members of a crew of No 57 Sqn on the night of 22/23rd Sept. 1943, when returning from an attack on Hanover.

A413078 PO G A Duff, Pilot and Captain

A417232 Flt Sgt W Pryde, Rear Gunner

A Lancaster A/c captained by PO Duff was attacked by an unidentified enemy A/c at 4000 feet, while in the circuit at Base. The A/c was set on fire by the fighter's first burst and a violent explosion occurred in the port wing. PO Duff succeeded in retaining control of the A/c which was burning along the port wing and almost unmanageable. The Bomb Aimer and Flight Engineer baled out safely at 2000 and 1000 feet respectively. PO Duff remained at the controls and succeeded in keeping the A/c level until at 1000 feet it made a tight turn and dived into the ground. The two members of the crew who landed safely undoubtedly owe their lives to PO Duff's efforts to give his crew the chance to abandon the A/c. Throughout the entire incident, Flt Sgt Pryde engaged the enemy A/c with fire from the rear turret and was seen to be still firing as the A/c went into its last dive.”

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

410725 Flight Sergeant RANDS, Ian Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 164,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 725
Radio call sign:	DX – M
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB725 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2123 hours on the night of 9/10th April 1944, detailed to carry out mine laying in the Baltic. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420553 PO Finch, J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J G Robson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt F J H Garrick, (Navigator)
RCAF PO Quinn, H E (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410725 Flt Sgt I A Rands, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Smedley, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H B West, (Rear Gunner)

When the aircraft was outbound it was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0025 hours on Farup Gard just south of Jelling, Denmark.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Esbjerg (Fourfelt) Cemetery, Denmark. Esbjerg is a major port on the west coast of Jutland.

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

413032 Pilot Officer RATCLIFFE, Robert James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/121 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 263,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 992
Radio call sign:	DX – C
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED992 took off from RAF Scampton at 2142 hours on the night of 10/11th August 1943, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Wilson, R H Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 413032 PO Ratcliffe, R J (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt G Pettefar, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Burns, A (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R K Garment, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A St J Floyd, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G C Major, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Broadbent, J F (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Rummelsberg, 4kms NNW of Bad Tolz and 18kms ESE of Durnbach. 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

426155 Flight Sergeant READ, John Knox

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/169 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 362,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 234
Radio call sign:	DX – E
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB234 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 1731 hours on the night of 20/21st October 1943, detailed to bomb Leipzig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Parker, F E S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R A Chumbley, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Porteous, P S (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C T Harston, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J O'Leary, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 426155 Flt Sgt J K Read, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C Wharton, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the river Elbe at Arneburg on the 20/10/1943 presumably as a result of enemy action. Arneburg is approx 8 miles north of Stendal, Germany.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery.

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

418179 Flying Officer ROSE, Max

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/303 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 322,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 868
Radio call sign:	DX – K
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME868 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2219 hours on the night of 7/8th July 1944, detailed to destroy a flying bomb storage depot at St-Leu-d’Esserent, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 418179 FO Rose, M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T Sharples, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF WO2 H W Richards, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W D Charteris, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt F E F Bale, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt C L Carpenter, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Healy, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near St Maclou-de-Folleville, which is situated 18 miles south of Dieppe, France. Three of the crew FO Rose, Flt Sgt Carpenter and Sgt Healy were killed in the crash and Sgt Bale was injured. Both Sgt’s Sharples and Charteris evaded capture and WO2 Richards was POW.

Those killed are buried in the St Maclou-de-Folleville Churchyard, Locality Seine Maritime, France. St Maclou-de-Folleville is a village and commune 30kms north of Rouen and 6kms east of Totes.

Sgt Bale lost his life on 6th September 1944 after an operation while a POW. He is buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany.

Sgt Sharples later reported “The aircraft was homebound when attacked over Dieppe by enemy fighters. The A/c received several hits. The bomb bay and starboard inner engine were on fire and the fuselage filled with smoke. The Captain was taking evasive action and ordered abandon at about 1200 feet. I was second to jump from the front hatch along with the Nav and A/B. I saw the A/c burning as it went down followed by the enemy aircraft.”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402763 Flying Officer SCARLETT, Ronald Cave

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/56/99 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 195,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1097
Radio call sign:	DX -
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z1097 took off from RAF Feltwell at 1700 hours on the night of 27/28th December 1941, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF WO T Purdy, DFM Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF Sgt M J Cronin, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 402763 FO Scarlett, R C (Observer)
RAF Sgt S Barraclough, (1st Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt R F Aldous, (2nd Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt J W Poulton, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 2030 hours near Someren (Noord Brabant), 11kms SSE of Helmond, Holland. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Barraclough was a POW.

Those killed 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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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

405367 Sergeant SIMS, Herbert Munro

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/162/566 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 277,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4359
Radio call sign:	DX -
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4359 when on a training flight crashed at 0300 hours on the night of 16/17th December 1942 some 5 miles north east of Predannack airfield, Cornwall, UK.
Although the reason for the accident was obscure, it was believed that the aircraft was struck by lightning causing a photo flash flare to ignite. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RNZAF Sgt T I Manson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W H Taylor, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Shell, F G (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J O Irving, (Air Bomber)
RCAF Flt Sgt E C McPhee, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R S Doore, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 405367 Sgt H M Sims, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew are buried at Helston Cemetery, Cornwall, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
420780 Flight Sergeant SMITH, Raymond Purser

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/114 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 324,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4948
Radio call sign:	DX – S
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4948 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 1918 hours on the night of 22/23rd September 1943, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. W4948 when heading for base was intercepted by an enemy intruder aircraft and shot down at 0043 hours over Driby, 9 miles SSE of Louth, Lincolnshire, UK. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Cherrington and Brown baled out as the aircraft fell out of control.

Crew:

RAAF 413078 PO Duff, G A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt A Cherrington, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Rolfe, P N (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R C Brown, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H R Ellmer, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 420780 Sgt R P Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 417232 Flt Sgt W Pryde, (Rear Gunner)

PO Duff, Sgt Smith and Flt Sgt Pryde are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK.

FO Rolfe was cremated at the Nottingham Crematorium, Nottinghamshire, UK.

Sgt Ellmer is buried at Haywards Heath (Western Road) Cemetery, Sussex, UK.

Extract from Headquarters Bomber Command Routine Order, Serial No A161 of 6/10/43.

“The Commander-in-Chief wishes to bring to the notice of all ranks in the command the courage and devotion to duty displayed by the undermentioned members of a crew of No 57 Sqn on the night of 22/23rd Sept. 1943, when returning from an attack on Hanover.

A413078 PO G A Duff, Pilot and Captain

A417232 Flt Sgt W Pryde, Rear Gunner

A Lancaster A/c captained by PO Duff was attacked by an unidentified enemy A/c at 4000 feet, while in the circuit at Base. The A/c was set on fire by the fighter's first burst and a violent explosion occurred in the port wing. PO Duff succeeded in retaining control of the A/c which was burning along the port wing and almost unmanageable. The Bomb Aimer and Flight Engineer baled out safely at 2000 and 1000 feet respectively. PO Duff remained at the controls and succeeded in keeping the A/c level until at 1000 feet it made a tight turn and dived into the ground. The two members of the crew who landed safely undoubtedly owe their lives to PO Duff's efforts to give his crew the chance to abandon the A/c. Throughout the entire incident, Flt Sgt Pryde engaged the enemy A/c with fire from the rear turret and was seen to be still firing as the A/c went into its last dive.”

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420793 Flying Officer SMITH, Ronald Richard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/592 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 315,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 723
Radio call sign:	DX – P
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB723 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2322 hours on the night of 4/5th July, 1944, detailed to destroy a flying bomb site at St Leu-d’Esserent, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420793 FO Smith, R R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R D Mercer, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF PO F W Hood, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt C F Spencer, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E A Wood, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W A Roberts, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt W R Moore, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at approx 1am on 5th July, at Aubermesnil-aux-Erables (Seine Maritime) some 2kms south of Foucarmont, and ESE of Dieppe, France.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Aubermesnil-aux-Erables Churchyard, Locality Seine-Maritime, France.

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412853 Pilot Officer SMITHERS, Jack

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 268, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 896
Radio call sign:	DX – D
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA896 took off from RAF Scampton at 2029 hours on the night of 15/16th August 1943, detailed to bomb Milan. On returning to base after the mission, the aircraft overshot the runway and crashed at 0447 hours on 16th August 1943.
Four of the crew were killed and three were injured. Flt Sgt Haskins died of his injuries later that day.

Crew:

RAAF 412853 PO Smithers, J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D J Rose, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Organ, A J Navigator)
RAF Sgt A G Luxford, (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Bladen (
RAF Sgt Burgess, (
RAAF 415789 Flt Sgt R H Haskins, (Rear Gunner)

PO Smithers and Flt Sgt Haskins are buried in the Scampton (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, Lincolnshire, UK. The village of Scampton is 10kms north of Lincoln and the church and churchyard are on the road to Scunthorpe.

Sgt Rose was cremated at the South London Crematorium, Mitcham, Surrey, UK.

FO Organ is buried at the Bristol (Arnos Vale) Roman Catholic Cemetery Gloucestershire, UK.

Sgt Luxford is buried in the Sheffield (Shiregreen) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

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6878 Sergeant SMITHSON, John Claytonn,

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/31 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 31,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4189
Radio call sign:	DX -
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4189 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 0012 hours on the night of 30 31st January 1943, detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Long, D G DFC AFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 6878 Sgt J C Smithson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Reed, F C DFC (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G E Marwick, (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Rosam, E W G DFC DFM, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Clarke, J C A (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E L B Moore, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hamburg War Cemetery, Germany. The War Cemetery is situated within a large civil cemetery known locally as the 'Ohlsdorf Cemetery'.

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

426790 Flight Sergeant STRUTHERS, William James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/497 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 175,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 893
Radio call sign:	DX – J
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL893 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2139 hours on the night of 20/21st April 1944, detailed to bomb railway yards at La Chappelle, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Wigg, P M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt K J Cresswell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt E F Hill-Cottingham, (Navigator)
RAF FO Elliott, A C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Coulter, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt H W L Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426790 Flt Sgt W J Struthers, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the avenue St-Milelet at St Omer, France.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Clichy Northern Cemetery, Locality Hauts-de-Seine, France. Clichy is a town adjoining the northern boundary of Paris.

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21315 Sergeant STUBBS, Cecil Raymond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/163/369 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 284,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4234
Radio call sign:	DX -
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4234 took off from RAF Scampton at 1737 hours on the night of 21/22nd December 1942, detailed to bomb Munich, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Bowles, R A Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 21315 Sgt C R Stubbs, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Mulholland, A E (Navigator)
RAF Sgt M C Pearman, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A :L Abraham (Wireless Air Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt P B Pickford, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J A Drain (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was attacked by a night fighter and crashed at 2330 hours on 21st December 1942 at St-Martens-Lierde (Oost-Vlaanderen), 16kms ESE of Oudenaarde, Belgium. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Pickford was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Geraardsbergen Communal Cemetery, (Oost-Vlaanderen) Belgium. The town of Lierde is located south of the town of Aalst on the N42.

In a later report Sgt Pickard stated “attacked by a night fighter. Plane on fire. Put on chutes ordered. Heard no more of inter-com conversation and when I saw situation was hopeless I jumped. I think I lost consciousness and when I regained it I was about 400 yards from the crashed aircraft. I saw 6 bodies of the crew but was not allowed to go near them.”

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404270 Pilot Officer VOLLER, Peter Collin

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/175/65 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 16,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: W 5382
Radio call sign: PH -
Unit: ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington W 5382 of 12 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Binbrook, Lincoln, at 1708 hours on 6 February 1942 to carry out a bombing mission against Brest, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404270 PO Voller, P C, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt Yorke, W G (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt Hill, E (Observer)
RAF Sgt Young, J W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Wild, J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Driver, R B H (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed on fire into the sea off Brest.
In 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.
The names of the missing crew are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing,
Runnymede, Surrey, UK

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411415 Sergeant WARREN, William Howard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/176/418 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 260,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4262
Radio call sign:	DX -
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4262 took off from RAF Scampton at 1721 hours on the night of 10/11th November 1942, detailed to carry out a gardening mission and lay mines in the mouth of the Gironde Estuary, France.

At 2238 hours a 2nd class fix was obtained which placed the aircraft about 40 miles south of Portland Bill. The aircraft was later in contact with the MFTA Station base. A final message QDM300 was received which was acknowledged. The aircraft crashed just after the last message when it flew into high ground at Girsby Park near Burgh on Bain, 8 miles south of Binbrook. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt R R Abercrombie, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A B Jackson, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF Sgt J H Barry, (Navigator)
RAAF 411415 Sgt W H Warren (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt M G Everard, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J E Young, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R O Button, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Abercrombie was cremated at the Glasgow Crematorium, Glasgow, UK.

Sgt Jackson is buried in the Macklesfield Cemetery, Cheshire, UK.

Sgt's Barry and Warren are buried in the Scampton (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, Lincolnshire, UK.

Flt Sgt Everard is buried in the Nevan New Cemetery, County Meath, Republic of Ireland.

Sgt Young is buried in the Wallasy (Rake Lane) Cemetery, Cheshire, UK.

Sgt Button is buried in the Thurroch (Chadwell St Mary) Cemetery, Essex, UK.

Note : While the above NAA RAAF Casualty file records Sgt Warren's muster as Wireless Air Gunner, the same file records him as Air Bomber on the above mission.

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417032 Pilot Officer WINNEKE, Leslie Harold

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/227/439 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 234,
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 878
Radio call sign:	DX – B
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND878 took off from RAF East Kirkby, near Goole Yorkshire, at 2216 hours on the night of 22/23rd May 1944, detailed to bomb Braunschweig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 417032 PO Winneke, L H Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO E G Graves, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 273734 Flt Lt Mahoney, J J (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R H Wright, (Air Bomber)
RAF Signaller R F Frost, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt A Ife, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J A Moore, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter at 0215 hours on 23rd May 1944. It exploded in the air over Ottersberg a town 16 miles ENE from Bremen.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Germany. The cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the side of the road from Hamburg to Hanover.

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423970 Flight Sergeant YABSLEY, Johyn Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/45/36 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 27,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 541
Radio call sign:	DX – A
Unit:	ATTD 57 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB541 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2359 hours on the night of 5/6th January 1944, detailed to bomb Stettin, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Douglas, K A R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E A Dickhar, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt L Gorman,. (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G L Waters, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt C J G Wilce, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt H Gordon, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 423970 Flt Sgt J F Yabsley, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down at Stettin, Germany, in the target area.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Poznan Old Garrison Cemetery, Poland. The city of Poznan is located in the west of Poland, on the main E30/2 road.

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402127 Sergeant LORD, Clive Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/139/77 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 159,
Volume 1941

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	Z 9155
Radio call sign:	GE – G
Unit:	ATTD 58 SQN RAF

Summary:

Whitley Z9155 took off from RAF Linton-on-Ouse, Yorkshire at 1909 hours on the night of 12/13th October 1941, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. The aircraft crashed at 0500 hours on 13th October 1941 at Allerthorpe in the vicinity of Pocklington airfield Yorkshire, while being diverted, and all the crew were killed. A few minutes before the crash the pilot radioed to say the aircraft was almost out of fuel.

Crew:

RAAF 402127 Sgt C G Lord, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt H E Donson, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 406044 Sgt J G Rich, (Observer)
RCAF Flt Sgt W H Burns, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H C Lee, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sgt's Lord and Donson are buried in the Barmby On-the-Moor (St Catherine) Churchyard, East Riding Yorkshire, which is 14 miles south east of York. UK.
Sgt Rich is buried in the Leeds (Gelhard Road) English Hebrew Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK
Flt Sgt Burns is buried in the Pocklington Burial Ground, Yorkshire, UK.
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406044 Sergeant RICH, Joseph Geoffrey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/139/77 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 159,
Volume 1941

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	Z 9155
Radio call sign:	GE - G
Unit:	ATTD 58 SQN RAF

Summary:

Whitley Z9155 took off from RAF Linton-on-Ouse, Yorkshire at 1909 hours on the night of 12/13th October 1941, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. The aircraft crashed at 0500 hours on 13th October 1941 at Allerthorpe in the vicinity of Pocklington airfield Yorkshire, while being diverted, and all the crew were killed. A few minutes before the crash the pilot radioed to say the aircraft was almost out of fuel.

Crew:

RAAF 402127 Sgt C G Lord, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt H E Donson, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 406044 Sgt J G Rich, (Observer)
RCAF Flt Sgt W H Burns, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H C Lee, (Wireless Air Gunner)

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406018 Sergeant TURNER, John Ernst

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/169/53 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 154,
Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	Z 6939
Radio call sign:	GE – E
Unit:	ATTD 58 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster took off from RAF Linton-on-Ouse Yorkshire, at 1854 hours on the night of 29/30th September 1941, detailed to bomb Stettin, Germany. The aircraft crashed at 0420 hours on return to base, coming down in a wood just off the airfield. A fire developed and the aircraft was totally destroyed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt G B Watters, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Hayden, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 406018 Sgt J E Turner, (Observer)
RAF Sgt W Cawthorne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt G McHugh, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Two of the crew were killed in the crash and Sgt's Turner and Cawthorne injured.
Sgt Turner died of his injuries on 4th October 1941.

Sgt Watters is buried in the Edinburgh (Morningside) Cemetery, Edinburgh, UK.
Sgt Hayden is buried in the Manor Park Cemetery, Essex, UK
Sgt Turner is buried in the Newton-Upon-Ouse (All Saints) Churchyard, Yorkshire.

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425084 Flight Sergeant WEBSTER, Francis Llewellyn

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/555 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HK 225
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 58 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HK225 took off from St Davids Pembrokeshire, at 1755 hours on 11th March 1944 to carry out an anti-submarine patrol. At 0117 hours on 12th March 1944 signal 465 was received from the aircraft which broke off before completion of the message. It was believed that the aircraft had attacked and was shot down by a U boat.

Crew:

RAF FO Hayward, L A Captain (Pilot)
 RAF FO Rice, W J (2nd Pilot)
 RCAF PO R J McCormick, (Navigator)
 RAF Sgt R A Potter (Air Bomber)
 RAF FO Wilson, J (1st Wireless Operator)
 RAAF 425084 Flt Sgt F L Webster, (2nd Wireless Operator)
 RAF Sgt T Parkes, (3rd Wireless Operator)
 RAF WO A J Bonnar, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives at sea and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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422370 Flight Sergeant APITZ, Kenneth John Nielson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/132 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	FL 990
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 59 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator FL990 took off from RAF Bellykelly for an anti submarine patrol on 19th June 1944, and set course from Inishtrahull. About five minutes after take off the aircraft hit high ground at Inishowen Head and burst into flames. The high ground was covered with cloud base down to 900 feet, although the cloud base at the drome was about 1500 feet, and the aircraft was seen to climb up to about this height after take off.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Wade, R P Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Flt Sgt J Anderson, (2nd Pilot)
 RAF Flt Sgt J Haines, (Navigator)
 RAF Flt Sgt J Utting, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF Flt Sgt J Cook (Wireless Operator Mech/Air Gunner)
 RAF FO Parson, J A (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 422370 Flt Sgt K J N Apitz, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 421978 Flt Sgt N A Cooper, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed off Melville, County Donegal, Ireland, and all the crew were killed.

Flt Lt Wade, and Flt Sgt's Haines, Apitz and Cooper are buried in the Tamlaght Finlagan Church of Ireland, County Londonderry, Northern Ireland, UK.

Flt Sgt Anderson is buried in the Dunfermline Cemetery, Fifeshire, UK.

Sgt Cook is buried in the London Colney (St Peter) Churchyard, Hertfordshire, UK.

FO Parsons is buried in the Bradford (Bowling) Cemetery Yorkshire, UK.

The CWG does not record where Flt Sgt Utting is buried.

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421978 Flight Sergeant COOPER, Norman Athol

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/132 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	FL 990
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 59 SQN RAF

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403587 Sergeant HOSKINS, John Richard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film 463 OAFH NAA : A9301, Barcode 5622670
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 59 SQN RAF

Summary:

Sgt Hoskins (Wireless Air Gunner) lost his life in an accident on 28th April 1942.
No other detail is available as NAA do not hold a RAAF Casualty file for Sgt Hoskins.

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421025 Pilot Officer McLAY, Alan James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/548 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	BZ 724
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 59 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ724 took off from RAF Ballykelly at 1143 hours on 17th August 1944 to carry out a night anti-sub search. The aircraft crashed at Helmsdale at about 0440 hours on 18th August about 17 hours after take off.

At 2125 hours the aircraft received a signal diverting it to Tain on its return and to arrive there before 0345 hours on 18th August some 16 hours after take off. The course was set for Tain on leaving the patrol. The aircraft arrived over Witton and though it was Wick. As the Captain was not sure of the suitability of the Wick airfield to land a Liberator, he decided to go to Tain which he knew. He was warned by the Engineer that the fuel was getting low but he had not expected the shortage to be critical. When coming into Tain on a QDM the aircraft lost power on one or more engines swerved, lost height and crashed into a hill at a height of 1000 feet. The weather and visibility were good at the time.

Crew:

RNZAF PO Lloyd, J Captain (Pilot)
RCAF FO LeGrow, R H (2nd Pilot)
RCAF FO Seigler, R (Navigator)
RAF Sgt H F J Newell, (Co Navigator)
RAF Sgt E N Lowe, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt D Pratt, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 421025 PO McLay, A J (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt T H M Instone, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt G A Grill, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt H W Christie, (Air Gunner)

PO Lloyd was injured in the crash and all the remaining crew were killed.

FO LeGrow, Sgt Newell, Sgt Pratt, PO McLay and Sgt Instone are buried in the Wick Cemetery, Caithness-Shire, UK.

FO Seigler is buried in the Glasgow (Glenduffhill) Jewish Cemetery, Glasgow, UK.

Sgt Lowe is buried in the Great Crosby (St Luke) Churchyard, Lancashire, UK

Sgt Grill is buried in the Chelmsford (Writtle Road) Cemetery, Essex, UK.

Sgt Christie is buried in the Thetford Cemetery, Norfolk, UK

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403624 Flying Officer RICHARDS, Douglas John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/55/195 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 842
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 59 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hudson AM842 and other aircraft from the Squadron took off from RAF North Coates, Lincolnshire, at 11pm on the night of 29/30th May 1942, to strike against an enemy convoy off the Fresian Islands Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Wg Cdr Niven R H DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 403624 FO Richards, D J (Observer)
RCAF PO Reilly, J J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Howarth, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed.

Wg Cdr Niven and PO Reilly have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK

FO Richards is buried in the Sage War Cemetery Locality Oldenburg, Niedersachsen, Germany. Sage is a village 24kms south of Oldenburg.

Sgt Howarth is buried in the Schiermonnikoog (Vredenhof) Cemetery, Freisland, Netherlands. The small island of Schiermonnikoog is the most northerly of the Frisian Islands.

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402674 Flight Sergeant SCOULLER, Chandos

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/451, 163/160/200

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	V 9163
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 59 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hudson V 9163 of 59 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station North Coates, Lincolnshire at 1145 hours on 11 May 1942 to carry out a strike against enemy shipping off the Dutch coast. V9163 was accompanied by two other squadron aircraft. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 402674 Flt Sgt Scouller, C (Pilot)

RAAF 6501 Flt Sgt Donaghy, P J (Observer)

RAAF 402924 Sgt Heggaton, K W (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)

RAAF 402363 Sgt Kermode, K W (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was established that Flt Sgt Scouller's body was washed ashore on the Island of Heligoland, an island in the North Sea off the north west coast of Germany. His remains were buried in the local cemetery and re-interred in the Hamburg (Ohlsdorf) British Military Cemetery.

German documents also confirmed that the remains of Flt Sgt Donaghy and Sgt Heggaton were recovered from the sea, but the location of their graves could not be established. Both Flt Sgt Donaghy and Sgt Heggaton together with Sgt Kermode (missing) are recorded as having no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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404709 Flying Officer CASWELL, Garth Elliott

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/25/125 Commonwealth War Graves record

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	BG 795
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 60 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hurricane BG 795 took off from Ratmalana drome at 0110 hours on the 5th April 1942, during a general air attack by Japanese aircraft on Colombo on 5th April. BG795 was seen engaging an enemy aircraft and during the combat BG795 crashed in flames approx 8 miles north east of Ratmalana drome. The pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 404709 FO Caswell, G E (Pilot)

FO Caswell is buried in the Colombo (Kanatte) General Cemetery, Sri Lanka. The cemetery is known locally as the Borella Cemetery..

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413660 Warrant Officer PRICHARD, Bernard Michael

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/159 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	LD 303
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 60 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hurricane LD303 accompanied by other aircraft from the Squadron took off on 29th April 1944, to provide Army close support and bomb and strafe enemy positions on the Palel Tamu road at Tenguopal. LD303 was seen to dive almost vertically from 7/8000 feet to the ground and burst into flames in the target area in position 24.21' N, 94.08' E.

A parachute was seen descending and the other aircraft circled the chute. The Pilot was alive and apparently unhurt, and he was covered while getting away from his chute on the ground. and when last seen he was endeavouring to return to our lines. Unfortunately he was killed at dawn by a Ghurka patrol who mistook him for a member of the Japanese force. WO Pritchard was 20 years of age when he lost his life.

Crew:

RAAF 413660 WO Pritchard, B M (Pilot)

WO Pritchard is buried in the Imphal War Cemetery, India. Imphal is the capital of Manipur State in North East India and borders on Upper Burma.

WO Pritchard was age 20 years when he lost his life.

WO Pritchard is buried in the

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404516 Flying Officer SPALDING, John Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/57/182 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Tiger Moth
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 60QN RAF

Summary:

On 25th April 1942 FO Spalding hired a civil Tiger Moth from the local flying club and while flying over Lahore doing low level aerobatics, the aircraft struck a building and crashed. The passenger was thrown out of the plane and killed. FO Spalding died of his injuries shortly after on 26th April 1942.

Crew:

RAAF 450516 FO Spalding, J R (Pilot)

FO Spalding is buried in the Karachi War Cemetery, Pakistan.

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424362 Flight Sergeant BRANDER, Anthony Phillip

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/397 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 53,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 400
Radio call sign:	QR - Y
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV400 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1740 hours on the night of 27/28th 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 West RA, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W Warburton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Beetch, A V (Navigator)
RCAF PO L W Cuming (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt B Clark, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 424362 Flt Sgt A P Brander, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Langley, F (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed near the town of Northeim, Germany, DV400 was still carrying its bomb load and blew up when it collided with another aircraft.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Niedersachsen, Germany..

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426297 Pilot Officer BREMNER, Eric

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/428, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 84,
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 538
Radio call sign:	QR – F
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK538 took off from RAF Coningsby at 0019 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 PO Wallis, H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T F Preston, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt L E Tozer, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt A A Pardoe, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt K Sims, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D G Brewer, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426297 PO Bremner, E (Rear Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry Team stated “the aircraft was shot down by night fighters on the way to the target and crashed near Gifhorn, Hanover, Germany.

Sgt Preston and Flt Sgt Tozer were POW’s and the other five crew members were killed. Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

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422417 Flight Sergeant BUTLER, William Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/376 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 18,
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 344
Radio call sign:	QR – V
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV344 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 0001hours 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 Flt Lt Cunningham, R P Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A F Gleadle, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Storey, J (Navigator)
RAF Sgt M S Williams, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R R Barbour, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt E Lunniss, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 422417 Flt Sgt W C Butler, (Rear Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed on 2nd January near Kleistow, which is 22 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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404951 Sergeant CADDY, Mervyn

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/95/315 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 147,
Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5663
Radio call sign:	QR – B
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5663 took off from RAF Syerston at 2235 hours on the night of 3/4th July 1942, detailed to carry out a mine-laying sortie in the Nasturtium area. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Sgt G E Williams, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Pritchard, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 404951 Sgt M Caddy, (Observer)
RCAF Sgt B Morgan, (Air Bomber) (Wireless Air Gunner basic trade)
RAF Sgt H V Turton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J M Raine, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Samson, (Rear Gunner)

R5663 was hit by flak off Helsingdor, Denmark, and crashed in shallow water 200 metres from Lerberget near the Swedish port of Halsingborg. The aircraft was seen by other aircraft on the mission to dive into the sea from 5000 feet. As the aircraft from the Squadron were the only ones in the area at the time, it was believed the aircraft shot down was R5663.

The Pilot was thrown out by the impact and was picked up by a local vessel and interned in Sweden. All the other six crew members were killed and are buried in the Halsingborg (Palsjo) Municipal Cemetery, Sweden.

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408968 Flying Officer CLARKE, Roy Leslie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/179 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 300,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 132
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB132 took off from RAF Syerston at 2008 hours on the night of 31/1st September 1943. detailed to bomb Berlin.

The expected return of JB132 was approx 0315 hours on 1st September. Lancaster R5698 of 1654 Conversion Unit took off on the same night on a training exercise and was due back at Wigsley at about 0240 hours. At 0326 hours the two aircraft collided at a height of 1500 feet 4 miles north west of Syerston. The both aircraft exploded in mid air and caught fire with the crews of both aircraft being killed.

Crew:

RAF Sqn :Ldr Wellburn, D C DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 408968 FO Clarke, R L (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt J K Watson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J R Forrest, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Lt Davies, R E (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Blackett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Joyce, T F (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Paterson, (Rear Gunner)

Sqn Ldr Wellburn, FO Clarke, Sgt Forrest and FO Joyce are buried in the Newark-upon-Trent, Cemetery, Nottinghamshire, UK.

Sgt Watson is buried in the East Calder Churchyard, Midlothian, UK.

Flt Lt Davies is buried on the Streatham Park Cemetery, Surrey, UK.

Sgt Blackett is buried in the Durham (St Giles) Churchyard, Durham, UK

Sgt Paterson is buried in the Montrose (Sleepyhillock) Cemetery, Angus, UK.

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412112 Pilot Officer COLLINS, Allan James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/382 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 123,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 775
Radio call sign:	QR – O
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL775 took off from RAF Coningsby at 1817 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:

RCAF Flt Lt Einarson, J W DFC, DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt M L Worth, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412112 PO Collins, A J (Navigator)
RAAF 413758 WO B R Greatrex, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 408367 Flt Sgt R T Gill, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt P L Jones, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt H Rankin, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at the edge of a wood approx 2 miles from La Garde, which is 8 miles south of Dieuze, France. Six of the crew were killed and WO Greatrex evaded capture and returned safe to the UK in October 1944.

WO Greatrex reported as follows “the aircraft was attacked by a night fighter some 40 miles east of Nancy on the way to the target The inter com was US. The aircraft went into a gentle glide and finally into a spin. I was forced through the escape hatch at approx 2000 feet and landed OK. Resistance Movement told me that all 6 had been killed.” He arrived safe in the UK October 1944.

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422536 Flight Sergeant CRAMP, Roy

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/255 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 353,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 239
Radio call sign:	QR – V
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV239 took off from RAF Syerston at 2305 hours on the night of 8/9th October 1943, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Coulson, R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W S Smith, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Carrott, H E (Navigator)
RAF FO Thomas, E A (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R Hydes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Thompson, M H (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 422536 Flt Sgt R Cramp, (Rear Gunner)

Other aircraft from the Squadron on the same mission reported night fighters were operating in the area, and a number of aircraft were seen shot down.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403237 Sergeant DARE, George Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/284 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 230,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5759
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5759 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1805 hours on the night of 1/2nd October 1942, detailed to bomb Wismar, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Sgt G E Dale, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R W Cadman, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 403237 Sgt G F Dare, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J G Bartells, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt R S Cole, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt H R Williams, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Hewitt, (Rear Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “the aircraft crashed at Sdildemow, 4kms south of Rostock, Germany.

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Bartells was a POW.

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

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432498 Flight Sergeant EASTON, Donald Murray

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/260 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 140,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	RA 560
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster RA560 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 2334 hours on the night of 20/21st March 1945, detailed to bomb a synthetic oil plant at Bohlen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422989 FO Swales, J F Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A J M Davies, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Saunders, C H (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R Taylor, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432498 Flt Sgt D M Easton, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt W Lane, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt T Torney, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft exploded in the air and crashed near Kirch-Goens, approx 7 miles south of Giessen, 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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417951 Flying Officer FARREN, Frederick Stanley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/413 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 117,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 747
Radio call sign:	QR – V
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME747 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1750 hours on the night of 7/8th March 1945, detailed to bomb oil installations at Harburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 417951 FO Farren, F S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W McMarth, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt T L Benson, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J Sinclair, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt W S H Tandy, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt A Lockett, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt N Peckham, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed into the sea and all the crew were killed. FO Farren is buried in the Nederweert War Cemetery, Locality Limburg, Netherlands. Nederweert is a village 38kms north west of Roermond, 21kms south east of Eindhoven and 5kms north east of Nederweert.

Sgt McMarth is 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 five crew members have no known graves and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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429079 Flight Sergeant FINCH, Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/206 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 130,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 129
Radio call sign:	QR – G
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB129 took off from RAF Conningsby at 1849 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.

Crew :

RNZAF FO Cox, J G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G F Lowe, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt E G Grundy, (Navigator)
RCAF FO Mellander, E W T (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E Peacock, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Broderick, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 429079 Flt Sgt K Finch, (Rear Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated ‘when homebound the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter from below, exploded in the air and crashed near Rimbeck, a town on the north bank of the Diemel, and 24 miles north west of Kassel, Germany.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hamburg War Cemetery, Germany. The War Cemetery is situated within a large civil cemetery known locally as the ‘Ohlsdorf Cemetery.’

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415635 Flight Lieutenant FORREST, John Augustus

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/222 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 302,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 518
Radio call sign:	QR – C
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM518 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 2237 hours on the night of 24/25th June 1944, detailed to bomb a flying bomb site at Prouville, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 415635 Flt Lt Forrest, J A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt K Chapman, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Wood, J R S (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt D C Newman, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt E J Kemish, DFM (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt R Jones, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J MacFie, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Bienfay (Somme), 4kms SSW of Abbeville, France. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Chapman was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, Locality Somme, France. The town of Abbeville is on the main road from Paris to Boulogne (N1) about 80kms south of Boulogne.

A report by Sgt Chapman stated “the aircraft exploded in mid air as a result of enemy action and crashed some 20 miles NNW of Amiens.”

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417632 Flight Sergeant FULLER, Kenneth Rosslyn

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/132 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 401,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4198
Radio call sign:	QR – H
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4198 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1735 hours on the night of 26/27th November 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Eaves, A J D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Robertson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO White, D C (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R C H Cantin, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J A Weston, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 417632 Flt Sgt K R Fuller, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt H L Sweet, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed on to the Borgermoor, south of Surwold, Germany, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Sage War Cemetery, Locality Oldenburg, Niedersachsen, Germany.

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402334 Flight Lieutenant GILES, Clifford Argo, DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/34/150 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 69,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4903
Radio call sign:	QR – P
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4903 took off from RAF Syerston at 1930 hours on the night of 8/9th March 1943 detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 402334 Flt Lt Giles, C A DFC Captain (Navigator)
RAF FO Richards, F (Pilot)
RAF PO Babington-Browne, K D (Navigator)
RAF PO Gunter, B J (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt S Mitchell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Carr, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt D Forbes, (Rear Gunner)

It was believed that the aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Furth a large town north west of Nuremburg. 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 and 48kms south of Munich.

Citation :

The Citation fro the award of the DFC to Flt Lt Giles is as follows :

“Flt Lt Giles has displayed great skill as a navigator throughout many sorties. By his quiet confidence and excellent example, he has raised and maintained squadron navigation to a high level. Recently as captain/navigator he successfully led two new crews in a raid on Berlin in January 1943, Flt Lt Giles courageous leadership has been beyond praise. (London Gazette 12/3/1943 page 1188).

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408367 Flight Sergeant GILL, Reginald Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/382 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 123,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 775
Radio call sign:	QR – O
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL775 took off from RAF Coningsby at 1817 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:

RCAF Flt Lt Einarson, J W DFC, DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt M L Worth, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412112 PO Collins, A J (Navigator)
RAAF 413758 WO B R Greatrex, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 408367 Flt Sgt R T Gill, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt P L Jones, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt H Rankin, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at the edge of a wood approx 2 miles from La Garde, which is 8 miles south of Dieuze, France. Six of the crew were killed and WO Greatrex evaded capture and returned safe to the UK in October 1944.

WO Greatrex reported as follows “the aircraft was attacked by a night fighter some 40 miles east of Nancy on the way to the target The inter com was US. The aircraft went into a gentle glide and finally into a spin. I was forced through the escape hatch at approx 2000 feet and landed OK. Resistance Movement told me that all 6 had been killed.” He arrived safe in the UK October 1944.

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413370 Flying Officer GODLEY, Colin Courtland

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/142 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 256,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 873
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA873 took off from RAF Syerton at 2316 hours on the night of 2/3rd August 1943, detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Laing, B McM Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 413370 FO Godley, C C (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO T A Holman, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Fox B J (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R H Burn, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W F Ardron, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W McK Grant, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt S H Mortimer, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “ the aircraft was attacked by an enemy plane and crashed at Wohlenbuttel, Germany.” All the crew were killed.

Six of the crew are buried at Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany.

Sgts Burn and Ardron have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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426337 Flight Sergeant GREEN, John Michael

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/301 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 118,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 727
Radio call sign:	QR – C
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND727 took off from RAF Conningsby, Lincolnshire, at 1917 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 PO Cannon, L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt K H Dean, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt G J Hull, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R Stones, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H Wyrill, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Sherliker, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426337 Flt Sgt J M Green (Rear Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “ the aircraft was shot down by ack-ack fire on the outskirts of Biegwald Forest, Frankfurt. The aircraft was completely wrecked and the fire intense. All the crew were killed.

Flt Sgts Green and Hull are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany.

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

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414674 Flight Lieutenant GREENFIELD, Albert Paulton, DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/618 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 158,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	RF 121
Radio call sign:	QR – J
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster RF121 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1445 hours on the 9th April 1945 to bomb oil storage tanks at Hamburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414674 Flt Lt Greenfield, A P DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W J A Fraser, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Gibb, W J A (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt W J Haddon, (Air Bomber)
RAF PO V P Smith, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J R King, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt S D F Godley, (Rear Gunner)

Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Fraser and Flt Sgt Godley were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The Cemetery is located 13kms south east of Soltau off the side of the road from Hamburg to Hanover.

In a letter to Flt Lt Greenfield's parents, Flt Sgt Godley stated "We bombed Hamburg and coming out of the target area we were attacked by two night fighters. I did manage to get one, but the other one got us, and there were only three alive after that attack, the Bomb Aimer, Engineer and myself, and we were burning pretty badly by that time. We had to get out and we nearly left it too late, as we were awaiting orders from Paul, but no orders came." The aircraft crashed at Kirchwistedt near Hamburg.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Greenfield is as follows :

Flt Lt Greenfield has successfully completed numerous sorties during his first tour of operations and has participated in attacks against enemy oil plants and the Dortmund-Ems Canal. In January 1945, during a night attack against Munich the starboard outer engine of his aircraft failed whilst en route to the target. Nevertheless he successfully completed the sortie and flew the aircraft safely back to base. Throughout his tour of active operations against the enemy, Flt Lt Greenfield has always displayed great courage and devotion to duty. (London Gazette 1/3/1946, page 1180)

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425301 Flight Sergeant GUNDERS, Ernest Harold

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/150 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 268,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 722
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED722 took off from RAF Syerston at 2020 hours on the night of 15/16th August 1943, detailed to bomb Milan Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO J H Miller, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D R Morgan, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Richards, W H (Navigator)
RAF Sgt N J Shergold, (2nd Navigator)
RAF Sgt T M Hay, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J R Harrison, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425301 Flt Sgt E H Gunders, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E A Hall, (Rear Gunner)

Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Morgan and Shergold were POW's while Sgt Hay evaded capture and returned safe to the UK on 6/11/1943.

Sgt Hay later reported "On our outward journey, hits were felt on the aircraft without any warning. Shortly after the bale out order was given. I was out first at about 12,000 feet. The aircraft was diving on a straight course." The aircraft crashed at Chuisnes, France.

Those killed are buried in the St Desir War Cemetery, Locality Calvados, France.
St Desir is a village on the N13 to Caen, 4kms west of Lisieux.

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421847 Warrant Officer HALES, Hilton Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/910 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 513,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 729
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM729 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1640 hours on the 17th December 1944, detailed to bomb Munich, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RCAF FO Newland, E R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D T Muir, (Flight Engineer
RCAF FO Barlow, P (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R W Bennett, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 421847 WO H A Hales, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt H A Tuck, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G S Joce, (Rear Turret)

A later Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “The aircraft exploded in the air near Degerndorf, which is 38 miles east of Munich. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Joce 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.

A POW report by Sgt Joce stated “a photo flash exploded during a straight level run after the bombs were gone. I was in the rear turret when the explosion occurred. The tail plane and turret fell away from the rest of the aircraft. The Germans said that all the others were killed.”

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414025 Flight Lieutenant HARVEY, George Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/171/419 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 440,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 399
Radio call sign:	QR – R
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV399 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1622 hours on 29th December 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Two W/T messages were received from the aircraft which had been detailed to check the wind directions and velocities. The 2nd message was received at 2300 hours and it was assumed that the aircraft was lost on the homeward journey.

Crew :

RAAF 414025 Flt Lt Harvey, G H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J S Kennedy, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt R W Carver, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt K Prouten, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt N S J Meehan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Thomas, D F (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Stuart, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry unit report stated “the aircraft crashed on 29th December in the vicinity of Augsdorf and Heiligenthal, which is 16 miles north west of Halle, Germany.” Six of the crew were killed and PO Thomas was a POW.
Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

PO Thomas the POW reported “the aircraft was hit by flak south of Magdeburg. It caught fire and the abandon order was given. I did not see the Captain leave the aircraft.”

W R Chorley states “ the aircraft was hit by flak which caused a serious fire in the bomb bay and fuselage. Thomas tried to put the fire out and while doing so there was a small explosion. He was out of contact with the rest of the crew, but in the flames he saw Stuart preparing to bale out. Shortly after Thomas made his exit, the aircraft exploded.”

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417074 Pilot Officer HASTE, James Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/521 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 147,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5734
Radio call sign:	QR – V
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5734 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2207 hours on the night of 30/31st March 1944, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 417074 PO Haste, J A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R C Mills, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J V Groves, (Navigator)
RAF FO Whitaker, R A (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W N James, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F W Skelcher, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt B Nutley, (Rear Gunner)

When homebound and flying north of track, the aircraft was shot down and crashed at Monin (Namur), 4kms north east of Ciney, Belgium. All the crew were killed. They are buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Locality Leuven, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium. The cemetery is located 30kms from Brussels and 3kms south of Leuven.

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426346 Flying Officer HORNIBROOK, Albert Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/8/652, 166/18/470 Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 434, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 470
Radio call sign: QR – W
Unit: ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 470 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe during the night of 23rd/24th September 1944 to bomb Munster, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

A 1947 report from a Missing Research & Enquiry Unit, stated that the aircraft crashed into the middle of the river Waal (which is a continuation of the Rhine river), near Bommel on 23 September 1944. Bommel is situated approx 7 miles south of Arnhem, Holland.

Crew:

RAAF 426346 FO Hornibrook, A K, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T Roberts, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412056 FO Condon, J J (Navigator)
RAF FO Heather D C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R S Meachan (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T Brown, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J G Miller (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were recorded as missing with no known grave, except one survivor, the rear gunner Sgt Miller (RAF), He stated “the aircraft was on fire and as he could not get in touch with the rest of the crew for orders to bale out, he baled out of his own accord. He stated that the aircraft went on straight & level for 3 minutes and then turned and dived into the ground. He did not see any other parachutes.”

The names of the six missing crew members are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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415149 Pilot Officer JEFFREYS, John Alan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1616/20/76 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 360
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM360 took off from RAF Syertston at 1659 hours on the night of 3/4th November 1943 detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. The aircraft returned home with the Pilot unconscious, the Navigator dead, and two of the crew wounded. The control panel was smashed, the hydraulics out of order, one rear gun could be operated only manually, the inter-com was U/S and the oxygen supply had failed.

The Pilot, Flt Lt Reid was hit when the aircraft was first damaged by machine gun fire from a ME110, ten minutes after the Dutch coast was crossed. He flew on to Dusseldorf, no other member of the crew knowing he was wounded. Then he collapsed and was unconscious most of the way home, but recovered sufficiently to land the aircraft. While the Pilot was unconscious, the aircraft was piloted by the Flight Engineer, Flt Sgt Norris, who was also wounded and had to be assisted by the Bomb Aimer.

The A/c was first attacked by an ME110 which came astern from 250 yards, both the rear and mid upper gunners fired and claimed to have scored hits. A few minutes later a FW190 attacked from the port beam and racked the whole of the fuselage with cannon shells. The rear gunner's turret was out of order after the first attack and one gun could only be fired manually. After the second attack the mid upper gunner's turret was out of order and his oxygen and electric supplies cut off. He came out of the turret and found the Wireless Operator, lying full length over the dead Navigator.

After the first attack the crew gave all the oxygen to the Pilot who was navigating by the stars. After the bombs were dropped over the target, the A/c went into a dive, and the engineer pulled the Pilot off the stick and levelled the aircraft. The Bomb Aimer states that that was the first he knew of anyone being wounded. When he found that the Navigator was dead, he went to the turret but all that were left of the instruments was one pencil and a pad. He then went to assist the Engineer. On the way back from the target the Flight Engineer and the Bomb Aimer had great difficulty controlling the aircraft which occasionally went into a dive and lost nearly 6000 feet in height.

The Pilot several times regained consciousness and on finding an airfield over England he revived sufficiently and did everything possible for a perfect landing. Having no flaps the crew had to use the emergency equipment but when the wheels touched down they collapsed and a belly landing had to be effected. The Wireless Operator died in hospital

the following morning. The Flight Engineer who had shrapnel wounds in the shoulder and left arm, did not reveal he was wounded until he was climbing out of the aircraft.

Crew :

RAF	Flt Lt W Reid, Captain (Pilot)	Wounded
RAF	Sgt J Norris, (Flight Engineer)	Wounded
RAAF	415149 PO Jeffreys, J A (Navigator)	Killed
RAF	Flt Sgt L G Rolton, (Air Bomber)	
RAF	Flt Sgt J J Mann, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Fatally wounded
RAF	Flt Sgt C Baldwin, (Mid Upper Gunner)	
RAF	Flt Sgt Emerson (Rear Gunner)	

PO Jeffreys is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

Flt Sgt Mann is buried in the Bootle Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

Flt Lt Reid was subsequently awarded the Victoria Cross.

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

15302 Sergeant KEAY, Peter John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/132/275 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 111,
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4317
Radio call sign:	QR – R
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4317 took off from RAF Syerston at 2113 hours on the night of 16/17th April 1943, detailed to bomb Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO MacFarlane, W Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 15302 Sgt P J Keay, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Williams, C F (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E R Davidson, (2nd Navigator) (member of 1654 Conversion Unit)
RAF Flt Sgt W W Dawson, (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Edwards, J F DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J V Rees, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Holdsworth, D A (Rear Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “ the aircraft was shot down and crashed at Givry (Hainaut), approx 8 miles south east of Mons, Belgium.
All the crew were killed and they are buried at the Chivres Communal Cemetery,
Locality Chivres (Hainaut), Belgium. The cemetery is 15 miles north west of Mons on the N525.

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

402874 Sergeant MACPHEE, William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/141/731 166/26/76
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 220, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W4173
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4173 took off from RAF Syerston at 2000 hours on the night of 16/17th September 1942, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RNZAF WO A W Osman, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D J Green, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 402874 Sgt W MacPhee, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J Berry, (Air Bomber/Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T C Woodhouse, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 411409 Sgt C H Thorn, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H M R Broadhead, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Heiligenhaus-Hosel, 14kms north east of Dusseldorf, Germany. 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

40520 Flight Sergeant McKENZIE, Raymond Murdoch

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/791 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 72,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 443
Radio call sign:	QR – N
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME443 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1659 hours on the night of 8/9th February 1945, detailed to bomb oil refineries at Politz, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 437172 FO Tasker, B S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T McKnight, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Walker, E (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt W F R Boobyer, (Air ombre)
RAAF 40520 Flt Sgt R M McKenzie, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt S W Herring, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt V A Edwards (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Politz near Stettin, Germany. Four of the crew were killed and FO Walker, Sgt McKnight and Flt Sgt Boobyer were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Poznan Old Garrison Cemetery, Poland. The city of Poznan is located in the west of Poland.

PO Walker later reported “ The aircraft was hit over the target. I saw McKenzie leave his seat and clip on his chute and think he must have attempted to get the Mid Upper or Rear Gunner out but left it too late. The aircraft was on fire and might have gone into the Baltic Sea. Boobyer and McKnight baled out before me McKnight was not injured in the attack and he left by the rear exit. He saw Tasker preparing to bale out.”

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

403276 Sergeant McLEAN, Donald Tennant

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/141/289 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 224,
Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4166
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4166 took off from RAF Syerston at 1945 hours on the night of 19/20th September 1942, detailed to bomb Munich, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 403292 Sgt R R B Owen, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T Thompson, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF PO Donovan, W H (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt J O Tuller, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403276 Sgt D T McLean, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A G Sale, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt P J Maxwell, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed in a wood on the west side of Rochem, Germany. 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

419732 Warrant Officer MUMMERY, Geoffrey Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/546 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 117,
Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NF 988
Radio call sign:	QR – T
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF988 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1743 hours on the night of 7/8th March 1945, detailed to bomb Harburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Miller, H E captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Underwood, H G (2nd Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt G McChrystal, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Hunt, H A (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R T Galloway, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419732 WO G D Mummery, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J E Norcutt, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt I A May, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter near Freyersen, which is 32 miles south west of Harburg. Seven of the crew were killed and Sgt Norcutt was a POW.

Sgt Norcutt later reported “When the Pilot gave the bale out order, I could not open the turret doors for a few moments but eventually did so. I never heard any crew member acknowledge the order. The next day the Germans took me around to the wreck which had the 6 bodies of the crew.”

The six crew members are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedeersachsen, Germany. The seventh member FO Underwood, has no known grave and his name is 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

419449 Flight Sergeant NASH, George Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/435 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 323,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5856
Radio call sign:	QR – U
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5856 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe, Lincolnshire, at 2207 hours on the night of 7/8th July 1944, detailed to bomb a flying bomb storage site at St Leu d’Esserent, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 421619 FO Passant, R H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T E Hunt, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt P G Uren, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt A M Frew, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419449 Flt Sgt G E Nash, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt C Howard, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt W Smith, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “the aircraft was hit by flak and exploded in the air. It crashed near the village of Mouy, approx 12 miles south of Beauvais, France.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Marissel French national Cemetery, Locality Oise, France. Marissel is an eastern suburb of Beauvais, a Cathedral town between Rouen and Compiègne, France.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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403292 Sergeant OWEN, Robert Rupert Bisgrove

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/141/289 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 224,
Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4166
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4166 took off from RAF Syerston at 1945 hours on the night of 19/20th September 1942, detailed to bomb Munich, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 403292 Sgt R R B Owen, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T Thompson, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF PO Donovan, W H (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt J O Tuller, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403276 Sgt D T McLean, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A G Sale, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt P J Maxwell, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed in a wood on the west side of Rochem, Germany. 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
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

422257 Flying Officer PALMER, John Michael

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/331 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 130,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 397
Radio call sign:	QR – W
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV397 took off from RAF Coningsby at 1827 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.

Crew :

RAF PO Carbutt, D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J McCrevey, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422257 FO Palmer, J M (Navigator)
RAF Sgt A A Fulker, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A W Sherwood, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt H E Short, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R N Cunningham, (Rear Gunner)

An Missing Research & Enquiry Team report stated “The aircraft was hit by ack-ack and exploded in the air. It crashed near the village of Gehrden, which is approx 16 miles south east of Magdeburg, Germany.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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

421619 Flying Officer PASSANT, Reginald Herbert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/435 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 323,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5856
Radio call sign:	QR – U
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5856 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe, Lincolnshire, at 2207 hours on the night of 7/8th July 1944, detailed to bomb a flying bomb storage site at St Leu d’Esserent, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 421619 FO Passant, R H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T E Hunt, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt P G Uren, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt A M Frew, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419449 Flt Sgt G E Nash, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt C Howard, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt W Smith, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “the aircraft was hit by flak and exploded in the air. It crashed near the village of Mouy, approx 12 miles south of Beauvais, France.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Marissel French national Cemetery, Locality Oise, France. Marissel is an eastern suburb of Beauvais, a Cathedral town between Rouen and Compiègne, France.

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

404657 Pilot Officer ROBERTSON, Ian Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300, Barcode 5262765, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

PO Robertson (Navigator Bomb Aimer) was presumed killed on an operational flight on 28th April 1943. He is buried in the Copenhagen (Bispebjerg) Cemetery, Denmark. The cemetery is about 5kms from the centre of Copenhagen.

No other information is 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

417006 Flight Sergeant SMART, Edmond Rhys

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/223 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 260,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 329
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM329 took off from RAF Syerston at 2102 hours on the night of 7/8th August 1943, detailed to bomb Milan Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO H Halkier, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C P Southcott, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt D W Thirsk, (Navigator)
RAF FO Filmer, E (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt F E West, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Brown, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 417006 Flt Sgt Smart, E R (Rear Gunner)

Other aircraft on the same mission reported a good weather en route, with light flak and searchlights ineffective.

The crew of LM329 are buried in the Milan War Cemetery, Milan, Italy.

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

422989 Flying Officer SWALES, John Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/260 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 140,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	RA 560
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster RA560 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 2334 hours on the night of 20/21st March 1945, detailed to bomb a synthetic oil plant at Bohlen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422989 FO Swales, J F Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A J M Davies, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Saunders, C H (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R Taylor, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432498 Flt Sgt D M Easton, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt W Lane, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt T Torney, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft exploded in the air and crashed near Kirch-Goens, approx 7 miles south of Giessen, 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

437172 Flying Officer TASKER, Brian Stanley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/791 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 72,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 443
Radio call sign:	QR – N
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME443 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1659 hours on the night of 8/9th February 1945, detailed to bomb oil refineries at Politz, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAAF 437172 FO Tasker, B S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T McKnight, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Walker, E (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt W F R Boobyer, (Air bomber)
RAAF 40520 Flt Sgt R M McKenzie, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt S W Herring, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt V A Edwards (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Politz near Stettin, Germany. Four of the crew were killed and FO Walker, Sgt McKnight and Flt Sgt Boobyer were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Poznan Old Garrison Cemetery, Poland. The city of Poznan is located in the west of Poland.

PO Walker later reported “ The aircraft was hit over the target. I saw McKenzie leave his seat and clip on his chute and think he must have attempted to get the Mid Upper or Rear Gunner out but left it too late. The aircraft was on fire and might have gone into the Baltic Sea. Boobyer and McKnight baled out before me McKnight was not injured in the attack and he left by the rear exit. He saw Tasker preparing to bale out.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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402282 Sergeant THOMAS, Lloyd Watson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/49 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 211,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5888
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5888 took off from RAF Syerston at 2031 hours on the night of 10/11th September 1942, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt F Hobson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G A Hill, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 402282 Sgt L W Thomas, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W T Belton, (Wireless Air Gunner, under training Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P H Fairbanks, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt A C Yates, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E W Catlin, (Rear Gunner)

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
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411409 Sergeant THORN, Charles Maxwell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/141/731 166/26/76
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 220, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W4173
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4173 took off from RAF Syerston at 2000 hours on the night of 16/17th September 1942, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RNZAF WO A W Osman, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D J Green, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 402874 Sgt W MacPhee, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J Berry, (Air Bomber/Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T C Woodhouse, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 411409 Sgt C H Thorn, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H M R Broadhead, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Heiligenhaus-Hosel, 14kms north east of Dusseldorf, Germany. 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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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413049 Pilot Officer VIDLER, Alfred Newton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/42/31 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page, 272,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 900
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA900 took off from RAF Syerston at 2129 hours on the night of 17/18th August 1943, detailed to bomb Peenemunde, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO R J R Docker, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 413049 PO Vidler, A N (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt L Lucas, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R Laughton, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E G Francis, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt S W James, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P W Mitchell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt R R Urquhart, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed.

PO Vidler, Sgt James, Sgt Mitchell and Flt Sgt Urquhart are buried in the Berlin War Cemetery 1939-1945, Germany.

PO Docker, Sgt Lucas, Sgt Laughton and Sgt Francis have 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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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

425386 Flight Sergeant WALDEN, John Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/298 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 268,
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 5002
Radio call sign:	QR – L
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W5002 took off from RAF Syerston at 2029 hours on the night of 15/16th August 1943, detailed to bomb Milan, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt P V Matthews, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt K T Brentnall, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Larnach, C (Navigator)
RAF FO Downing, T (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G A Angwin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J J Griffin, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 425386 Flt Sgt J E Walden, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Matthews evaded capture.

Sgt Brentnall, PO Larnach, Sgt Griffin and Flt Sgt Walden are buried in the Rugles Communal Cemetery, Locality Eure, France. Rugles is a small town on the road from Evreux to l'Aigle and the cemetery is on the northern side of the town. These four casualties are the only WW2 casualties in the cemetery.
FO Downing and Sgt Angwin have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

Sgt Matthews who returned safe to the UK in January 1944 reported “ The aircraft was crossing the coast on the outward journey when we were attacked without warning by a night fighter. The aircraft was on fire and flames enveloped the cockpit cutting off communication with the rest of the crew. I gave the order to abandon. I baled out through a window of the plane and lost consciousness only recovering when I hit the ground. I was lying in a field near Rugles about 25 miles SSW of Evreux and the aircraft was burning 400 yards away.”

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

403205 Sergeant WATSON, Vivian John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/176/354 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5543
Radio call sign:	QR -
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5543 took off from RAF St Eval at 1155 hours on 29th August 1942 detailed to carry out an anti sub patrol. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Harrod, J Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Madson, J E (2nd Pilot)
RCAF PO Wilson, T L (Temporary Navigator)
RAF Sgt H Allen (Temporary Air Bomber/Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403205 Sgt V J Watson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt T L Boland, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R H Linton, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Cabanas, Spain.

Commonwealth War Graves records do not record the fate of PO Harrod the Captain.

The other six crew members are buried in the Bilbao British Cemetery, Spain. Bilbao is a seaport in the north of Spain,.

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

401357 Sergeant WITHAM, Ian Verdun

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5533727 Micro Film 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Sgt Witham (Observer) lost his life in air operations from the UK on 19th August 1942,
He has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing,
Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

No other detail is available as Archives do not hold a relevant RAAF Casualty file.

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

420432 Warrant Officer BINNING, Terence William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA 166/5/1221

Commonwealth War Grave records

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	KN 457
Radio call sign:	- F
Unit:	ATTD 62 SQN RAF

Summary:

Dakota KN457 of 62 Sqn RAF Transport Command was detailed on 13th July 1945, to carry out a supply landing to No 221 Group at Meiktila. The pilot of Dakota 'U' of 62 Sqn reported that when flying at about 8000 feet in an approx position 060 degrees, 11 miles from base, he saw an aircraft flying about 1000 feet below and to port. Time 1021 hours. Looking downwards a few seconds later he and 2 crew members observed a Dakota in a steep spin at about 4000 feet. Shortly after it disappeared into cloud. He reported the incident to Control at 0650 hours.

Civil Affairs reported at 1200 hours that the Headman from the village of Dongyi had information concerning an aircraft that had crashed near his village. The aircraft was a complete wreck and 4 bodies were found. .

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Lt Hamilton, S W Captain (Pilot)
 RAF FO Davison, W O (Air Bomber)
 RCAF WO Class 11 R H Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF WO T W Binning, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 423158 PO Moore, J R (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed in the crash.

They are buried in the Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar. The Cemetery is adjacent to the village of Taukkyan, which is about 35kms north of Yangon (formerly Rangoon)

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

414372 Flying Officer BRADY, Neville William Barton DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/572 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	FZ 548
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 62 SQN RAF

Summary:

Dakota FZ548 based at Agartala, was detailed on 11th June 1944 to carry Army reinforcements to Imphal, India. The aircraft failed to arrive at its destination.

On 15th June 1944 124 RSU reported that natives had reported that a low flying aircraft had exploded in the air and that they saw wing root fillers fall off. The crashed aircraft was located in the Karingaj (Silchar) area in the province of Assam. It was in a ploughed paddy field and was fully immersed in water at a depth of 10 feet.

All the crew were killed together with the 23 Army personnel on board.

Crew:

RAAF 414372 FO Brady, N W B DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 414340 WO H J Deester, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt A J Read, (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF PO D E Jones, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Kohima War Cemetery, Assam, N E India. Kohima is the capital city of Nagaland State and is some 200kms from the Indi-Myanmar border.

Citation :

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

PO Brady of 215 Sqn RAF has taken part in many attacks against strongly defended targets in Burma. On one occasion in April 1944, during a sortie against Rangoon, his aircraft was severely damaged by two enemy night fighters. The Air Bomber and Rear Gunner were both wounded and were unable to return the fire. PO Brady however by skilful handling of his aircraft prevented further enemy attacks and set a course for base. With one of the engines practically useless and the hydraulic system completely out of action, he made a masterly crash landing. PO Brady is a skilful and determined pilot who has always performed his duties with great keenness and efficiency."

(London Gazette 8/6/1945, page 2897)

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

414340 Warrant Officer DEESTER, Henry James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/572 Commonwealth War Graves records

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Radio call sign:	
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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

30293 Warrant Officer FOODY, James Peter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA 166/;141/542 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 62 SQN RAF

Summary:

WO Foody (Pilot) attached to 62 Sqn RAF died on 1st December 1945 from infection of the liver at RAF Dhubalia, India. He is buried in Calcutta (Bhowanipore) Cemetery, India. The Cemetery is 1km from the southern end of the Calcutta Maiden and is enclosed by a high wall. The war plot is at the rear of the civilian cemetery some 200 metres from they main entrance. The Cemetery is at No 15 Debendra Lal Khan Road, Calcutta.

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

416003 Pilot Officer KINGSWOOD, Frederick Henry William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/194 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	FL 505
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 62 SQN RAF

Summary:

Dakota FL505 took off at 2235 hours on 13th February 1944, detailed to carry Army personnel who were acting as despatchers of a load of 7500lbs for a supply drop sortie.

On becoming airborne the aircraft appeared to swing to port and its main plane struck a USAAF Dakota parked on the fair weather strip in close proximity to the actual runway. Dakota FL505 then swung onto two further Dakotas and the three aircraft were set on fire. Of those on board FL505 five were killed and two were injured

Crew:

RAAF	416003 PO Kingswood, F H W Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Flt Sgt B Wildsmith, (Navigator Bomb Aimer) Injured
RAF	Flt Sgt C F Wright, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt R J Cunningham, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt H G S Skinner, (Wireless Air Gunner) Injured
Army	Gunner F R Swann
Army	Gunner L R Cook

PO Kingswood, Flt Sgt Wright and Sgt Cunningham are buried in the Maynamati War Cemetery, Bangladesh. Maynamati is some 7kms from the centre of Comilla which is on the railway line linking Dhaka to Chittagong.

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

423158 Pilot Officer MOORE, John Ross

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA 166/5/1221

Commonwealth War Grave records

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	KN 457
Radio call sign:	- F
Unit:	ATTD 62 SQN RAF

Summary:

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Crew:

RNZAF Flt Lt Hamilton, S W Captain (Pilot)
 RAF FO Davison, W O (Air Bomber)
 RCAF WO Class 11 R H Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF WO T W Binning, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 423158 PO Moore, J R (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed in the crash.

They are buried in the Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar. The Cemetery is adjacent to the village of Taukkyan, which is about 35kms north of Yangon (formerly Rangoon)

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

410029 Warrant Officer RIX, Albert Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/324 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	KG 457
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 62 SQN RAF

Summary:

Dakota KG457 took off at 1400 hours on 2nd August 1944 detailed to carry out a supply drop in the Chin Hills. KG457 set course in company with a Hurricane escort, which turned back after 20 minutes due to the weather. The Dakota did not turn back and failed to return from the mission. Initial searches found nothing, and search operations were suspended for many years due to a civil war in Burma.

In August 1954 the Army reported it had found a wreck and five bodies not far from Kalam and 2 miles south west of Roshi near Falam. The aircraft had crashed in wild country in the Chin Hills near the northern boundary of India and Burma in position 23 deg north 93.29 east. It was presumed that the aircraft had flown into a hillside in cloud during monsoon conditions.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt J E Courthope, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Flt Sgt R G Brown, (Pilot)
 RAAF 410029 WO A R Rix, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
 RNZAF WO H A Johansson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 Sepoy A Pinto

The four crew members are buried in the Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar. The War Cemetery adjoins the village of Taukkyan which is about 35kms north of Yangon (formerly Rangoon).

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

402686 Flying Officer WHITE, Kenneth McKellar

Source:

AWMK 237 (65) NAA 166/43/536 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 62 SQN RAF

Summary:

FO White (Pilot) previously reported missing, died on 29th November 1943 in a POW camp in the Rangoon area, Burma. He is buried in the Rangoon War Cemetery, Myanmar (formerly Burma).

No other details are available as Archives do not hold a RAAF casualty file. The above NAA file is a pension file only.

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

408511 Flying Officer PILE, Donald Zalva

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/223 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mustang
Serial number:	AG 575
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 63 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mustang AG575 flown by FO Pile hit a hill flying through cloud, and crashed at 2.50pm on 26th October 1943 at Dochrie Hill, Forgandenny, Kinross Shire, Scotland. , which is about 11 miles SSW of Perth Scotland.

Crew:

RAAF 408511 FO Pile, D Z (Pilot)

FO Pile is buried in the Edinburgh (Corstorphine Hill) Cemetery, Edinburgh, Scotland.

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

420500 Flight Sergeant RUTTER, Donald Malcolm

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/148 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 424
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 63 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB424 took off from RAF Wyton, Huntingdon, at 1702 hours on the night of 22/23rd November 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Henderson, R DFM Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt J P McAdam, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF Flt Sgt H E M Dulieu, (Navigator)
 RAF Flt Sgt J Predergast, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt F J Fay, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 420500 Flt Sgt D M Rutter, (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RAF Sgt T Cubitt, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in Schiller Park, Berlin, and all the crew were killed.
 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

403610 Sergeant TRUNLEY, Lewis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) A9301 Barcode 5522660 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 64 SQN RAF

Summary:

Sgt Trunley (Pilot) lost his life on 22nd May 1942. He is buried in the Hawkinge Cemetery which is located 2 miles north of Folkestone, Kent, UK.

No other detail is available as Archives do not hold a RAAF Casualty file.

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

403387 Sergeant WARNOCK, Harold Victor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/176/292 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	BM 269
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 64 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire BM269 flown by Sgt Warnock took off from RAF Hornchurch, Essex, at 1430 hours on 8th June 1942, was flying as Red 4 in a Squadron formation. In the region of St Omer, France, enemy aircraft were encountered and a number of combats took place. During this period BM269 remained in formation. Just before reaching the coast on the way back to base, BM269 broke away from the formation to attack an enemy aircraft and it failed to return to base.

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Crew:

RAAF 403387 Sgt H V Warnock, (Pilot)

Sgt Warnock is buried in the Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Locality Pas de Calais, France. St Omer is a large town 45kms south east of Calais, France.

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

409081 Flight Lieutenant ANDERSON, Thomas Robert Bowden

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NASA : A705, 166/3/230 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mustang
Serial number:	FB 160
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 65 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mustang FB160 took off on 10th June 1944 in a Squadron formation of 6 aircraft to carry out an armed recce to support the Allied armies landing in France. FB160 failed to pull out of a dive while strafing enemy transport on the road between Falaise and Caen, and it crashed into the ground and completely disintegrated at 0545 hours .

Crew:

RAAF 409081 Flt Lt Anderson, T R B (Pilot)

Flt Lt Anderson is buried in the Ranville War Cemetery, Locality Calvados, France. Ranville is reached by taking the D513 north eastwards out of Caen and after about 9kms turn left at Herouvillette. Go north for 1km and then turn left into Ranville village.

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

401789 Flight Sergeant HILL, Arthur Henry

Source:

AWMK 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/122/124 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	BM 560
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 66 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 22 August 1943 Spitfire BM560 was one of a formation acting as escort to a force of Marauder bombers. The target area was the Beaumont-le-Roger airfield, France. When the force was on the return journey, 15 to 20 FW190's dived on the Squadron formation from above and from the front. BM560 and one other Spitfire failed to return from the mission.

Crew:

RAAF 401789 Flt Sgt A H Hill, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Hill is buried in the Bernay (Ste Croix) Communal Cemetery, Locality Eure, France. Bernay is on the Rouen to Alencon road.

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

404315 Sergeant NORMAN, William David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/147/198 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	AB 496
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 66 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfires AB496 flown by Sgt Norman and AB462 flown by Sqn Ldr Cremin (RAF) took off from RAF Station Portreath, Cornwall, detailed to carry out night flying practice. The weather was clear with moonlight. During the practice the aircraft collided in the air. AB462 spun in minus its starboard wing, and AB496 dived vertically into the ground. No chutes were used and both pilots were killed. AB496 crashed at Frythem Farm in St Erth, Cornwall.

A subsequent Court of Inquiry into the accident found “ that AB496 had misjudged the distance between itself and AB462, and it collided with the starboard side of the fuselage and main plane of AB462.”

Crew: AB496

RAAF 403315 Sgt W D Norman, (Pilot)

Sgt Norman is buried in the Illogan (St Illogan) Churchyard, near Portreath, Cornwall, UK.

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

424720 Flight Sergeant BATEMAN, Peter Daubeney

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/831 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 759
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 69 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HE759 on 21st November 1944 was detailed to carry out a night time non operational exercise The aircraft failed to return from the exercise.

A Court of Inquiry could not find a cause for the accident but reported “At 17.10 hours in daylight hours, the aircraft was seen to dive into the ground off a radar rate one turn to the left. Flt Sgt Bateman was a very sound and reliable pilot who would not lose his head in an emergency.”

Crew:

RAAF 424720 Flt Sgt P B Bateman, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J R Patterson, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt L B Crisb, (Navigator Bomb Aimer of 140 Sqn)
RAF Flt Sgt J N Croker, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt W E Kain, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Moyes, (Air Gunner)

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

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

37471 Pilot Officer BENNETT, William Keith DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/1029 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	NC 555
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 69 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington NC555 took off at 2220 hours on the night of 24th March 1945 to carry out an operational sortie in the area of Deventer Apeldoorn, Keppel, Holland. The aircraft failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 37471 PO Bennett, W K DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt G W Linnard, (Navigator)
RAF FO Bearcroft, K R (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R Jeffrey, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R G Sutherland, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed and exploded on impact near the village of Gehelen, which is approx 3 miles south west of Apeldoorn, Holland.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Apeldoorn (Ugchelen Heidehof) General Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. The village of Ugchelen is south of Apeldoorn on the N304.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to PO Bennet is as follows :

PO Bennett of 69 Sqn RAF has completed a considerable number of highly successful low level night reconnaissance sorties, often in the face of intense enemy fire. At one period he carried out four sorties in four nights and on each occasion his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Although he had to complete his reconnaissance at a very low level, he brought back most valuable information. PO Bennett's unfailing courage and devotion to duty have set an outstanding example to the whole squadron.

(London Gazette 1/3/1946 page 1180)

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

401273 Sergeant DIVE, Peter Benjamin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/102/39 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Maryland
Serial number:	BS766
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 69 SQN RAF

Summary:

Maryland BS766 when returning from night air operations on 23rd December 1941, was shot up by an enemy night fighter and as a result crashed on landing at Luqa Aerodrome, Malta. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt P C Wells, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 401273 Sgt P B Dive, (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt H B Metcalfe, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Malta (Cappucini) Naval Cemetery, Malta.

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

402440 Pilot Officer GELL, Allan Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/3 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HX 471
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 69 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HX471 took off from RAF Luqa, Malta at 6.20pm on 8th January 1943, detailed to carry out a shipping strike. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 400228 WO L C Laver, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 407255 Sgt B W Shearer, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 402440 PO Gell, A T (Observer)
RAF Flt Lt Francombe, J (Radio Operator)
RAAF 404425 Flt Sgt E F Sagers, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404414 Flt Sgt D A Smith, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Catania War Cemetery, Sicily. The Cemetery is 7kms south west of Catania.

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

404016 Flight Sergeant GREAVES, Alick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/118/364 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Baltimore
Serial number:	AG 699
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 69 SQN RAF

Summary:

Baltimore AG699 took off from RAF Luqa Malta on 15th June 1942 detailed to carry out an operational sea patrol. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt F W A Baum, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404016 Flt Sgt A Baum, (Observer)
RCAF Sgt W E Fincham, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Purslow, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Baum is buried in the Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia. Medjez-El-Bab is 60kms west of Tunis.

Commonwealth War Graves records do not record the fate of the RAF crew members

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

400228 Warrant Officer LAVER, Leonard Courtney

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/3 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HX 471
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 69 SQN RAF

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RAAF 407255 Sgt B W Shearer, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 402440 PO Gell, A T (Observer)
RAF Flt Lt Francombe, J (Radio Operator)
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404018 Sergeant LAWRENCE Dennis Louis James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/136/77 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 69 SQN RAF

Summary:

Sgt Lawrence was Captain (Pilot) of a 69 Sqn aircraft detailed on 13th August 1941, to drop tracts in a daylight flight over Bizerta, Tunisia. The American Consulate in Tunis reported on 15th August 1941, that Sgt Lawrence died when his chute failed to function, and the other two crew members were taken from the sea and were interned.

Crew:

RAAF 404018 Sgt D L J Lawrence Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J M Alexander (Navigator)
RAF Sgt F W Wilkins, (Wireless Operator)

Sgt Lawrence is buried in the Massicault War Cemetery, Tunisia. The Cemetery is about 25kms south west of Tunis on route P5.

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

404425 Flight Sergeant SAGGERS, Eric Frank

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/3 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HX 471
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 69 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HX471 took off from RAF Luqa, Malta at 6.20pm on 8th January 1943, detailed to carry out a shipping strike. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 400228 WO L C Laver, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 407255 Sgt B W Shearer, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 402440 PO Gell, A T (Observer)
RAF Flt Lt Francombe, J (Radio Operator)
RAAF 404425 Flt Sgt E F Saggars, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404414 Flt Sgt D A Smith, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Catania War Cemetery, Sicily. The Cemetery is 7kms south west of Catania.

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

407255 Sergeant SHEARER, Benjamin Watson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/3 Commonwealth War Graves records

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Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 69 SQN RAF

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All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Catania War Cemetery, Sicily. The Cemetery is 7kms south west of Catania.

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

404414 Flight Sergeant SMITH, David Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/3 Commonwealth War Graves records

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

414368 Flying Officer THORPE, John Wilson DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/585 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 69 SQN RAF

Summary:

FO Thorpe (Pilot) was listed dangerously ill on 10th June 1945 as a result of a motor bike accident. He died on 13th June 1945.

He is 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 award of DFC to FO Thorpe is as follows :

FO Thorpe has proved himself to be a successful and resourceful night reconnaissance pilot. He has consistently brought back valuable information. During a recent night attack, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire, severing the aileron control and damaging the wing. By skilful flying he brought his aircraft back to base where he executed a masterly landing. FO Thorpe's enthusiasm and efficiency have set a fine example to all. (London Gazette 2/10/1945, page 4858)

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

412883 Flight Sergeant BEAL, Ronald Andre

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/402 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 380
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN380 took off from Tortorella Landing Ground, Italy, at 1815 hours on 27th January 1944, detailed to carry out an operational flight. It crashed shortly after take off some 5 miles ENE of Foggia, Southern Italy, and all the crew were killed.

The aircraft was seen to be on fire after making one circuit of the drome and burning parts seen falling from the fuselage by eye witnesses. The aircraft crashed and later the bombs exploded.

Crew:

RAAF 412883 Flt Sgt R A Beal, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt F E Maher (Navigator)
 RAAF 414199 Flt Sgt F R Clayton, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
 RAF 417453 Flt Sgt W F Brenton, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Flt Sgt J S H Cox, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt G Foster, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Locality Carbonara, Italy.

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

425586 Flight Sergeant BENSLEY, Marcus

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/159 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	JA 508
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington JA508 was returning from night operations against the Marseilles Dock area on 15th August 1944, and crashed approx 5 miles from the Tortorella landing ground on a clear dark night. All the crew were killed.

There were no witnesses to the crash. It appeared from the scene of the crash that the aircraft flew into the ground on an even keel in a slightly nose down attitude and at a very high speed.

Crew:

RAAF 425586 Flt Sgt M Bensley, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt H W Savin, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt G C Grimmett, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt C W Stern (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Couch (Air Gunner)

The crew are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Locality Carbonara, Italy.

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

417453 Flight Sergeant BRENTON, William Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/402 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 380
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN380 took off from Tortorella Landing Ground, Italy, at 1815 hours on 27th January 1944, detailed to carry out an operational flight. It crashed shortly after take off some 5 miles ENE of Foggia, Southern Italy, and all the crew were killed.

The aircraft was seen to be on fire after making one circuit of the drome and burning parts seen falling from the fuselage by eye witnesses. The aircraft crashed and later the bombs exploded.

Crew:

RAAF 412883 Flt Sgt R A Beal, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt F E Maher (Navigator)
 RAAF 414199 Flt Sgt F R Clayton, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
 RAF 417453 Flt Sgt W F Brenton, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Flt Sgt J S H Cox, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt G Foster, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Locality Carbonara, Italy.

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

422130 Flight Sergeant BURGESS, James Russell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/600 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MF 194
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington MF194 took off for night operations on the night of 28/29th June 1944 to bomb Giurgiu, Roumania. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 417355 Flt Sgt L Fallon, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425316 FO Knyvett, J G (Navigator)
RAAF 422130 Flt Sgt J R Burgess, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418752 Flt Sgt T R Lowther, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 427508 Flt Sgt R E James, (Air Gunner)

Four of the crew were killed and FO Knyvett became a POW.

FO Knyvett was released from a prison camp in Bulgaria on 23/9/1944 and reported "the aircraft was shot down in flames by an unseen night fighter. It was in flames when I baled out and am almost certain the other four were killed. I fractured a leg and was captured on landing.

As Bulgaria was occupied by Russian forces, it was not possible to establish until 1947 that the aircraft crashed at Novgarad, Roumania.

The four who lost their lives are buried in the Sofia War Cemetery, Bulgaria.

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

414199 Flight Sergeant CLAYTON, Frederick Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/402 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 380
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN380 took off from Tortorella Landing Ground, Italy, at 1815 hours on 27th January 1944, detailed to carry out an operational flight. It crashed shortly after take off some 5 miles ENE of Foggia, Southern Italy, and all the crew were killed.

The aircraft was seen to be on fire after making one circuit of the drome and burning parts seen falling from the fuselage by eye witnesses. The aircraft crashed and later the bombs exploded.

Crew:

RAAF 412883 Flt Sgt R A Beal, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt F E Maher (Navigator)
 RAAF 414199 Flt Sgt F R Clayton, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
 RAF 417453 Flt Sgt W F Brenton, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Flt Sgt J S H Cox, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt G Foster, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Locality Carbonara, Italy.

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

422841 Flight Sergeant CRAWFORD, Finley Ewart Munro

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/522 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 228
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

WellingtonLP228 was detailed to carry out a raid on Budapest on the night of 25/26th June 1944. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 410233 WO K J Hiskins, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 418841 Flt Sgt R D Howden, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt S R Lewis, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO G A Williams, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 422841 Flt Sgt F E M Crawford, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Dunaharaszti, which is approx 12 miles south of Budapest, Hungary.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Budapest War Cemetery, Hungary. The cemetery is several kilometres in the north west of the city.

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

416938 Warrant Officer CUSTANCE, Geoffrey James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/549 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LR 130
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LR130 took off from Tortorella landing ground, Italy, on the night of 6/7th July 1944, detailed to bomb Feuresbrunn, Austria, near Vienna. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416938 WO G J Custance, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF FO Maling, D H (Navigator)
 RCAF WO Class 11 H R Carruthers, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt M C Hunt, (Wireless Operator Air)
 RAF Sgt B J N Hackett, (Air Gunner)

A 1949 report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “the aircraft was attacked by an enemy night fighter, and exploded and crashed near the village of Gorkovac, which is approx 40 miles north-east of Zagreb, Yugoslavia. Four of the crew were killed and FO Maling survived.

FO Maling later reported “the aircraft was set on fire in the port wing and petrol tank. A few seconds after putting on my chute, the aircraft went into a spin and I became unconscious. I remember nothing but am of the opinion that the aircraft exploded in the air.”

Those killed are buried in the Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia and Montenegro.

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

411130 Flight Sergeant DUFF, James Eyval

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/98 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 427
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HZ427 was detailed on the night of 12/13th August 1943 to carry out a raid on the Messina Beaches, Sicily. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

At approx 0039 hours on 13th August the aircraft was seen to explode in the air over the Western Straits and crash in flames on land. It crashed in the vicinity of the village of Faro

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt C E Powell, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Flt Sgt S B Billing, (2nd Pilot)
 RAAF 411130 Flt Sgt J E Duff, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Flt Sgt J R Clark, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt W B Gilchrist, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RCAF PO W Craig, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Syracuse War Cemetery, Sicily, Italy.

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

417355 Flight Sergeant FALLON, Lloyd

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/600 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MF 194
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington MF194 took off for night operations on the night of 28/29th June 1944 to bomb Giurgiu, Roumania. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 417355 Flt Sgt L Fallon, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425316 FO Knyvett, J G (Navigator)
RAAF 422130 Flt Sgt J R Burgess, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418752 Flt Sgt T R Lowther, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 427508 Flt Sgt R E James, (Air Gunner)

Four of the crew were killed and FO Knyvett became a POW.

FO Knyvett was released from a prison camp in Bulgaria on 23/9/1944 and reported "the aircraft was shot down in flames by an unseen night fighter. It was in flames when I baled out and am almost certain the other four were killed. I fractured a leg and was captured on landing.

As Bulgaria was occupied by Russian forces, it was not possible to establish until 1947 that the aircraft crashed at Novgarad, Roumania.

The four who lost their lives are buried in the Sofia War Cemetery, Bulgaria.

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

410155 Warrant Officer FLEGG, Robert Barnes

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/262 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MF 138
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington MF138 took off from the Tortorella landing ground, Italy, on the night of the 6/7th July 1944, detailed to attack Feuersbrunn, Austria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 410155 WO R B Flegg, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Flt Sgt W S McIntosh, (Navigator)
 RAF Flt Sgt R J Vaughan, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt J C Clancy, (Wireless Operator Air)
 RAAF 403827 Flt Sgt J Turner (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Klagenfurt War Cemetery, Austria. Klagenfurt is the capital of the Austrian province of Carinthia.l

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

427090 Warrant Officer HAWKE, Raymond Richard Lindsay

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/929 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MF 367
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington MF367 took off from Tortorella landing ground, Italy, on 29th December 1944 to carry out a supply drop mission in Yugoslavia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 427090 WO R R L Hawke, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J A Heenan, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D Thayre, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R L Cundy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T B Mulholland, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Campobasso, Italy, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Cassino War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery lies in the Commune of Cassino, Province of Frosinone, some 139kms south east of Rome.

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

408203 Warrant Officer HILL, Dennis Robert

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/171/423 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTYD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

WO Hill was detailed on 30th December 1943, to ferry a Wellington aircraft from Foggia airfield, Italy to its base at the nearby Tortorella landing ground. At 1130 hours soon after take off the aircraft was seen to fail to pull out of a dive from 1000 feet and crash into the ground. The Pilot was killed. No other crew were on board.

Crew:

RAAF 408203 WO D R Hill, (Pilot)

WO Hill is buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is located on the outskirts of Bari in the Locality of Carbonara, Italy.

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

410233 Warrant Officer HISKINS, Kevin James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/522 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 228
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

WellingtonLP228 was detailed to carry out a raid on Budapest on the night of 25/26th June 1944. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 410233 WO K J Hiskins, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 418841 Flt Sgt R D Howden, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt S R Lewis, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO G A Williams, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 422841 Flt Sgt F E M Crawford, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Dunaharaszti, which is approx 12 miles south of Budapest, Hungary.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Budapest War Cemetery, Hungary. The cemetery is several kilometres in the north west of the city.

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

418841 Flight Sergeant HOWDEN, Roy David McAlister

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/522 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 228
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

WellingtonLP228 was detailed to carry out a raid on Budapest on the night of 25/26th June 1944. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 410233 WO K J Hiskins, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 418841 Flt Sgt R D Howden, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt S R Lewis, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO G A Williams, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 422841 Flt Sgt F E M Crawford, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Dunaharaszti, which is approx 12 miles south of Budapest, Hungary.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Budapest War Cemetery, Hungary. The cemetery is several kilometres in the north west of the city.

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

427508 Flight Sergeant JAMES, Raymond Edmund

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/600 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MF 194
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington MF194 took off for night operations on the night of 28/29th June 1944 to bomb Giurgiu, Roumania. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 417355 Flt Sgt L Fallon, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425316 FO Knyvett, J G (Navigator)
RAAF 422130 Flt Sgt J R Burgess, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418752 Flt Sgt T R Lowther, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 427508 Flt Sgt R E James, (Air Gunner)

Four of the crew were killed and FO Knyvett became a POW.

FO Knyvett was released from a prison camp in Bulgaria on 23/9/1944 and reported "the aircraft was shot down in flames by an unseen night fighter. It was in flames when I baled out and am almost certain the other four were killed. I fractured a leg and was captured on landing.

As Bulgaria was occupied by Russian forces, it was not possible to establish until 1947 that the aircraft crashed at Novgarad, Roumania.

The four who lost their lives are buried in the Sofia War Cemetery, Bulgaria.

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

410843 Flight Sergeant JONES, Mervyn Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/123 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 918
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN918 when returning on the night of 24/25th February 1944, from operations on the Steyre aircraft factory, Germany, crashed about one quarter of a mile east of Tormaggiore, Italy, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF FO A Azzopardi, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt G K Hale, (Navigator)
 RAF PO E W Carter, (Air Bomber)
 RAAF 410843 Flt Sgt M F Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt D E Jenkins, (Air Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, which is on the outskirts of Bari in the Locality of Carbonara., Italy.

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

425027 Warrant Officer LANGLEY, Jack William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/618 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 566
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LP566 took off from Tortorella landing ground, southern Italy, on the night of 11/12th October 1944, detailed to carry out an operational sortie on Verona, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 423843 PO McIntosh, A C E Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 425027 WO J W Langley, (Navigator)

RAF Sgt J C Crosbie, (Air Bomber)

RAF Sgt A D J Etheridge, (Wireless Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt R P Duncombe, (Rear Gunner)

In 1949 a Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “the aircraft crashed near Dossobuone in northern Italy, between Mantua and Verona. It dived into the ground and exploded and all the crew were killed.”

They are buried in the Padua War Cemetery, Italy.

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

418752 Flight Sergeant LOWTHER, Thomas Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/600 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MF 194
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington MF194 took off for night operations on the night of 28/29th June 1944 to bomb Giurgiu, Roumania. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 417355 Flt Sgt L Fallon, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425316 FO Knyvett, J G (Navigator)
RAAF 422130 Flt Sgt J R Burgess, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418752 Flt Sgt T R Lowther, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 427508 Flt Sgt R E James, (Air Gunner)

Four of the crew were killed and FO Knyvett became a POW.

FO Knyvett was released from a prison camp in Bulgaria on 23/9/1944 and reported "the aircraft was shot down in flames by an unseen night fighter. It was in flames when I baled out and am almost certain the other four were killed. I fractured a leg and was captured on landing.

As Bulgaria was occupied by Russian forces, it was not possible to establish until 1947 that the aircraft crashed at Novgarad, Roumania.

The four who lost their lives are buried in the Sofia War Cemetery, Bulgaria.

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

423246 Flight Sergeant MALOR, Ronald Lewis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/465 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 870
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN870 took off from Tortorella landing ground, Italy, on the night of 11/12th June 1944, to bomb Karlova, Bulgaria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414498 WO B E Marstin, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 423246 Flt Sgt R L Malor, (Navigator)
RAAF 425040 Flt Sgt D McAully, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W L Bugg, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt I Reid, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “the aircraft crashed between the villages of Krivodel and Staliiska Mahala, in the district of Lom.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Sofia War Cemetery, Bulgaria.

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

414498 Warrant Officer MARSTIN, Brain Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/465 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 870
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN870 took off from Tortorella landing ground, Italy, on the night of 11/12th June 1944, to bomb Karlova, Bulgaria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414498 WO B E Marstin, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 423246 Flt Sgt R L Malor, (Navigator)
RAAF 425040 Flt Sgt D McAully, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W L Bugg, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt I Reid, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “the aircraft crashed between the villages of Krivodel and Staliiska Mahala, in the district of Lom.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Sofia War Cemetery, Bulgaria.

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

421605 Flight Sergeant MARTIN, Selwyn William Bruce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/354 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	JA 136
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington JA136 was detailed on the night of 12/13th February 1944 to attack enemy motor transports and troop concentrations at Cisterna. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF Flt Sgt S S Wills, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt A C Fance, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R E Appleton, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 421605 Flt Sgt S W B Martin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P A Holmes, (Rear Gunner)

Both Flt Sgt Wills and Sgt Holmes survived the crash, and the other three crew members were killed. Those killed are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, which is on the outskirts of Bari, Locality Carbonara, Italy.

Flt Sgt Wills later reported “After attacking the target we set course for base. The Rear Gunner reported that one or two bombs were hung up. We changed course to jettison the bombs over the Adriatic Sea. On return we made landfall in the Bari area, but owing to considerable cloud we had difficulty in pinpointing our position. At the request of the Navigator we lost height to about 1500 feet and almost immediately after the aircraft crashed into a hillside. Three of the crew were killed, the Rear Gunner who was uninjured was thrown clear and I suffered serious injuries and was taken to hospital.”

The crash occurred at 0628 hours 16 miles south of Corato.

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

400018 Sergeant MATTHEWS, Patrick Fleming

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/142/275 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	CT 2987
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington CT2987 was found on the north side of the Benina drome near Benghazi, together with seven graves of the crew. The aircraft had been shot down by ack-ack and crashed in flames at 0045 hours on the 20th December 1941.

Crew:

SAAF Captain Evans, L N Captain(Pilot)
 RAF Sgt J F Liles, (2nd Pilot)
 RAAF 400018 Sgt P F Matthews, (Observer)
 RAF Flt Sgt D E Webb, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RCAF Flt Sgt E E Nelson, (Air Gunner)
 RAF PO Grey, H D (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sqn Ldr Parkinson, H (Pilot) HQ Mid East

All the crew are buried in the Benghazi War Cemetery, Libya. Benghazi is a seaport on the Mediterranean. The cemetery is about 7kms south east of Benghazi.

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

425040 Flight Sergeant McAULLY, Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/465 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 870
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN870 took off from Tortorella landing ground, Italy, on the night of 11/12th June 1944, to bomb Karlova, Bulgaria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414498 WO B E Marstin, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 423246 Flt Sgt R L Malor, (Navigator)
RAAF 425040 Flt Sgt D McAully, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W L Bugg, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt I Reid, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “the aircraft crashed between the villages of Krivodel and Staliiska Mahala, in the district of Lom.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Sofia War Cemetery, Bulgaria.

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

402959 Flight Sergeant McFARLANE, Allen Roderick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/2/126 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MK 247
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington MK247 took off from base at 2050 hours on 7th May 1943, to bomb enemy concentrations on roads south east of Tunis.

The aircraft returned with engine trouble and the Captain contacted base by R/T to get instructions re the jettison of bombs. He was instructed to jettison half the load 5 miles south east of the Landing Ground which he did.

On returning to base the aircraft made a circuit and the engines appeared to be running normally. The aircraft was given the green light and it was acknowledged. On going cross wind to the upwind end of the flare path, the aircraft was seen to dive losing considerable height. The aircraft then levelled and continued at the same height of approx 600 feet, until on the cross wind leg downwind from the flare path. It was then seen to lose more height and continued to fly on at an extremely low altitude until it hit the ground and exploded. It crashed 3 miles from the flare path and was completely destroyed, The accident occurred at 2156 hours.

Five of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Smith survived the crash.

Crew:

RAAF	402959 Flt Sgt McFarlane, A R Captain (Pilot)
RCAF	WO Class 1 I I Kliman, (2 nd Pilot)
RAF	Sgt J G Comyn, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF	Sgt B Sherry, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt G Poppleston, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Flt Sgt D A Smith (Rear Gunner)

The five crew members who lost their lives are buried in the Tripoli War Cemetery, Libya. The cemetery is in the Mansura district of Tripoli.

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

423843 Pilot Officer McINTOSH, Alexander Charles Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/618 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 566
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LP566 took off from Tortorella landing ground, southern Italy, on the night of 11/12th October 1944, detailed to carry out an operational sortie on Verona, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 423843 PO McIntosh, A C E Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 425027 WO J W Langley, (Navigator)

RAF Sgt J C Crosbie, (Air Bomber)

RAF Sgt A D J Etheridge, (Wireless Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt R P Duncombe, (Rear Gunner)

In 1949 a Missing Research & Enquiry team reported “the aircraft crashed near Dossobuone in northern Italy, between Mantua and Verona. It dived into the ground and exploded and all the crew were killed.”

They are buried in the Padua War Cemetery, Italy.

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

410687 Flight Sergeant MOLE, Herbert Jeffrey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/256 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 403
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HZ403 was detailed on the night of 15/16th March 1944 to carry out a raid on the marshalling yards at Sofia Bulgaria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 410687 Flt Sgt H J Mole, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R F Saunders (Navigator)
RAF FO Marler, E F (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt B Y Morley (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P H Salisbury, (Rear Gunner)

On its return from the target the aircraft crashed at San Nicandro, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, which is on the outskirts of Bari in the locality of Carbonara, Italy.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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424450 Pilot Officer PALMER, George Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/519 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	ME 957
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington ME957 was detailed on the night of 20/21st October 1944, to carry out a raid on Szombatheley, Hungary. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Sandman, D A Captain (Pilot)
 RAF FO Rolin, I E E (Navigator)
 RAAF 418581 WO L G Robertson, (Air Bomber)
 RAAF 424450 PO Palmer, G A (Wireless Operator Air)
 RAAF 429675 PO Stevens, N A (Rear Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “the aircraft was shot down on 21st October by an enemy night fighter and it crashed at Gostola. Gostola is a small village approx 20 miles north east of Varazdin.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Budapest War Cemetery, Hungary. The cemetery is several kms north west of the city.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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404858 Flying Officer PUGH, Walter MacPherson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/52/99 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD70 SQN RAF

Summary:

On 29th June 1942, a Wellington aircraft crashed on take off at RAF Abu Sueir, Egypt, and exploded. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt Harrop and Sgt Harrison were injured. Sgt Harrison died of his injuries on 7th July 1942.

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Sgt J Hgunyon, Captain (Pilot)
 RNZAF Flt Sgt H B Stevens, (Pilot)
 RAF Flt Sgt W H Rowles, (Observer)
 RAF Sgt F O H Harrison, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 404858 FO Pugh, W MacP (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt Harrop (Air Gunner)

The five who lost their lives are buried in the Ismalia War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. The cemetery is less than a kilometre north west of the Ismalia town centre on the Port Said road.

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418581 Warrant Officer ROBERTSON, Lawrence Geoffrey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/519 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	ME 957
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington ME957 was detailed on the night of 20/21st October 1944, to carry out a raid on Szombatheley, Hungary. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Sandman, D A Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Rolin, I E E (Navigator)
RAAF 418581 WO L G Robertson, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424450 PO Palmer, G A (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 429675 PO Stevens, N A (Rear Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “the aircraft was shot down on 21st October by an enemy night fighter and it crashed at Gostola. Gostola is a small village approx 20 miles north east of Varazdin.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Budapest War Cemetery, Hungary. The cemetery is several kms north west of the city.

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421051 Flight Sergeant ROSS, Allan Stanley Reginald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/336 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 663
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN663 took off from Tortorella landing ground, southern Italy on the night of 9/10th August 1944, detailed to carry out a sortie against the Romania Americana oil refinery, Ploesti, Roumania. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 421051 Flt Sgt A S R Ross, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt H J A Rogers, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt A Gleason, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W Butler, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt W M Jones, (Rear Gunner)

Both LN663 and LP485 of 30 Sqn RAF crashed on 10th August 1944. One crashed at Cotroceni, a suburb of Bucharest, and the other at Caciulati which is about 15 miles north of Bucharest. It was not possible to establish which aircraft crashed where.

All the crew of LN663 were killed and they are buried in the Bucharest War Cemetery, Romania. Bucharest is a cathedral and university city on the banks of the Dambovito River, and the capital of Romania.

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

402384 Flying Officer McCLURE, John Denis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA :A705, 166/26/456 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	BS 571
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

FO McClure was killed on 11th May 1944 when flying Hurricane BS571 on a non operational flight. The aircraft crashed in the Indian area in a forced landing.

Crew:

RAAF 402384 FO McClure, J D (Pilot)

FO McClure is buried in the Madras War Cemetery, Chennai, India. The cemetery is 5kms from the airport and 14kms from the central railway station.

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414164 Flight Sergeant SANDERSON, Linton Patrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/135 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 182
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HZ182 took off from Djederda landing ground at 2019 hours on the night of 24/25th November 1943, detailed to attack the ball bearing plant at Turin, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Flt Sgt J Green Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt C Baynton, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt G Willmott, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Williamson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 414164 Flt Sgt L P Sanderson (Air Gunner)

A 1947 report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “a District Priest at Artana. Italy stated that several planes flew low over the village about 2300 hours. There was an explosion on a mountain top and a huge ball of fire. The next day villagers found the wrecks of two aircraft on either side of the mountain.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Stagliano Cemetery, Genoa, Italy.

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

429675 Pilot Officer STEVENS, Norman Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/519 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	ME 957
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington ME957 was detailed on the night of 20/21st October 1944, to carry out a raid on Szombatheley, Hungary. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Sandman, D A Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Rolin, I E E (Navigator)
RAAF 418581 WO L G Robertson, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424450 PO Palmer, G A (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 429675 PO Stevens, N A (Rear Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “the aircraft was shot down on 21st October by an enemy night fighter and it crashed at Gostola. Gostola is a small village approx 20 miles north east of Varazdin.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Budapest War Cemetery, Hungary. The cemetery is several kms north west of the city.

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403827 Flight Sergeant TURNER, Josiah

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/262 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MF 138
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 70 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington MF138 took off from the Tortorella landing ground, Italy, on the night of the 6/7th July 1944, detailed to attack Feuersbrunn, Austria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 410155 WO R B Flegg, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Flt Sgt W S McIntosh, (Navigator)
 RAF Flt Sgt R J Vaughan, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt J C Clancy, (Wireless Operator Air)
 RAAF 403827 Flt Sgt J Turner (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Klagenfurt War Cemetery, Austria. Klagenfurt is the capital of the Austrian province of Carinthia.

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403218 Warrant Officer HAKE, Albert Horace

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5522687 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 72 SQN RAF

Summary:

WO Hake was reported missing on operations on 4th April 1942. He died on 30 March 1944 while a POW in Germany. The Commonwealth War Graves record his date of death as 31st March 1944.

Crew:

RAAF 403218 WO A H Hake, (Pilot)

WO Hake is buried in the Poznan Old Garrison Cemetery, Poland. The city of Poznan is in the west of Poland on the main E30/2 road. The Cemetery is in the north of the town in the district of Winogrody.

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

402294 Sergeant MERRETT, John Graham

Source

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/143/49 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 72 SQN RAF

Summary:

Sgt Merrett took off in a Spitfire from RAF Biggin Hill at 1330 hours on 27th September 1941, to carry out an operational patrol. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 402294 Sgt J G Merrett, (Pilot)

Sgt Merrett's body was washed ashore on 23/10/1941 and he is buried in the Flushing (Vlissingen) Northern Cemetery, Locality Zeeland, Netherlands. The port of Flushing is on the south coast of the island of Walcheren in the Schelde Estuary. It is about 7kms south of Middleburg and 58kms west of Bergen op Zoom.

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432593 Flight Sergeant SWINBOURNE, Geoffrey Cook

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/752 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Kittyhawk
Serial number:	ET 1022
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 73 SQN RAF

Summary:

Flt Sgt Swinbourne was authorised to carry out aerobatics above 10,000 feet on 4th November 1944 in Kittyhawk ET1022. When the aircraft was overdue a search was carried out. The aircraft was found to have dived or spun into the ground and the pilot had been killed. The aircraft had crashed at 1330 hours some 5 to 7 miles from RAF Abu Suair, Egypt.

Crew:

RAAF 432593 Flt Sgt G C Swinbourne, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Swinbourne is buried in the Fayid War Cemetery, Egypt. Fayid is a small town 20kms south of Ismailia on the western shore of the Great Bitter Lake which is at the mid point of the Suez Canal.

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

432097 Flight Sergeant BOAG, Robert James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/826 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 497,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NF 980
Radio call sign:	AA – F
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF980 took off from RAF Mepal at 1058 hours on the 30th November 1944 detailed to bomb the benzol producing plant and railway station at Osterfeld, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO McIntosh, J A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R T Taylor, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF Flt Sgt R C Morgan, (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt R W Newman, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432097 Flt Sgt R J Boag, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt C Brewer, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E R Cooper, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak over the target and crashed 2kms south of the Bahnhof at Osterfeld. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Cooper was injured.

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

Sgt Cooper died of his injuries on 28th December 1944 and he also is buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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402230 Sergeant CURLEWIS, Raymond Fullerton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/99/58 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 156,
Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8909
Radio call sign:	AA -
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z8909 took off from RAF Feltwell at on the night of 10/11th October 1941, detailed to bomb.Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 402230 Sgt R F Curlewis, Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF Sgt C M Thompson, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A C Edwards, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt F Garde, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R L Warburton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt T R Murphy (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Cologne and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinbergv 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

410330 Flight Sergeant EMMERSON, Ronald Harry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/58 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 42,
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EF 163
Radio call sign:	JN – L
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EF163 took off from RAF Mepal at 1700 hours on the night of 16/17th December 1943, detailed to carry out mine laying off the Frisian islands. The aircraft crashed in bad visibility at Biddington Farm, Sutton, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cause of the crash may have been due to the aircraft's centre of gravity being effected by a mine that failed to release.

Crew:

RNZAF PO Kinross, C J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Askew, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF FO Jenkin, R F (Navigator)
RAAF 410330 Flt Sgt R H Emmerson, (Observer)
RAF Sgt W A Savage, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S Newman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J A Warner, (Air Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Newman was injured in the crash.

PO Kinross, FO Jenkin and Flt Sgt Emmerson are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK.

Sgt Askew is buried in the Seaton Hirst (St John) Churchyard, Northumberland, UK.

Sgt Savage is buried in the Pendlebury (St John) Churchyard, Lancashire, UK.

Sgt Warner is buried in the Bootle Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

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

22776 Warrant Officer GILMOUR, Hugh Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/287 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 342,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 915
Radio call sign:	AA – A
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND915 took off from RAF Mepal at 2320 hours on the night of 20/21st July 1944, detailed to bomb Homberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 22776 WO H E Gilmour, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R E Buzza, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 417257 WO L A Woodward, (Navigator)
RAAF 425036 Flt Sgt S Mills, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 417877 Flt Sgt J E Osborne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W J S Ballard, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J L Stevenson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0135 hours on the 21st July 1944 bewteen Keldonk (Noord-Brabant) and Erp, about 5kms south east of Veghel.

Five of the crew were killed and WO Woodward and Sgt Ballard were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Eindhoven (Woensel) General Cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Eindhoven is located 31kms south east of s'Hertogenbosch and 14kms south west of Helmond. .

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404532 Sergeant GRIMES, Harold Dawson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/118/217 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 162,
Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	W 5663
Radio call sign:	AA -
Unit:	75 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On the night of 15/16th October 1941, Wellington W5663 took off from RAF Feltwell, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt R C Barker, Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF PO Robertson, T B (Pilot)
RAAF 404532 Sgt H D Grimes, (Observer)
RAF Sgt D L Beney, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G F Cole, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J B Stephenson, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Dusseldorf, Germany. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt's Cole and Stephenson were POW's.

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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419311 Flight Sergeant HEWETT, Harold Max

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/577 Commonwealth War Graves records
Micro Film 463 OAFH, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second
World War, Page 222, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 919
Radio call sign:	AA – D
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND919 took off from RAF Mepal at 2256 hours on the night of 11/12th May 1944, detailed to bomb the railway yards at Leuven. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Warren, D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F C Riley, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF PO Irviing, A E (Navigator)
RCAF PO Gage, D I (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt D Clough, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Dewhurst, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 419311 Flt Sgt H M Hewett, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft exploded and crashed at Castle Elderschans, 2kms north west of Aardenburg, (Zeeland), Holland. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Aardenburg General Cemetery, Zeeland, Netherlands. Aardenburg is a village south of the Schelde Estuary, 20kms north of Maldegem (Belgium) and 20kms SSW of Breskens close to the Dutch-Belgian frontier.

The above 7 airmen are the only WW2 casualties in the Cemetery.

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

414691 Flight Sergeant JARVIS, William Louis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/20/65 Commonwealth War Graves records
Micro Film No 463 OAFH, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the
Second World War, Page 330, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EH 935
Radio call sign:	JN – K
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EH935 took off from RAF Mepal at 1952 hours on the night of 23/24th
September 1943, detailed to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Kirkpatrick, L J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C P Ellins, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF FO Sands, H P (Navigator)
RNZAF FO Mason, W R A (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J E Hoey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Elliott, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 414691 Flt Sgt W L Jarvis, (Tail Gunner)

The aircraft crashed between Edersheim and Knoringen, 9kms south of Neustadt,
Germany. Five of the crew were killed and FO Mason and Sgt Elliott were POW's. Sgt
Elliott was repatriated to the UK on 6/2/1945.

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

FO Mason later reported “ the aircraft was attacked by a night fighter over the target and
set on fire. After failing to put out the fire, the Captain ordered bale out. I was the first to
leave and cannot state if Jarvis was alive. When I left none of the others were injured.”

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

405918 Flying Officer LOGAN, Clifford Charles Pownall

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/9 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 329,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	BF 459
Radio call sign:	JN – G
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

StirlingBF459 took off from RAF Mepal at 1945 hours on the night of 23/24th 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 405918 FO Logan, C C P Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T Stewart, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF Flt Sgt G P Sowerby, (Navigator)
RAF FO Ingham, J P (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt T J Hegarty, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt F E W Crowther, (Air Gunner)
RNZAF Flt Sgt A J Knox, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Lampertheim, 12kms north of Mannheim, Germany.
Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Crowther and Flt Sgt Knox were POW's.
Flt Sgt Crowther died of his injuries on 3rd October 1943.

The six who lost their lives 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, Germany.

Flt Sgt Knox later reported “according to German authorities in Dulag Luft, I believe the Skipper was killed. I cannot help any more than this as I did not land near the crashed aircraft.”

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

417211 Flight Sergeant MACKENZIE, Douglas John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/439 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 203,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 689
Radio call sign:	AA – Y
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME689 took off from RAF Mepal at 2244 hours on the night of 1/2nd May 1944, detailed to bomb the railway and storage depot at Chambly, France.

Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF Sqn Ldr Sachtlr, E W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P T Stephens, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Heron, A G (Navigator)
RAF PO Lombard, M F (Air Bomber)
RAAF 417211 Flt Sgt D K MacKenzie, (Wireless Operator Air)
RNZAF Flt Sgt T A Peevers, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J G Pettifer, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Poix-de-Picardie Churchyard, Locality Somme, France. Poix is a small town 28kms south west of Amiens.

A report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “ the aircraft exploded in the air and crashed at St Arnoult on 2nd May 1944. St Arnoult is approx 27 miles south west of Amiens, France.”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

419238 Flying Officer MCCARTIN, Patrick Leo

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/795 Commonwealth War Graves records
Micro Film No 463, OAFH, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the
Second World War, Page 448, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 911
Radio call sign:	AA – V
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND911 took off from RAF Mepal at 1247 hours on 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 419238 FO McCartin, P L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W J Warlow, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J Miles, (Navigator)
RAF FO Martin, L A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 427206 Flt Sgt P R Smith, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D C A Bryer, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Gray, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Gray was a POW.

FO McCartin and FO Martin are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality
Kleve, Nordehein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

The other four crew members 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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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400352 Sergeant MCDONALD, Murray Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/141/494 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 46,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3282
Radio call sign:	AA -
Unit:	75 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On the night of 12/13th March 1942, Wellington X3282 took off from RAF Feltwell
Detailed to bomb Kiel, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it
failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt J F M Parnham, Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF Flt Sgt J L Brown, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R McGibbon, (Observer)
RNZAF Flt Sgt C E J Aitchison, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 400352 Sgt M A McDonald (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Godfrey, (Air Gunner)

It was presumed that the aircraft had crashed in or near the target area.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Kiel War Cemetery, Germany.

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

426367 Pilot Officer MILLINER, Jack Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/526 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 348,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 568
Radio call sign:	AA – K
Unit:	75 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On the night of 24/25th July 1944, Lancaster HK568 took off from RAF Nepal at 2151 hours, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew

RNZAF FO Whitehouse K O Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt B Leighton, (Flight Sergeant)
RAAF 426367 PO Milliner, J T (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R S Horsford, (Air Bomber)
RNZAF WO K Dudding, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R C Baker, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 429835 Flt Sgt G A B Taverner, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Cronenbourg French National Cemetery, Strasbourg, France.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

425036 Flight Sergeant MILLS, Samuel

Source

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/15/287 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 342,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 915
Radio call sign:	AA – A
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND915 took off from RAF Mepal at 2320 hours on the night of 20/21st July 1944, detailed to bomb Homberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 22776 WO H E Gilmour, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R E Buzza, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 417257 WO L A Woodward, (Navigator)
RAAF 425036 Flt Sgt S Mills, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 417877 Flt Sgt J E Osborne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W J S Ballard, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J L Stevenson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0135 hours on the 21st July 1944 bewteen Keldonk (Noord-Brabant) and Erp, about 5kms south east of Veghel.

Five of the crew were killed and WO Woodward and Sgt Ballard were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Eindhoven (Woensel) General Cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Eindhoven is located 31kms south east of s'Hertogenbosch and 14kms south west of Helmond.

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417877 Flight Sergeant OSBORNE, John Edward

Source

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/15/287 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 342,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 915
Radio call sign:	AA – A
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND915 took off from RAF Mepal at 2320 hours on the night of 20/21st July 1944, detailed to bomb Homberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 22776 WO H E Gilmour, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R E Buzza, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 417257 WO L A Woodward, (Navigator)
RAAF 425036 Flt Sgt S Mills, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 417877 Flt Sgt J E Osborne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W J S Ballard, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J L Stevenson, (Rear Gunner)

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409481 Warrant Officer PAGE, Frank Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/392 Micro Film No463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 236, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 690
Radio call sign:	AA – Z
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME690 took off from RAF Mepal at 2249 hours on the night of 22/23rd May 1944, detailed to bomb Dortmund, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF PO Black, E L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W Pickering, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Downing, J W (Navigator)
RAAF 409481 WO F A Page, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt A S Bromley, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt J H Cooper, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D C K Grant, (Rear Gunner)

ME690 was shot down by a night fighter and crashed near Neerpelt (Limburg), 21 miles north of Hasselt, Belgium. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Locality Leuven, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium. The cemetery is located 30kms from Brussels and 3kms south of Leuven.

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400310 Sergeant ROBERTS, James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/158/195 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 166, Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9914
Radio call sign:	AA -
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X9914 took off from RAF Feltwell on the night of 22/23rd October 1941,
detailed to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off
and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt C Taylor, Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF Sgt F A Spark, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S J L Levack, (Observer)
RAAF 400310 Sgt J Roberts, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W R Steele, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R H Tasker (Air Gunner)

X9914 crashed near Werken (West Vlaanderen), 7kms ESE of Diksmuide, Belgium off
the N35 road.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Werken Churchyard, Locality
Kortenmark, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. These six fatalities are the only WW2 fatalities
in the churchyard.

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404626 Pilot Officer RYDER, Robert Leslie Owen

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/55/141 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 180,
Volume 1941

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8942
Radio call sign:	AA -
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z8942 took off from RAF Feltwell on the night of 8/9th November 1941, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. A wireless message was received from the aircraft approx 3 hours after it left base. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF Sgt J S Wilson, Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF FO Foster, R O (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 404626 PO Ryder R L O (Observer)
RAF Sgt J H Reid (1sr Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Sir C T H Mappin, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt L B H Hope, (Air Gunner)

Z8942 was hit by flak and crashed at 2215 hours at Zuidcand (Zuid Holland), 20kms south west of Rotterdam. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Hope was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Rotterdam (Crooswijk) General Cemetery, Locality Zuir-Holland, Netherlands. Crooswijk is a district east of the centre of the city of Rotterdam.

Sgt Hope was killed on 19/4/1945 by Allied fighter bombers which attacked a POW column in which he was marching. He is buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War cemetery.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

417521 Flight Sergeant SAWTELL, Arthur Hartley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/330 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 102, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EH 948
Radio call sign:	AA – Q
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EH948 took off from RAF Mepal at 1710 hours on the night of 24/25th February 1944, detailed to lay mines over Kiel bay. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Sgt H H Bruhns, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J W Harry, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt E A Wilkes, (Navigator)
RNZAF Sgt L L Butler, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W J Summers, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 417521 Flt Sgt A H Sawtell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R E Hall, (Tail Gunner)

All the crew were killed.

Flt Sgt Sawtell is buried in the Aabenraa Cemetery, Denmark. Aabenraa is a town on the south east coast of Jutland, about 25kms north of the German border.

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

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416619 Pilot Officer SEDUNARY, Allan Joseph Lyall DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/161/236 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 281,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	BF 564
Radio call sign:	JN – W
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling BF564 took off from RAF Mepal at 2051 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 416619 PO Sedunary, A J L DFC Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF Flt Sgt F Lundon, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F K Alcock, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Lens, A (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C R Parish, (Air Bomber)
RNZAF PO Moss, D H (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J E Nicholson, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J J Gratton, (Air Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “ the aircraft crashed between Wiesenhausen and Martensmuhle presumably as a result of enemy action on the 24th August 1944. Martensmuhle is 26 miles south west of Berlin.”
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War cemetery, Germany.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to PO Sedunary is as follows :
PO Sedunary has taken part in many successful operational sorties, including attacks on heavily defended targets in the Ruhr valley and Hamburg. An outstanding captain of aircraft, he has invariably displayed determination of the highest order.

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413144 Flight Sergeant SINGLE Alan Roy

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/371/251 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 390,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 453
Radio call sign:	AA -K
Unit:	75 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On the night of 22/23rd November 1943, Stirling LJ453 took off from RAF Mepal at 1714 hours, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 413144 Flt Sgt A R Single, Captain(Pilot)
RAF Sgt I G Holbrook, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Brothwell, J (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt J E S Margetts, (Air Bomber)
RNZAF Flt Sgt E R Whittington, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt V S Hughes, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RNZAF Flt Sg A G Bernard, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed between Gemmerich and Dolberg, 6kms SSE of Ahlen.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality,
Kamp Lintforrt, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and
13kms south of Wesel.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

427206 Flight Sergeant SMITH, Phillip Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/795 Commonwealth War Graves records
Micro Film No 463, OAFH, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the
Second World War, Page 448, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 911
Radio call sign:	AA – V
Unit:	ATTD 75 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND911 took off from RAF Mepal at 1247 hours on 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 419238 FO McCartin, P L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W J Warlow, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J Miles, (Navigator)
RAF FO Martin, L A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 427206 Flt Sgt P R Smith, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D C A Bryer, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Gray, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Gray was a POW.

FO McCartin and FO Martin are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality
Kleve, Nordehein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

The other four crew members 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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429835 Flight Sergeant TAVERNER, George Alfred Badge

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/526 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 348,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 568
Radio call sign:	AA – K
Unit:	75 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On the night of 24/25th July 1944, Lancaster HK568 took off from RAF Nepal at 2151 hours, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew

RNZAF FO Whitehouse K O Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt B Leighton, (Flight Sergeant)
RAAF 426367 PO Milliner, J T (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R S Horsford, (Air Bomber)
RNZAF WO K Dudding, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R C Baker, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 429835 Flt Sgt G A B Taverner, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Cronenbourg French National Cemetery, Strasbourg, France.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

401341 Flight Sergeant WILLAMS, John Muir

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/169 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 127,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	BF 467
Radio call sign:	AA -W
Unit:	75 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On the night of 28/29th April 1943, Stirling BF47 took off from RAF Newmarket, at 2030 hours, detailed to carry out mine laying duties in the Radish area of the Fehmarn-Belt. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return base.

Crew:

RNZAF PO Thompson, D L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Abbott, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF WO2 J A Ramsay, (Navigator)
RAAF 401341 Flt Sgt J M Williams, (Air Bomber)
RNZAF WO E R Jenkins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G Phillips, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J T Glendinning, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed at 0008 hours in the Baltic off Nakshov on the west side off the Lolland Island, Denmark. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Svino Churchyard, Denmark. Svino is a small village in southern Zealand overlooking the Dybso Fjord, some 90kms SSW of Copenhagen.

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420611 Pilot Officer BRAWN, Roy Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/317 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 371, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LK 681
Radio call sign:	MP – A
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MP681 was detailed to carry out an air test on 3rd November 1943.
During the test the aircraft crashed at 1155 hours at Enthorpe House, 5 miles north east of
Market Weighton, Yorkshire, and all on board lost their lives.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Steele, J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J G Kirby, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Laskie, W (Air Bomber)
Miss D Robson, B Sc.
RAF Sgt D Kneale, (Wireless Air Gunner))
RAAF 420611 PO Brawn, R A (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt H M Welch, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Lt Steele, PO Brawn and Flt Sgt Welch are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall)
Cemetery, Yorkshire UK. The Cemetery is located south-east of Harrogate just off the
A661 on Forest Lane.

Miss D Robson, 23 year old, an acknowledged expert in her field of bombsight
development in the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, UK, died on 5/11/1943.
Commonwealth War Graves do not record where she is buried.

Sgt Kirby is in the City of London Cemetery & Crematorium, Manor Park, Sussex, UK.
FO Laskie is buried in the Dundee (Balgay) Cemetery, Locality Angus, UK
Sgt Kneale is buried in the Liverpool (West Derby) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

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407890 Flying Officer CAMPBELL, Alexander Craven

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/25/156 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 220,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	R 9365
Radio call sign:	MP – C
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax R9365 took off from RAF Middleton St George at 2035 hours on the night of 16/17th September 1942, detailed to bomb Essen Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 407890 FO Campbell, A C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S G White, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt S A Witchell, (Navigator)
RAAF 407303 Flt Sgt M J Standley, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt W N Geddie, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J R Runnicles, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Moffat, (Air Gunner)

R9365 was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0036 hours on 17th September 1942 at Rubrouck (Nord), 14kms north west of Hazebrouck, France.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Locality Pas de Calais, France. St Omer is a large town 45kms south east of Calais. Longuenesse is a commune on the outskirts of St Omer.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413735 Flight Sergeant CASWELL, Harry Cosgreave

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/516 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:	MZ 604
Radio call sign:	MP – W
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ604 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 2231 hours on the night of 2/3rd June 1944, detailed to bomb the railway yards at Trappes, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO L J R Smith, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Y Ferguson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt T R Hood, (Navigator)
RAAF 413735 Flt Sgt H G Caswell, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Thompson, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt O A Teasdale, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C Lowrie, (Air Gunner)

MZ604 crashed at Longvilliers which is 25 miles south of Paris. Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Hood was a POW.

The six crew members are buried in the Bretigny-sur-Orge Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France. Bretigny-sur-Orge is a small town in the Department of Essonne, 36kms south from the centre of Paris.

Flt Sgt Hood later reported “After leaving the target we were badly shot up by a night fighter. Caswell was unhurt in this attack as he helped me put on my chute and was seen fitting on his own chute. I was endeavouring to quell a fire in the WOP’s cabin when the aircraft went into a dive and I lost consciousness. When I recovered I was at about 3000 feet and pulled the ripcord. I saw the aircraft burning on the ground. I was told by the Germans that 6 bodies had been recovered.”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

423088 Flight Sergeant ETHERTON, Ronald Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/97 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 381, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LL 578
Radio call sign:	MP – H Bar
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LL578 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 2129 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:

RAF FO Ings, R V Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R McG McLaren, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423088 Flt Sgt R H Etherton, (Navigator)
RAAF 425760 Flt Sgt K P Samson, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W E Twigg, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F C Williamson, (Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt I G T Brownlee, (Air Gunner)

LL578 crashed 2kms north east of Hamm, Germany, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Choley War Cemetery, Locality Meurth-et-Moselle, France. Choley is a village 28kms west of Nancy and 6\5kms west o Toul, a town on the N4 road from Paris to Nancy.

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402118 Sergeant GOURLEY, William Henry James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/118/187 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 101,
Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	L 9529
Radio call sign:	MP -
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax L9529 took off from RAF Stanton Harcourt at 1034 hours on 24th July 1941, detailed to bomb La Pallice, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Lewin, A E Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402118 Sgt W H J Gourley, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt C H Horner, (Observer)
RAF Sgt B Phillips, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P J Vickery, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W A Finlayson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO McLeod, N W (Air Gunner)

L9529 was seen to be attacked by enemy fighters and gradually lost height. It crashed between La Pallice and La Rochelle, France. Four of the crew were killed. Sgt's Phillips, Finlayson and FO McLeod were POW's.

Flt Lt Lewin, Flt Sgt Horner and Sgt Vickery are buried in the L'Aiguillon-sur-Mer Communal Cemetery, Locality Vendee, France. L'Aiguillon is a seaside town 50kms from La Rochelle by road and 21kms south of the town of Luçon.

Sgt Gourley is buried in the Pornic War Cemetery, Locality Loire-Atlantique, France. Pornic is on the north side of Borgneuf Bay and is 51kms WSW of Nantes and 20kms SSE of St Nazaire. He had baled out and landed in the sea but his body had been recovered by the Germans.

Sgt Finlayson later reported " Sgt Gourley baled out and landed safely in the sea. It was a considerable distance from land and he did not know if Gourley reached the shore." FO McLeod reported that he believed Gouley had drowned."

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419443 Flight Sergeant GRAYDON, Malcolm Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/345 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves record W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 240, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 622
Radio call sign:	MP – L
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ622 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 2238 hours on the night of 24/25th May 1944, detailed to bomb Aachen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 426719 Flt Sgt P S Wade, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R E D Robinson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt K H Allaker, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt S Patterson, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419443 Flt Sgt M H Graydon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Horrocks, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R J Head, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Goirle (Noord-Brabant), 4kms south of Tilburg, Holland.
Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Head was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Goirle Roman Catholic Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Goirle is a village 4kms from Tilburg.

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415331 Pilot Officer IVE, George Corbett

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/19/40 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 37, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LK 958
Radio call sign:	MP – Q
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LK958 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 1639 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:

RAAF 415331 PO Ive, G C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R V Turner, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt K F Hutson, (Navigator)
RAAF 415892 Sgt K C Buchan, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 420830 Flt Sgt M F Curry, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J C Stones, (Mid UpperGunner)
RAF Sgt A J E Raven (Tail Gunner)

LK958 crashed near Luckstedt, 19 miles north west of Stendal, Germany. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Buchan and Flt Sgt Curry were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

In a later report Flt Sgt Curry stated "We were attacked by an enemy fighter in the target area. The aircraft was out of control with the starboard engine on fire and also the overload petrol tank and bomb bay. The Captain ordered 'bale out quickly', and this was acknowledged. I was the first to leave at about 16,000 feet. The others were still in the aircraft. I was captured after 24 hours by the German police."

Sgt Buchan reported " the aircraft was attacked at 18,000 feet and badly damaged. The starboard inner was hit and the aircraft was on fire. The Captain ordered bale out. No one was injured. The escape hatch was opened by the Navigator and the WOP went out. The aircraft went into a spin. I managed to put on my chute but could do nothing owing to the centrifugal force. After the aircraft dropped some thousands of feet it blew up and I was blown out. The only other crew member I saw was Curry."

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404250 Pilot Officer LLOYD-JONES, Keith Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/129/177 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 66,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	R 9487
Radio call sign:	MP – X
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax R9487 took off from RAF Middleton St George at 2201 hours on the night of 12/13th April 1942, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404250 PO Lloyd-Jones, K F Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Culmsee W, (Pilot)
RAF PO Fairclough, R (Observer)
RAF Sgt H E Hothersall, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P L Wheeldon, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R W A Hawksworth, MID (Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt W A R Moule, (Air Gunner)

R9487 was hit by flak at 16,000 feet and crashed at Buer, 5kms NNW of Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Six of the crew were killed and FO Fairclough 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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429831 Flight Sergeant MAY, Philip Stroud

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/480 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 297, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 656
Radio call sign:	MP – B
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW656 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 2301 hours on the night of 22.23rd June 1944, detailed to bomb the railway yards at Lacon, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF WO H L Cribb, (Captain (Pilot))
RAF Sgt R E Royal, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt G A Danbury, (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt M W Cosgrove, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429831 Flt Sgt P S May, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt I H Ross, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J S Webster, (Air Gunner)

LW656 crashed at Montchalons (Aise), which is a village 11kms south east of Laon, France. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Montchalons Churchyard, Locality Aise, France. The above 7 fatalities are the only WW2 fatalities buried in the churchyard.

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426371 Flight Sergeant MCCARTHY, Leonard James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/345 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page37, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LK 921
Radio call sign:	MP – R
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LK921 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 1634 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:

RCAF PO Parrott, V (Captain (Pilot))
RAF Sgt C C Vicary, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J L Miriams, (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt A L P Gibson, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt F W Hickman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J T Hadland, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426371 Flt Sgt L J McCarthy, (Tail Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in open countryside some 15kms north west of Burgkennitz, a village north of Mulrestrausee, and about 25 miles due north of Leipzig, Germany. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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409592 Pilot Officer PRINGLE, Lawrence James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/38 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 366,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LK 664
Radio call sign:	MP – U
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LK664 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 1731 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:

RNAF Lt Hulthin, L E Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO I H Blackburn, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt R J K Machan, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Murfitt, C M (Navigator)
RAF FO Barden, A V C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt F Southern, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L T Brawn, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 409592 PO Pringle, L J (Tail Gunner)

LK664 crashed at Welda which is 5kms south west of Warburg, Germany, and 31kms north west of Kassel. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hanover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

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400647 Sergeant REYNOLDS, Charles Noel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/156/136 Micro Film No463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 64, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	R 9484
Radio call sign:	MP – G
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax R9484 took off from RAF Middleton St George at 2102 hours on the night of 10/11th April 1942, 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 H J Lambeth, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Kitchen, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt W R D George, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Connolly, J R (Observer)
RAF Sgt M C F Swain, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S F Parker, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 400647 Sgt C N Reynolds, (Tail Gunner)

R9484 crashed at Oer-Erkenschwick, approx 12 miles north west of Dortmund, Germany. 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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421628 Pilot Officer RODGERS, Alexander Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/314 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 334,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LK 873
Radio call sign:	MP – S
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LK873 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 2208 hours on the night of 18/19th July 1944, detailed to bomb a flying bomb launch site at Acquet, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420288 Flt Lt Sinclair, P E DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Neville, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Watkins, G (Navigator)
RAAF 421628 PO Rodgers, A G (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W Ray, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt F Phillips, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Blockley, D E DFM (Tail Gunner)

LK873 was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0030 hours on 19th July 1944 at Sailly-Flibeaucourt in the Department of the Somme, 8kms NNW from Abbeville, France.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Sailly-Flibeaucourt Churchyard, Locality Somme, France. Sailly-Flibeaucourt is a village and commune about 11kms NNW of Abbeville and some 5kms east of Noyelles-sur-Mer. Sailly is the main part of the commune and Flibeaucourt is a hamlet about 2kms south of it. The above seven fatalities are the only WW2 fatalities in the Churchyard.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC awarded to Flt Lt Sinclair is as follows :

It is a joint Citation with the award of the DFM to Flt Sgt Blockley, RAF.

This officer and airmen were pilot and rear gunner respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Nuremburg one night in March 1944. On the outward flight, Flt Sgt Blockley sighted a fighter coming in to attack and promptly warned his pilot. Coolly and skilfully FO Sinclair manoeuvred to a good position from which Flt Sgt Blockley delivered a burst of machine gun fire which hit the enemy aircraft causing it to explode. FO Sinclair then resumed his course to the target and executed a successful attack. This officer and airmen displayed much skill and excellent co-operation and proved themselves to be valiant members of aircraft crew. They have completed many sorties. (London Gazette 5/5/1944, page 2066)

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423427 Flight Sergeant RYE, Clive Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/209 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 107,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 636
Radio call sign:	MP – X
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW636 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 2336 hours on the night of 1/2nd March 1944, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. About two minutes after take off the aircraft stalled and spun in about one and a half miles up wind of the runway, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RCAF PO J L Richards, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G H Hawkins, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Flitcroft, F C (Navigator)
RCAF PO R Sirluck, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R C Bates, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Tipaldi, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 423427 Flt Sgt C A Rye, (Tail Gunner)

The aircraft had taken off with a load of incendiaries. A Court of Enquiry concluded that the crash occurred due to an error by the pilot in pulling up the aircraft flaps when the undercarriage was still down. Also falling snow may have contributed by adhering to parts of the plane and making it more easy to stall..

Flt Sgt Richards, Flt Sgt Sirluck, Flt Sgt Rye and Sgt Bates are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefell) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Sgt Hawkins is buried in the Harrow (Pinner) New Cemetery, Middlesex, UK.

PO Flitcroft is buried in the Stockport Borough Cemetery, Cheshire, UK.

Sgt Tipaldi is buried in the Corby Cemetery, Northamptonshire, UK.

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415055 Flight Lieutenant SHANNON, Colin McTaggart DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/171 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 261,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LK 892
Radio call sign:	MP -C
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LK892 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 2250 hours on the night of 9/10th August 1943, detailed to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415055 Flt Lt Shannon, C McT DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F Walton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Turner, G A (Navigator)
RAF Sgt T Buchan, (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Ellis, W C (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Dobson, (Rear Gunner)

When homebound LK892 was hit by flak and crashed in flames astride a railway line near Pointe de Garennes at Wimereux-Aubengue (Pas-de-Calais), 5kms north of Boulogne, France.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Locality Pas-de-Calais, France. Boulogne-sur-Mer is a large Channel Port. The Cemetery is one of the towns cemeteries and lies in the district of St Martin, Boulogne.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Shannon is as follows :

Joint Citation with the award of the DFC to PO W C Ellis, RAF

One night in July 1943, these officers were pilot (Shannon) and wireless operator air gunner respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Essen. When nearing the target, one of the port propellers was shattered and the engine caught fire. In spite of this, Flt Lt Shannon went on to make a successful bombing run. The wireless apparatus was unserviceable as the aerials had been destroyed but PO Ellis resourcefully erected an emergency aerial and thus was able to re-establish contact with base and obtain bearings which proved to be of material assistance to his pilot on the return flight. Both these officers displayed great skill and tenacity, setting an excellent example.

(London gazette 17/8/1943, page 3682)

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420288 Flight Lieutenant SINCLAIR, Paul Ernest DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/314 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 334,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LK 873
Radio call sign:	MP – S
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LK873 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 2208 hours on the night of 18/19th July 1944, detailed to bomb a flying bomb launch site at Acquet, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420288 Flt Lt Sinclair, P E DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Neville, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Watkins, G (Navigator)
RAAF 421628 PO Rodgers, A G (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W Ray, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt F Phillips, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Blockley, D E DFM (Tail Gunner)

LK873 was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0030 hours on 19th July 1944 at Sailly-Flibeaucourt in the Department of the Somme, 8kms NNW from Abbeville, France.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Sailly-Flibeaucourt Churchyard, Locality Somme, France. Sailly-Flibeaucourt is a village and commune about 11kms NNW of Abbeville and some 5kms east of Noyelles-sur-Mer. Sailly is the main part of the commune and Flibeaucourt is a hamlet about 2kms south of it. The above seven fatalities are the only WW2 fatalities in the Churchyard.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC awarded to Flt Lt Sinclair is as follows :

It is a joint Citation with the award of the DFM to Flt Sgt Blockley, RAF.

This officer and airmen were pilot and rear gunner respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Nuremburg one night in March 1944. On the outward flight, Flt Sgt Blockley sighted a fighter coming in to attack and promptly warned his pilot. Coolly and skilfully FO Sinclair manoeuvred to a good position from which Flt Sgt Blockley delivered a burst of machine gun fire which hit the enemy aircraft causing it to explode. FO Sinclair then resumed his course to the target and executed a successful attack. This officer and airmen displayed much skill and excellent co-operation and proved themselves to be valiant members of aircraft crew. They have completed many sorties. (London Gazette 5/5/1944, page 2066)

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

407303 Flight Sergeant STANDLEY, Malcolm John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/25/156 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 220,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	R 9365
Radio call sign:	MP – C
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax R9365 took off from RAF Middleton St George at 2035 hours on the night of 16/17th September 1942, detailed to bomb Essen Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 407890 FO Campbell, A C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S G White, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt S A Witchell, (Navigator)
RAAF 407303 Flt Sgt M J Standley, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt W N Geddie, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J R Runnicles, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Moffat, (Air Gunner)

R9365 was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0036 hours on 17th September 1942 at Rubrouck (Nord), 14kms north west of Hazebrouck, France.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Locality Pas de Calais, France. St Omer is a large town 45kms south east of Calais. Longuenesse is a commune on the outskirts of St Omer.

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

416466 Flight Sergeant THOMAS, Bruce Wainwright

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/69 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 129,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	DX 171
Radio call sign:	MP – J
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax DX171 took off from RAF Linton-on-Ouse at 0040 hours on the night of 30th April/1st 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 416466 Flt Sgt B W Thomas, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Hawley, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt E H Wood, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt F Norris, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt F J Chandler, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G E Testal, Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R E Hemsworth, (Rear Gunner)

DX171 was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 02343 hours at Estern, 2kms west of Gescher, Germany. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt's Norris, Testal and Hemsworth were POW's. Reports by the three POW's stated that the Germans had confirmed that four had been killed in the crash.

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

426719 Flight Sergeant WADE, Peter Stuart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/345 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves record W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 240, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 622
Radio call sign:	MP – L
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ622 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 2238 hours on the night of 24/25th May 1944, detailed to bomb Aachen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 426719 Flt Sgt P S Wade, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R E D Robinson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt K H Allaker, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt S Patterson, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419443 Flt Sgt M H Graydon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Horrocks, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R J Head, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Goirle (Noord-Brabant), 4kms south of Tilburg, Holland.
Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Head was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Goirle Roman Catholic Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Goirle is a village 4kms from Tilburg.

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

420094 Flying Officer WILSON, William Stuart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 345,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	DK 247
Radio call sign:	MP – W
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax DK247 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 1821 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 failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420094 FO Wilson, W S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A J Murtagh, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt K Herring, (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt J C Boyd, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W E Pike, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Millhouse, J R (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt R M Watson, (Rear Gunner)

DK247 was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 2156 hours on Vehne Moor, 18kms south west of Oldenburg, Germany.
Five of the crew were killed and FO Wilson and Flt Sgt Boyd were POW's.

Four of those killed are buried in the Sage War Cemetery, Locality Oldenburg, Niedersachsen, Germany. Sage is a village 24kms south of Oldenburg, a town 43kms west of Bremen.

FO Wilson a POW died of his injuries on 17 November 1943, and is buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.
Sgt Herring who was killed in the crash is also buried at Rheinberg War Cemetery.

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

412606 Flying Officer ARCHIBALD, Thomas DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/37 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 141,
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JB 865
Radio call sign:	KN – J
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JB865 took off from RAF Elvington at 2345 hours on the night of 12/13th May 1943, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. The aircraft crashed at Bishop Wilton five miles ESE of Stamford Bridge, Yorkshire, at 0620 hours on 13th May 1943.

Crew:

RAAF 412606 FO Archibald, T DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Hewitson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J Gerry, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G Scully, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G Harlow, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F K Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Currie, (Tail Gunner)

FO Archibald and Sgt Scully were killed in the crash.

FO Archibald is buried in the Barmby-on-the-Moor (St Catherine) Churchyard, Yorkshire, UK. Barmby-on-the-Moor is in the East Riding, 14 miles south east of York. Sgt Scully is buried in the Olton Franciscan Cemetery, Solihull, Warwickshire, UK.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to FO Archibald is as follows :

One night in April 1943, this officer captained an aircraft which attacked Essen. Whilst over the target area, the aircraft was repeatedly hit by fire from the ground defences and one engine was put out of action. It was then discovered that one bomb had failed to release. FO Archibald made a second run over the target and released the bomb successfully. His aircraft sustained much damage but he flew it back to base with one engine unserviceable. This officer displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

London Gazette 25/5/1943, Page 2320)

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

417330 Pilot Officer BIRD, Harold William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/572 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 284, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NA 545
Radio call sign:	KN – R
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NA545 took off from RAF Full Sutton at 2315 hours on the night of 16/17th June 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. NA545 was one of seven aircraft from the Squadron that failed to return from the mission.

Crew:

RAAF 417330 PO Bird, H W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R A Castle-Hall, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A B Freemantle, (Navigator)
RAAF 414809 FO Mackay, S W (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429838 Flt Sgt R J Warren, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt F A Meeghan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J A Lauder, J A (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed in the sea off the coast of Holland, and all the crew were killed.

PO Bird and Sgt Castle-Hall are buried in the Terschelling (West Terschelling) General Cemetery, Locality Friesland, Netherlands. Terschelling is one of the Frisian Islands lying off the north coast of Holland. West Terschelling is the main village on the island.

Sgt Freemantle is buried in the Sage War Cemetery Locality Oldenburg, Niedersachsen, Germany. Sage is a village 24kms south of Oldenburg, a town 43kms west of Bremen. Flt

Sgt Warren is buried in the Texel (Den Burg) Cemetery, :Locality Noord-Holland. Texel is one of the West Frisian islands and Den Burg is its main town.

Sgt Lauder is buried in the Vlieland General Cemetery, Locality Friesland, Netherlands. Vlieland is one of the Friaian Islands off the north coast of Holland,

FO Mackay and Flt Sgt Meeghan have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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408562 Warrant Officer BRAID, Alexander Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/579 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 284, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 715
Radio call sign:	KN – Z
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ715 took off from RAF Full Sutton at 2326 hours on the night of 16/17th June 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. MZ715 was one of seven aircraft from the Squadron that failed to return from the mission.

Crew:

RAAF 415308 PO Crain, A I Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S G T Gledhill, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Davies, T R (Navigator)
RAAF 408562 WO A A Braid, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO A J Owen, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 426711 Flt Sgt P E T Tiernan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 424711 Flt Sgt A J Burns, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft exploded in the air throwing WO Owen clear (a POW) who had to spend some time in hospital. Debris was scattered between Ochten (Gelderland) and Dodewaard, two small villages on the banks of the Waal, 17kms north west of Nijmegen. All the six other members of the crew were killed.

PO Crain, Sgt Gledhill, FO Davies and WO Braid are buried in the Uden War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Uden is a town on the main road between Eindhoven and Nijmegen.

Flt Sgt's Tiernan and Burns are buried in the Dodewaard General Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. Dodewaard a village on the north bank of the river Waal, is 17kms north west of Nijmegen and 23kms south west of Arnhem.

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424711 Flight Sergeant BURNS, Alfred John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/579 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 284, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 715
Radio call sign:	KN – Z
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ715 took off from RAF Full Sutton at 2326 hours on the night of 16/17th June 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. MZ715 was one of seven aircraft from the Squadron that failed to return from the mission.

Crew:

RAAF 415308 PO Crain, A I Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S G T Gledhill, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Davies, T R (Navigator)
RAAF 408562 WO A A Braid, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO A J Owen, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 426711 Flt Sgt P E T Tiernan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 424711 Flt Sgt A J Burns, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft exploded in the air throwing WO Owen clear (a POW) who had to spend some time in hospital. Debris was scattered between Ochten (Gelderland) and Dodewaard, two small villages on the banks of the Waal, 17kms north west of Nijmegen. All the six other members of the crew were killed.

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Flt Sgt's Tiernan and Burns are buried in the Dodewaard General Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. Dodewaard a village on the north bank of the river Waal, is 17kms north west of Nijmegen and 23kms south west of Arnhem.

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415308 Pilot Officer CRAIN, Alan Irvine

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/579 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 284, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 715
Radio call sign:	KN – Z
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ715 took off from RAF Full Sutton at 2326 hours on the night of 16/17th June 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. MZ715 was one of seven aircraft from the Squadron that failed to return from the mission.

Crew:

RAAF 415308 PO Crain, A I Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S G T Gledhill, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Davies, T R (Navigator)
RAAF 408562 WO A A Braid, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO A J Owen, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 426711 Flt Sgt P E T Tiernan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 424711 Flt Sgt A J Burns, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft exploded in the air throwing WO Owen clear (a POW) who had to spend some time in hospital. Debris was scattered between Ochten (Gelderland) and Dodewaard, two small villages on the banks of the Waal, 17kms north west of Nijmegen. All the six other members of the crew were killed.

PO Crain, Sgt Gledhill, FO Davies and WO Braid are buried in the Uden War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Uden is a town on the main road between Eindhoven and Nijmegen.

Flt Sgt's Tiernan and Burns are buried in the Dodewaard General Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. Dodewaard a village on the north bank of the river Waal, is 17kms north west of Nijmegen and 23kms south west of Arnhem.

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423449 Pilot Officer De VIS, Selwyn George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/572 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 137, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	RG 529
Radio call sign:	KN – C
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax RG529 took off from RAF Full Sutton at 0047 hours on the night of 18/19th March 1945, detailed to bomb Witten, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Ward, E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R A C Pearce, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Anderson, J A (Navigator)
RAF PO Kerr, T M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423449 PO De Vis, S G (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt J Dyke, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Edwards, W J (Rear Gunner)

RG529 crashed at Merklinde, 4kms west of Dortmund and all the crew lost their lives. They are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamo Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south west of Wesel.

W R Chorley records the following in his above book “Oliver Clutton-Brock suggests all baled out in the vicinity of Opladen, only to be shot within hours of being captured. Three Germans, at least, were implicated for their part in this crime and one, Lt Karl Schaefer, received a fifteen year prison sentence. Of the other two, one escaped before being brought to trial, and the other was, subsequently, executed.”

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418382 Flight Sergeant GALVIN, Kevin Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/261 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 267, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 701
Radio call sign:	KN -
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ701 took off from RAF Full Sutton at 0207 hours on the night of 8th June 1944, detailed to carry out a night flying training exercise. Almost immediately MZ701 crashed due to engine failure and loss of control. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 422187 PO Hyde, G L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Fox, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt E F Chapman, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D J Hutchison, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418382 Flt Sgt K F Galvin, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 432211 Flt Sgt J D Krone, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 429663 Flt Sgt A Jordan (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK
Sgt Fox is buried in the Huddersfield (Lockwood) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

W R Chorley records that at 18, Flt Sgt Jordan is one of the youngest Australian to be killed on Bomber Command duties.

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425154 Flight Sergeant GROB, Nicholas Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 425154 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 418,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LL 122
Radio call sign:	KN – Y
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LL122 took off from RAF Elvington on 9th December 1943 detailed to carry out a non-operational day fighter affiliation training exercise. LL122 spun in and crashed at 1105 hours near Levenning, 15 miles north east of York. Five of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Simpson and Sgt Clark were injured.

Crew:

RCAF PO Forest, J K Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L R Mace, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Sharpe, G O (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt R R J Simpson, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J S Clark, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt E F J Hemming, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 425154 Flt Sgt N C Grob, (Rear Gunner)

PO Forest and Flt Sgt Grob are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire,
Sgt Mace is buried in the Camberwell New Cemetery, London, UK.
PO Sharpe is buried in the Sawbridgeworth (Great St Mary) Churchyard, Hertfordshire,
Flt Sgt Hemming is buried in the Cheltenham Cemetery, Gloucestershire, UK.

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414564 Flight Sergeant HOLLINGWORTH, Robert Mead

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/232 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 415,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	DT 730
Radio call sign:	KN – B
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax DT730 took off from RAF Elvington at 2330 hours on the night of 3/4th
December 1943, detailed to bomb Leipzig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Caseley, R J Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 414564 Flt Sgt R M Hollingworth, (2nd Pilot) *
RAF Sgt F E Ryder, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt C R Boyd, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt W J H Webb, (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Miller, J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF WO Class 11 W R Farrell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt K R Lees, (Rear Gunner)

- Attached from 1663 Conversion Unit

A Missing Research & Enquiry team reported in 1946 “ the aircraft crashed on the night
of 3/12/1943 near Cloppenburg which is approx 30 miles south west of Bremen. Seven of
the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Lees was a POW.

Those killed 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.

Flt Sgt Lees later reported “ the aircraft exploded unexpectedly in mid air. It was shot
down between Oldenburg and Cloppenburg near Bremen. As far as I know none of the
others baled out before the explosion, and the Germans told me that all the others were
killed.”

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422187 Pilot Officer HYDE, Gordon Leslie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/261 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 267, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 701
Radio call sign:	KN -
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ701 took off from RAF Full Sutton at 0207 hours on the night of 8th June 1944, detailed to carry out a night flying training exercise. Almost immediately MZ701 crashed due to engine failure and loss of control. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 422187 PO Hyde, G L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Fox, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt E F Chapman, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D J Hutchison, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418382 Flt Sgt K F Galvin, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 432211 Flt Sgt J D Krone, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 429663 Flt Sgt A Jordan (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK
Sgt Fox is buried in the Huddersfield (Lockwood) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

W R Chorley records that at 18, Flt Sgt Jordan is one of the youngest Australian to be killed on Bomber Command duties.

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400118 Flight Sergeant JOHNSON, Allan Wilson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/129/181 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 76,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	Z 9363
Radio call sign:	KN – H
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax Z9363 took off from RAF Leeming on the night of 23/24th April 1942, detailed to bomb Rostock, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt B Witham Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400118 Flt Sgt A W Johnson, (Observer)
RAF Sgt A Whitaker, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Wilde, (Wireless Air Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team states “the aircraft was shot down at 0111 hours on the night of 23/24th April 1942. It crashed at Grevenkrug 4kms NNW of Bordesholm and 12kms NNE of Neumunster, Germany.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hamburg War Cemetery, Germany. The War Cemetery in Hamburg is situated within a large civil cemetery known locally as ‘Ohlsdorf Cemetery.

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429663 Flight Sergeant JORDAN, Aidan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/261 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 267, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 701
Radio call sign:	KN -
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ701 took off from RAF Full Sutton at 0207 hours on the night of 8th June 1944, detailed to carry out a night flying training exercise. Almost immediately MZ701 crashed due to engine failure and loss of control. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 422187 PO Hyde, G L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Fox, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt E F Chapman, (Navigator)
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432211 Flight Sergeant KRONE, John Duncan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/261 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 267, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 701
Radio call sign:	KN -
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ701 took off from RAF Full Sutton at 0207 hours on the night of 8th June 1944, detailed to carry out a night flying training exercise. Almost immediately MZ701 crashed due to engine failure and loss of control. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 422187 PO Hyde, G L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Fox, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt E F Chapman, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D J Hutchison, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418382 Flt Sgt K F Galvin, (Wireless Operator Air)
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413221 Pilot Officer MATHERS, Francis Edwin CGM

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/130 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 312,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JB 839
Radio call sign:	KN – K
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JB839 took off from RAF Elvington at 1932 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 413221 PO Mathers, F E CGM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt K A A Adams, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Gough, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Simpson, W R (Navigator) (Air Gunner Instructor)
RAF Flt Sgt W Goldsbrough, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E G O French, DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G A Muffett, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt W F Speedie, (Rear Gunner)

A 1946 report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “ A local priest reported that an aircraft was seen at approx 1am approaching from the direction of Bruchsal flying at a very low altitude. It crashed in swampy ground between the villages of Rheinhausen and Oberhausen, 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.

Citation :

The Citation for the CGM awarded to Flt Sgt Mathers is as follows :

“One night in June 1943, Sgt’s French and Speedie were the Wireless Air Gunner and Rear Gunner respectively of an aircraft piloted by Flt Sgt Mathers, which attacked Mulheim. Whilst over the target area the bomber was subjected to heavy fire from the ground defences and repeatedly hit. Two engines were rendered unserviceable in quick succession, while the starboard aileron control was shot away and three petrol tanks were pierced, all of which leaked rapidly. In spite of this, Flt Sgt Mathers flew clear of the defences and set course for this country. On the return flight, the bomber gradually lost height and all moveable equipment, including the guns of the mid upper turret and some ammunition were jettisoned. Shortly after crossing the enemy coast the disabled aircraft was intercepted by an enemy fighter. In the ensuing engagement Sgt Speedie successfully used his guns and eventually with a devastating burst from close range, he shot the attacker down into the sea. The bomber was down to 500 feet but, displaying superb

airmanship Flt Sgt Mathers, receiving much assistance from Sgt French who diligently worked the wireless apparatus to obtain direction fixes, struggled on to reach an airfield near the coast. Although the undercarriage could not be lowered, this Pilot successfully effected a crash landing. In most harassing circumstances Flt Sgt Mathers displayed exceptional skill, courage and fortitude, while Sgt's French and Speedie displayed conduct worthy of the highest praise."

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416596 Flight Sergeant MILNE, Donald Harold

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/160 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 214,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HR 673
Radio call sign:	TL – B
Unit:	ATTD 35 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HR673 took off from RAF Graveley at 2304 hours on the night of 3/4th July 1943, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416596 Flt Sgt D H Milne, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T R M Smith, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt P R Lissner, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt A G Cox, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Jolly, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K Wolstencroft, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R A H Bowring, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0029 hours at Riems (Limburg), 10kms north east of Tongeren.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Localoity Leuven, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium. The cemetery is located 30kms from Brussels and 3kms south of Leuven.

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22395 Flight Sergeant MORRISON, Kenneth William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/108 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 226,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 126
Radio call sign:	KN – C
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD126 took off from RAF Elvington at 2309 hours on the night of 9/10th July 1943, detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 22395 Flt Sgt K R Morrison, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W McElroy, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt E F Fare, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt A Thompson, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J G Greening, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K Foster, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Williams, (Rear Gunner)

Post War reports by Missing Research & Enquiry teams stated “ the aircraft was hit by flak and crashed at 1.30pm on 10th July 1943 at Witmatsum in the province of Friesland, North Holland.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. The town of Nijmegen is located south of Arnhem and the Cemetery is situated in the south west part of the town.

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415435 Warrant Officer MORRISON, Roderick de Burgh

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5538804 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorle : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 59, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LK 729
Radio call sign:	KN – F
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LK729 took off from RAF Elvington at 2344 hours on the night of 28/29th January 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Webster, J O R Captain (Pilot)
 RAF PO Kearley, B J (Flight Engineer)
 RAF Sgt G C Garner, (Navigator)
 RAF Flt Sgt L R Lewis, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Flt Sgt J W I Robinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt E R Prince, (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RAAF 415435 WO R de B Morrison, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew lost their lives and Sgt Garner was a POW.
 WO Morrison and Sgt Prince are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany. 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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428888 Flight Sergeant NEWELL, Norman Lindsay

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/29/90 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 76,
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 341
Radio call sign:	KN – D
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW341 took off from RAF Elvington at 1724 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:

RAF WO A F Edmunds, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt B Coughlin, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Padget, R E (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt J J Kennedy, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt CD O Tyler, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 428888 Flt Sgt N L Newell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R W Wheeler, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the Baltic and all the crew were killed.

Flt Sgt Newell is buried in the Kappel Churchyard on the Danish island of Lolland.

Kappel is a small village on the south west corner of the island of Lolland, and some 13kms south of Naksoy.

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

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421543 Flying Officer NOTT, Jack Stewart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/30/61 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 283,
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 698
Radio call sign:	KN – J
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ698 took off from RAF Full Sutton at 2320 hours on the night of 16/17th June 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. MZ698 was one of seven aircraft from the Squadron that failed to return after the mission.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Wodehouse, S E Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Ford, A H (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt D D Roberts, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J M Bulmer, (Navigator)
RAAF 421543 FO Nott, J S (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J W Needham (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Cottar, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Brown, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at St-Oedenrode (Noord-rabant), a small town north of Eindhoven and west of the main road leading to Uden, Holland. Five of the crew were killed in the crash and Flt Sgt's Needham and Bulmer were POW's.

FO Nott evaded capture and was in hiding with the Dutch underground. movement. He was conveyed to a transit address in the town of Tilburg, Holland. The Germans captured a member of the underground and learnt of the presence of Nott plus 2 other evaders. These three were then captured and shot by the Germans. FO Nott has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

The five crew members killed in the crash are buried in the Eindhoven (Woensel) General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Eindhoven is 31kms south-east of s'Hertogenbosch and 14kms southwest of Helmond.

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411811 Flight Sergeant O'GRADY, Francis John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/64 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 165,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 152
Radio call sign:	KN – Z
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD152 took off from RAF Elvington at 2239 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 411811 Flt Sgt F J O'Grady, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G H Garrard, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO McGrath, B C (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt C Clarke, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W R Beadsmoore, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W A Manning, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C B Anderson, (Rear Gunner)

A report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated "the aircraft crashed in flames at Lavesum about 4kms north of Haltern, Germany."

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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410370 Warrant Officer O'MEARA, John Patrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/18 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 284,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NA 508
Radio call sign:	KN – A
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NA508 took off from RAF Full Sutton, Yorkshire at 2315 hours on the night of 16/17th June 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415498 PO Blair, R A W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H L Moore (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 425210 PO Pratt, L G (Observer)
RAAF 423597 Flt Sgt G A Armstrong, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410370 WO J P O'Meara, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427807 FO Date, J M (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D G Tastin, (Tail Gunner)

A 1947 report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “ the Communal Police at Neuwer-Amstel reported that the aircraft crashed in flames at Neuwer-Amstel on the night of 16/17 June 1944. German documents confirmed that only one body was recovered that of WO O'Meara.” He is buried at the Bergen-Op-Zoom War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands.

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

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415913 Pilot Officer PEGGS, Robert James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/393 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 239,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LL 138
Radio call sign:	KN – N
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LL138 took off from RAF Full Sutton at 2340 hours on the night of 22/23rd May 1944, detailed to bomb Railwat facilities at Orleans, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF WO G T Haworth, Captain(Pilot)
RAF Sgt R A Rose, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt C T Hale, (Navigator)
RCAF FO Beatty, AA (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R G James, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 415913 PO Peggs, R J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J D Taylor, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Seris (Loire-et-Cher), 23kms north east of Blois, France.
Four of the crew were killed and WO Haworth, Flt Sgt Hale and Sgt Taylor were POW's.
The four killed are buried in the Seris Communal Cemetery, Locality Loire-et-Cher,
France. Seris is a village and commune some 23kms north east of Blois. The cemetery is
south east of the village at the junction of the roads to Mer and Avaray

Flt Sgt Hale who was injured in the crash, died as a POW on 22nd June 1944. He is buried
in the Nantes (Pont-du-Cens) Communal Cemetery, Locality Loire Atlantique France.
Nantes is a town on the river Loire about 48kms east of St Nazaire. The cemetery is in
the north western outskirts of Nantes.

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404262 Pilot Officer PYE, John Downing

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/30 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 123,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	DT 796
Radio call sign:	KN – D
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax D796 took off from RAF Elvington at 0039 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:

RAAF 404262 PO Pye, J D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E J Tassell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Stewart, R C MID (Navigator)
RAF PO Atter, D W (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt G E Barfoot, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P Gibbs, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J R Wells, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed on the Scheidstrasse at Essen-Haarzoph, Germany. Two of the crew PO Pye and Sgt Wells were killed in the crash and the others were POW's.

PO Pye and Sgt Wells are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

FO Stewart a POW took part in the mass escape of Air Force officers from Sagan. He was re-captured and handed over to the Gestapo and was murdered on or about the 29th March 1944. He is buried in the Poznam Old Garrison Cemetery, Poland. The city of Poznam is located in the west of Poland, on the main E30/2 road. The cemetery is situated to the north of the town in the district of Winograzy.

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425760 Flight Sergeant SAMSON, Keith Paul

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/97 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 381, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LL 578
Radio call sign:	MP – H Bar
Unit:	ATTD 76 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LL578 took off from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor at 2129 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:

RAF FO Ings, R V Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R McG McLaren, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423088 Flt Sgt R H Etherton, (Navigator)
RAAF 425760 Flt Sgt K P Samson, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W E Twigg, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F C Williamson, (Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt I G T Brownlee, (Air Gunner)

LL578 crashed 2kms north east of Hamm, Germany, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Choley War Cemetery, Locality Meurth-et-Moselle, France. Choley is a village 28kms west of Nancy and 6\5kms west o Toul, a town on the N4 road from Paris to Nancy.

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413676 Flight Sergeant SIMS, Edwin Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/123 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 199,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 213
Radio call sign:	KN – V
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD213 took off from RAF Elvington at 2329 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 413676 Flt Sgt E A Sims, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Westbarn (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt D H R Kelly, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt T W C Luther, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt T Ogle, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Fitzsimmons, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt O D Thompson, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed and it was presumed they had lost their lives at sea.
Flt Sgt Sims is buried in the Wendoyne Communal Cemetery, Belgium. The cemetery is located between Oostende (16kms) and Zzebrugge (9kms) on the N34 which connects both towns to the Wendoyne village, Locality De Haan, West Vlanderen, Belgium.

Flt Sgt Kelly is buried in the Bergen General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Holland, Netherlands. Bergen is on the coast 6kms north-west of Alkmaar and 43kms NNW of Amsterdam, lying 3kms west of the main Alkmaar-Den Helder road.

Sgt Ogle is buried in the Rotterdam (Crooswijk) General Cemetery, Locality Zuid-Holland) Netherlands. Rotterdam lies 23kms south-east of The Hague and 52kms south-west of Utrecht. Crooswijk is a district east of the centre of the city.,

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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426711 Flight Sergeant TIERNAN, Patrick Edward Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/579 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 284, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 715
Radio call sign:	KN – Z
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ715 took off from RAF Full Sutton at 2326 hours on the night of 16/17th June 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. MZ715 was one of seven aircraft from the Squadron that failed to return from the mission.

Crew:

RAAF 415308 PO Crain, A I Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S G T Gledhill, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Davies, T R (Navigator)
RAAF 408562 WO A A Braid, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO A J Owen, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 426711 Flt Sgt P E T Tiernan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 424711 Flt Sgt A J Burns, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft exploded in the air throwing WO Owen clear (a POW) who had to spend some time in hospital. Debris was scattered between Ochten (Gelderland) and Dodewaard, two small villages on the banks of the Waal, 17kms north west of Nijmegen. All the six other members of the crew were killed.

PO Crain, Sgt Gledhill, FO Davies and WO Braid are buried in the Uden War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Uden is a town on the main road between Eindhoven and Nijmegen.

Flt Sgt's Tiernan and Burns are buried in the Dodewaard General Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. Dodewaard a village on the north bank of the river Waal, is 17kms north west of Nijmegen and 23kms south west of Arnhem.

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429838 Flight Sergeant WARREN, Robert James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/572 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 284, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NA 545
Radio call sign:	KN – R
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NA545 took off from RAF Full Sutton at 2315 hours on the night of 16/17th June 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. NA545 was one of seven aircraft from the Squadron that failed to return from the mission.

Crew:

RAAF 417330 PO Bird, H W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R A Castle-Hall, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A B Freemantle, (Navigator)
RAAF 414809 FO Mackay, S W (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429838 Flt Sgt R J Warren, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt F A Meeghan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J A Lauder, J A (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed in the sea off the coast of Holland, and all the crew were killed.

PO Bird and Sgt Castle-Hall are buried in the Terschelling (West Terschelling) General Cemetery, Locality Friesland, Netherlands. Terschelling is one of the Frisian Islands lying off the north coast of Holland. West Terschelling is the main village on the island.

Sgt Freemantle is buried in the Sage War Cemetery Locality Oldenburg, Niedersachsen, Germany. Sage is a village 24kms south of Oldenburg, a town 43kms west of Bremen. Flt

Sgt Warren is buried in the Texel (Den Burg) Cemetery, :Locality Noord-Holland. Texel is one of the West Frisian islands and Den Burg is its main town.

Sgt Lauder is buried in the Vlieland General Cemetery, Locality Friesland, Netherlands. Vlieland is one of the Friaian Islands off the north coast of Holland,

FO Mackay and Flt Sgt Meeghan have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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412788 Flight Lieutenant WILSON, John Leslie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5406322 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 301,
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 413
Radio call sign:	KN – G
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD413 took off from RAF Elvington at 2016 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 412788 Flt Ltg Wilson, J L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt R W Barlow, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt J F Hopkins, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J J Leicester, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R A Sims, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E J Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J A Baxter, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Sheward, K (Rear Gunner)

Five of the crew were killed when it crashed and three Sgt Hopkins, Flt Sgt Leicester and Sgt Wilson were POW's.

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

Sgt Wilson who was injured in the crash, died on 4/9/1943. He is buried in the Hotton War Cemetery, Locality Hotton, Luxembourg, Belgium. Hotton is located south of Liege on the N86.

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415186 Sergeant SAMSON, Louis Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/68 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 97,
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JB 847
Radio call sign:	KN – V
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JB847 took off from RAF Elvington at 2141hours 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:

RAF Flt Lt Bailey, J W N Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 415186 Sgt L F Samson, (2nd Pilot) *
RAF Sgt J W R H Woodley, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt T S McStay, (Navigator)
RAF PO Wilson, R (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt P A Greene, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R W Hedicker (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt T Crossland, (Rear Gunner)

* A member of 1658 Conversion Unit.

The aircraft was homebound at 15,000 feet when it was shot down by a night fighter. The order to bale out was give, but only PO Wilson succeeded in leaving before the aircraft crashed at Moyvilliers (Oise) near Estree-St-Denis, France.

PO Wilson became a POW and the other seven crew members were killed. They are buried in the Creil Community Cemetery, Locality Oise, France. Creil is a town 32kms south-east of Beauvais and 44kms north of Paris.

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404226 Pilot Officer ASPREY, John Lambert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/21/18 Commonwealth War Graves records,
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 120,
Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	Z 6823
Radio call sign:	EY – B
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Whitley Z6823 took off from RAF Middleton St George at 2256 hours on the night of 16/17th August 1941, 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 Cant, J A Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404226 PO Asprey, J L (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt W E Kerr, (Observer)
RAF Sgt A D Wills, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Geary, (Air Gunner)

Z6823 crashed at 0315 hours on 17th August 1941 at Veldriel (Gelderland), which is 6kms south east of Zaltbommel, Holland.

PO Asprey and Sgt Wills lost their lives and the other three crew members were POW's.

PO Asprey is buried in the Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. The town of Nijmegen is located south of Arnhem and the Cemetery is situated in the south west part of the town.

Sgt Wills is buried in the Eindhoven (Woensal) General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands.

Sgt Kerr later reported "I know Asprey left the aircraft with his chute on as I saw him disappear through the escape hatch. It is possible that his chute was damaged during operations and rendered useless."

Flt Lt Cant reported "Asprey left the aircraft at about 12,000 feet with his chute on but did not see him after he baled out."

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

412334 Flying Officer BIRTLES, Alfred John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/270 Commonwealth War Graves records,
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 290
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 414
Radio call sign:	EY – M
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD414 took off from RAF Brighton at 2100 hours on the night of 27/28th August 1943, detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Norris, S Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 412334 FO Birtles, A J (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt D J Purcell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Tabberer, T H (Navigator)
RAF PO McTernaghan, K W (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt D Crompton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO R S Payne, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Sanderson, F R (Rear Gunner)

JD414 exploded over the target area following a fire in the main fuel tanks. Seven of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Crompton 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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414641 Flight Lieutenant BUCHANAN, Malcolm Stjernqvist DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/625 Commonwealth War Graves records,
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 492,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 810
Radio call sign:	EY – R
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ810 took off from RAF Brighton at 1721 hours on the night of 21/22nd November 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. On its return to base from the mission, the aircraft was asked to do a dummy run over the flare path to check visibility. The aircraft flew along the runway at a height of 50 to 100 feet, climbing only about 300 feet before commencing to turn. While turning, MZ810 lost height and hit some trees 50/60 feet high about 2 miles from the airfield. The aircraft burst into flames and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 414641 Flt Lt Buchanan, M S DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R J Barron, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Flt Lt Robertson, W J (Navigator)
RCAF FO Welsh, L A (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Rice, J H (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO McCannon, J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO J V Reddington, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Lt Buchanan, Flt Lt Robertson and FO Welsh are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Harrogate, Yorkshire. UK.

Sgt Barron is buried in the Insch New Cemetery, Aberdeenshire, UK.

PO Rice is buried in the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Cemetery, Leicestershire, UK.

PO McCannon is buried in the Ahampish Church of Ireland Churchyard, County Sligo, Republic of Ireland.

PO Reddington is buried in the Huddersfield (Edgerton) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Buchanan is as follows :

Joint citation with the award of DFM to Sgt W J Bailey, RAF.

One night in July 1944. FO Buchanan and Sgt Bailey were captain and flight engineer respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack a target in Northern France. After the enemy target had been bombed, the bomber was attacked by an enemy fighter and sustained severe damage. Fire broke out within the aircraft and an explosion occurred in Sgt Bailey's compartment wounding him in both legs. Disregarding his injuries, this airman fought the fire until the flames were quelled. Meanwhile FO Buchanan who had been severely burned about the face flew the aircraft on a level course. This officer and airman

have completed many sorties and have, at all times, displayed courage fortitude and determination of a high order. (London Gazette 22/9/1944, page 4393)

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424912 Flight Sergeant CHARLEY, John Ross

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/659 Micro Film No463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page, 442, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ310
Radio call sign:	EY – U
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ310 took off from RAF Brighton at 1432 hours on the 6th October 1944,
detailed to bomb Scholven-Buer. MZ310 collided in the air with Halifax LL588 of 78
Sqn, both machines falling at Oude-Tonge (Zuid-Holland) on the island of Overflakken,
The crews in both the aircraft were killed.

Crew:

RAF FO Crawford, C W Captain (Pilot)
RCAF FO MacGregor, D S (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Reilly, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J B Anderton, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt C R Clement, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424912 Flt Sgt J R Charley, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt J Divens, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Heugh, (Rear Gunner)

Seven of the crew in MZ310 are buried in the Bergen-Op-Zoom War Cemetery, Locality
Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Bergen-op-Zoom is a town in the Dutch province of
Noord-Brabant, 40kms north-west of Antwerp (Belgium).

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

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409383 Flight Lieutenant CONSTABLE, Donal Frank DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/403 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 130, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LV 903
Radio call sign:	EY – H
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LV903 took off from RAF Brighton at 1858 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.

Crew:

RAAF 409383 Flt LT Constable, D F DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt G T A Lovell, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt D T Cash, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt C M MacLeod, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt T Ratcliffe, (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Mace, H A (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E T W Byford, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO T L Schioler, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Eckartshausen, approx 8 miles south west of Eisenach in the Russian Zone of occupation. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt MacLeod and FO Mace were POW's. Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

Sgt MacLeod later reported "I was rendered unconscious when the chute opened and being the first to leave I did not know the fate of the rest of the crew, but Mace told me he had seen the bodies of the others besides the machine, and that he was the only other survivor, and the Captain had been killed."

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Constable is as follows :

One night in March 1944, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Stuttgart. On the outward flight the aircraft was attacked by a fighter and sustained damage. Undeterred, Flt Lt Constable continued to the target and pressed home a determined attack. On many other occasions, Flt Lt Constable has displayed fine fighting qualities, setting an example worthy of emulation. He is an efficient and understanding captain whose courage and coolness in the face of the enemy have been inspiring.
(London Gazette 18/4/1944, page 1779)

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406548 Pilot Officer COPELAND, Gerald Ware

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/498 Micro Film No 463, OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 86, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	W7662
Radio call sign:	EY -
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax W7662 took off from RAF Croft at 2254 hours on the night of 3/4th May 1942, detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 400588 PO Hedge, A W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D W Drew, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt F R Hipwell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J Hewitson, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J A Lloyd, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406548 PO Copeland, G W (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J E Hanna, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Lunburg Heath and six of the crew were killed with Sgt Hanna being a POW. Those killed are buried in the Hamburg War Cemetery, Germany. The Cemetery is situated in a large civil cemetery known locally as the 'Ohlsdorf Cemetery'

Sgt Hanna later reported : "The aircraft was hit during enemy action and Sgt Hewitson was wounded. I heard the Captain tell PO Copeland to attend to the wounded man. Hewitson was badly wounded in two places. Soon after one of the engines caught fire and the Captain gave the order to adjust Hewitson's chute and get him clear of the aircraft. Shortly the Captain ordered abandon A/c which I did. I saw the aircraft crash and I think I saw one of the wings come off, which may account for the others failing to escape."

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410221 Flight Sergeant DEVERELL, Eric Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/158 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 296, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 453
Radio call sign:	EY – C
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD453 took off from RAF Brighton at 0004 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:

RAF Sgt R G Collins, MID Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Hunt, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt W H Evans, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C F Jaggard, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt N Simpson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J E Ward, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 410221 Flt Sgt E E Deverell, (Rear Gunner)

JD453 was shot down by the dual efforts of flak and night fighters and crashed.
Sgt's Collins, Evans and Flt Sgt Deverell 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.

W R Chorley records that "Sgt Hunt was so incapacitated that he was unable to put his chute on. Sgt Collins then left the controls and assisted the Flight Engineer to bale out of the stricken aircraft. He then returned to his cockpit to hold the aircraft level. This courageous act undoubtedly helped others to get out, but he was unable to make good his escape."

The POW's later stated "the inter com was damaged when the A/c was hit and the bale out order was given by the call light. They had no knowledge of the fate of Deverell."

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425493 Flight Sergeant DOONAN, Francis William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/160 Micro Film No463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 433, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 330
Radio call sign:	EY – O
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW330 took off from RAF Brighton at 1622 hours on the night of 20th December 1943, detailed to attack Frankfurt, Germany. On return to base and while awaiting permission to land, the aircraft stalled and crashed at 0002 hours near Howden and burst into flames on impact. Howden is approx 4 miles SSE of the airfield, and 18 miles south east of York. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 415167 WO A Molloy, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A D Meynell, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF Sgt F E J Hothersall, (Navigator)
RAAF 417483 FO Heading, B D (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425493 Flt Sgt F W Doonan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt W E Edwards, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J M Blake, (Rear Gunner)

Sgt Meynell is buried in the Darlington West Cemetery, Durham, UK.

The six other crew members are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

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414129 Pilot Officer EBELING, Frederick Clive

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/160 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 296, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 872
Radio call sign:	EY – Q
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD872 took off from RAF Brighton at 1933 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 414129 PO Ebeling, F C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt V R Baker, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt W Sheffield, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO H W Milligan, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt H Salter, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P Groom, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W R Huntley, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt H J Pratt, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at St-Hilaire-le-Grand (Marne), 20 miles east of Rheims, France, and all the crew were killed except Sgt Salter who survived the crash and evaded capture. Those killed are buried in 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 N24 road from Paris to Nancy.

Sgt Salter later reported “Outward bound the trip was uneventful until 5 minutes from the target area. The aircraft was attacked without warning from head on starboard bow and below by an unseen fighter. Height was 19,000 feet. I had been preparing to put the aircraft on to the bombing run and it was flying straight and level. Strikes were observed in the port wing and a small fire started. The Mid Upper gunner reported a large part of the port rudder had been shot away. The aircraft appeared to stall and the Captain gave the order ‘prepare to abandon’. The aircraft was brought under control and the order was cancelled. The Captain ordered the bombs to be jettisoned which was done in the outer ring of the target area, and the aircraft then turned on a course for home. About 3000 feet in height had been lost during combat and the aircraft continued at 16,000 feet. In order to keep the aircraft straight and level it was necessary full right rudder continuously. The fire in the port wing had gone out and all engines were running.

About one hour after combat at approx 2330 when the a/c was about 100 miles into France, the Flight Engineer said he was going aft to change tanks. He changed over to the

port tanks after reporting that the port gauges were U/S as they were showing zero reading for tanks that were presumably full. The two port engines immediately cut and it was evident that the tanks were in fact empty having been holed in the fighter attack. The pilot thought the A/c was going into a spin and the abandon order was given. I opened the front escape hatch and jettisoned it while the pilot put the A/c into a steep dive. The A/c went into a spin and the lights went out just as I prepared to leave. The A/c was spinning violently in a steep dive and I was thrown out. I suddenly found my feet go through the open hatch and I pushed my way out. The chute opened and I landed safely in 5 to 10 seconds only some 50 yards away from where the A/c crashed and burnt furiously, with all equipment being destroyed. All the others were killed in the crash.”

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416844 Pilot Officer FERME, Harold

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/136 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 336, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 476
Radio call sign:	EY – M
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD476 took off from RAF Brighton at 1916 hours on the night of 27/28th
September 1943, detailed to attack Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416844 PO Ferme, H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R J Drinkwater, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt G W Preston, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt F W Hucker, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt T A C Dorn, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L E Hughes, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E J Bream, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “the aircraft crashed at Wiechendorf,
which is about 12 miles north west of Hanover.”

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Preston was a POW. Those killed are buried in the
Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hanover Niedersachsen, Germany.

Sgt Preston later stated “that the aircraft caught fire and bale out was ordered. He opened
the escape hatch and immediately baled out after which he had no further news re the
other members of the crew.”

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413756 Flight Sergeant FRASER, Peter Aird

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/72 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 249, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JB 798
Radio call sign:	EY – P
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JB798 took off from RAF Brighton at 2211 hours on the night of 29/30th July 1943, detailed to attack Hamburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 413756 Flt Sgt P A Fraser, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J R Nicholls, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Flt Sgt W M T Hetherington, (Navigator)
RCAF FO R C Baillie, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W E Goodacre, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T Campbell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt G H Woodcock, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed at Bad Oldesloe, 20kms south west of Lubeck, Germany.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hamburg War Cemetery, Germany. The War Cemetery in Hamburg is situated within a large civil cemetery known locally as 'Ohlsdorf Cemetery'.

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405205 Sergeant GALL, Herbert Maurice

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/115/129 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 173, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	W1180
Radio call sign:	EY -
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax W1180 took off from RAF Middleton St George at 2155 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:

RAF Sgt J C Stevens, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Greenacre, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Shipley, R (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D Willoughby, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J W Clarke, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 405205 Sgt H M Gall, (mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J R Gilbert, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at the village of Donk. Donk is approx 23 miles south east of Tilburg, Holland. Sgt's Gall, Clarke and Gilbert were killed in the crash and the other four crew members were POW's

Those killed are buried in the Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. The town of Nijmegen is located south of Arnhem and the cemetery is situated in the south west part of the town.

Sgt Stevens later reported " The aircraft was on fire. Petrol in the fuselage was on fire/ I ordered bale out. There was no answer from Gall. I presume he was unable to abandon the aircraft. It was not possible to reach him, the inter com was damaged and very bad. I abandoned the aircraft myself."

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426082 Flight Sergeant GIBNEY, James Crompton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/107 Micro Fil No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 313, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 475
Radio call sign:	EY – Z
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD475 took off from RAF Brighton at 1946 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 Flt Lt Hunter R T Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J A G Buchanan, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Walsh, M W B (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R H Caldwell, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt C Miles, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J G Mein, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426082 Flt Sgt J C Gibney, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Lindenberg, Germany. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt's
Buchanan, Caldwell and Miles 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.

Sgt Caldwell later reported “ Owing to the front escape hatch being jammed, we had to
leave by the entrance hatch. Walsh and I went down to the entrance hatch, the light had
gone on. Walsh baled out and I thought I saw Sgt Miles, but Miles said later it must have
been Gibney. I told him to bale out but he told me to go first. I can't remember any more
until I came to on the ground about 3 hours later. The person I saw did not appear injured
and should have had no difficulty leaving the aircraft.”

Sgt Miles reported “ Gibney was last seen by the rear escape hatch stooping down with
his helmet in hand. I was the last to leave from the front of the plane except for the pilot.
The front escape hatch had been jammed. When I arrived at the rear hatch, I found
Gibney. The hatch was open and flames were coming in considerably. I said you go first,
and he said no you go. I baled out. He did not appear to be wounded and the aircraft was
not in a spin.”

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417483 Flying Officer HEADING, Bronson Donald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/160 Micro Film No463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 433, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 330
Radio call sign:	EY – O
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW330 took off from RAF Brighton at 1622 hours on the night of 20th December 1943, detailed to attack Frankfurt, Germany. On return to base and while awaiting permission to land, the aircraft stalled and crashed at 0002 hours near Howden and burst into flames on impact. Howden is approx 4 miles SSE of the airfield. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 415167 WO A Molloy, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A D Meynell, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF Sgt F E J Hothersall, (Navigator)
RAAF 417483 FO Heading, B D (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425493 Flt Sgt F W Doonan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt W E Edwards, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J M Blake, (Rear Gunner)

Sgt Meynell is buried in the Darlington West Cemetery, Durham, UK.

The six other crew members are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

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400588 Pilot Officer HEDGE, Alfred William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/498 Micro Film No 463, OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 86, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	W7662
Radio call sign:	EY -
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax W7662 took off from RAF Croft at 2254 hours on the night of 3/4th May 1942, detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 400588 PO Hedge, A W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D W Drew, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt F R Hipwell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J Hewitson, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J A Lloyd, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406548 PO Copeland, G W (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J E Hanna, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Lunburg Heath and six of the crew were killed with Sgt Hanna being a POW. Those killed are buried in the Hamburg War Cemetery, Germany. The Cemetery is situated in a large civil cemetery known locally as the 'Ohlsdorf Cemetery'

Sgt Hanna later reported : "The aircraft was hit during enemy action and Sgt Hewitson was wounded. I heard the Captain tell PO Copeland to attend to the wounded man. Hewitson was badly wounded in two places. Soon after one of the engines caught fire and the Captain gave the order to adjust Hewitson's chute and get him clear of the aircraft. Shortly the Captain ordered abandon A/c which I did. I saw the aircraft crash and I think I saw one of the wings come off, which may account for the others failing to escape."

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403172 Sergeant JONES, Norman Rex

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/129/248 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 230, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	BB 236
Radio call sign:	EY -
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax BB236 took off from RAF Linton-on-Ouse at 1759 hours on the night of 1/2nd October 1942, detailed to bomb Flensburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt E W Farr, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E H Tyerleigh, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Carrick, J H (Navigator)
RCAF FO Gillies, G M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403172 Sgt N R Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G E Swift, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Cunningham, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Friedenshugel, near Flensburg. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt's Farr, Swift and Cunningham were POW's.
Those who lost their lives are buried in the Kiel War Cemetery, Locality Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. Kiel lies 63kms north of Hamburg.

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

412970 Flying Officer KELLY, Reginald Stanislaus

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/261 Micro Film No463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 131, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LWS 510
Radio call sign:	EY -
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW510 took off from RAF Brighton at 1859 hours on the night of 24/25th
March 1944, detailed to attack Berlin. The aircraft returned on one engine only to crash
at Cranfield, Bedfordshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF FO Wimberley, M A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H J Neal, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt W H Shields, (Navigator)
RAAF 412970 FO Kelly, R S (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt L J Edge, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D H A Brignell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H R Nelson, (Rear Gunner)

FO Wimberley, Flt Sgt Shields, FO Kelly and Sgt Brignell are buried in the Cambridge
City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket
Road Cemetery.

Sgt Neal and Sgt Nelson are buried in the Liverpool (Anfield) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.
Sgt Edge is buried in the Westerham (St Mary) Churchyard, Kent, UK.

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

402058 Sergeant LOGAN, David Victor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/139/68 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 139, Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	Z 6881
Radio call sign:	EY -
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Whitley Z6881 took off from RAF Middleton-St-George at 2037 hours on the night of 6/7th September 1941 detailed to bomb Huls, Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Thorpe, F B Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C V Matheson, (Pilot)
RAAF 402058 Sgt D V Logan, (Observer)
RNZAF Sgt C Carman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J C Storer, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Z6881 was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0125 hours at Bergum (Friesland), 12kms ESE of Leeuwarden, Holland.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Tietjerksteradeel (Bergum) Protestant Churchyard, Locality Freisland, Netherlands. Tietjerksteradeel is a commune in the province of Freisland, Bergum is part of this commune and is situated to the east of Leeuwarden off the N31.

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400813 Sergeant MARSHALL, John Alexander Brock

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/142/449 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 197, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	W 7809
Radio call sign:	EY -
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax W7809 took off from RAF Mddleton-St-George at 1941 hours on the night of 28/29th August 1942, detailed to bomb Saarbrucken, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 400813 Sgt J A B Marshall, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G E Dunn (Flight Engineer)
RAF WO T M Manning, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J P Martin, (Observer)
RCAF Sgt T H Miller, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt S Ross, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J G Mellor, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed between Ovedijse and Tombeek (Brabant), 17kms south east of Brussels. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Overdijse (Tombeek) Churchyard, Locality Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium. The above seven are the only WW2 servicemen fatalities in the Churchyard

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428577 Pilot Officer McLEOD, Bruce Maxwell Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/875 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 152, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 460
Radio call sign:	EY – R
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ460 took off from RAF Brighton at 1956 hours on the night of 4/5th April 1945, detailed to bomb the Rhenania oil plant at Harburg, Germany. . Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Cox RE captain (Pilot)
RAF PO J S Johnston, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Lt A J Lewsley, (Navigator)
RAF FO Taylor, A K (Air Bomber)
RAAF 428577 PO McLeod, B M E (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Burns, J G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Pattison, M H (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “ the aircraft crashed at Harburg which is a town near Hamburg.” All the crew were killed

Flt Lt Cox, PO McLeod and FO Pattison are buried in the Hamburg War Cemetery, Germany. The War Cemetery in Hamburg is situated within a large civil cemetery known locally as ‘Ohlsdorf Cemetery’.

PO Johnston, Flt Lt Lewsley, and PO Burns 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.

FO Taylor is buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hannover , Niedersachsen, Germany.

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415167 Warrant Officer MOLLOY, Andrew

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/160 Micro Film No463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 433, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 330
Radio call sign:	EY – O
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW330 took off from RAF Brighton at 1622 hours on the night of 20th December 1943, detailed to attack Frankfurt, Germany. On return to base and while awaiting permission to land, the aircraft stalled and crashed at 0002 hours near Howden and burst into flames on impact. Howden is approx 4 miles SSE of the airfield. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 415167 WO A Molloy, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A D Meynell, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF Sgt F E J Hothersall, (Navigator)
RAAF 417483 FO Heading, B D (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425493 Flt Sgt F W Doonan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt W E Edwards, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J M Blake, (Rear Gunner)

Sgt Meynell is buried in the Darlington West Cemetery, Durham, UK.

The six other crew members are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

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421995 Flight Sergeant MOORE, Arthur Nelson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/139 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 312, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	HR 874
Radio call sign:	EY – B
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax HR874 took off from RAF Brighton at 1941 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. HR874 was one of four aircraft from the squadron which failed to return from the mission.

Crew :

RAF Sgt F J Edser, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Mott, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt S J Muldoon, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G Jones, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P Hinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 421995 Flt Sgt A N Moore, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D T F Doyle, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near the village of Hochstettin, which is approx 9 miles north of Karlsruhe, Germany. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt's Mott, Muldoon and Jones 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.

Sgt Mott later reported “ Flt Sgt Moore was still alive when I baled out. He appeared unhurt and ready to bale out, but I do not know if Moore left the plane.”

Sgt Jones reported “ Both Muldoon and Mott baled out before me. The other four were still in the aircraft and I don't think they had time to bale out and were probably killed.”

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410716 Pilot Officer O'DWYER, Frank

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/102 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 313, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 229
Radio call sign:	EY – Y
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax took off from RAF Breighton at 1948 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. LW229 was one of four aircraft from the squadron that failed to return from the mission.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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420055 Flight Sergeant RENDLE, Patrick William James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/93 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 215, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JB 907
Radio call sign:	EY -
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax took off from RAF Brighton on the night of 28/29th June 1943, detailed to attack Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

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415683 Flight Sergeant ROURKE, Gerald Alan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/92 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 252, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 329
Radio call sign:	EY – G
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD329 took off from RAF Brighton at 2208 hours on the night of 3031st July, 19443, detailed to bomb Remscheid, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew

Flt Sgt Skidmore later reported “After bombing we were picked up by searchlights between Cologne and Dusseldorf. We were then hit by flak which I believe killed the Navigator. Upon the first attack by a night fighter, I was out from the I/Com and also the oxygen tube had come off my face mask. At the time of the attack I was putting out window down the flare chute but was told to stay where I was by the pilot. After the second attack I got in my turret but it was no use as my clothing was well alight. I got out again to put on my chute and tried to open the entry hatch but it was jammed. I then must have collapsed as the next thing I remember is falling in the air. I pulled the rip cord and made a fairly decent descent. I was captured 13 hours after the crash. The Bomb Aimer explained to me that the aircraft had exploded just after he jumped.”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
418303 Flight Sergeant RUDD, James Chadd DFM**

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/55, Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 130, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	W 7929
Radio call sign:	EY – S
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax W7929 took off from RAF Linton-on-Ouse at 2352 hours on the night of 30/1st May 1943, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. The aircraft was hit by flak and on reaching the East Anglia coast W7929 crashed at 0447 hours while attempting to make an emergency landing at Docking airfield Norfolk. Five of the crew were killed and two were injured. The pilot had reported that 2 engines were U/S.

Crew

RAF Sgt Oldroyd, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Judd is buried in the Great Bircham (St Mary) Churchyard, Norfolk Great Bircham is a parish and village in the north west of Norfolk, 3 miles south of Docking.

Sgt Wilson is in the Kensall Green (St Mary's) Roman Catholic Cemetery, London.

Sgt Pike is buried in the Skewen (St John) Churchyard, Glamorganshire, UK

Sgt mason is buried in the Prees (St Chad) Churchyard, Shropshire, UK.

Sgt Oldroyd is buried in the Hanging Heaton (St Paul) Churchyard, Yorkshire, UK.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFM awarded to Flt Sgt Judd is as follows : On his first solo operation, this NCO was Captain and pilot of a Halifax aircraft detailed to attack Stettin on the night of 21st April 1943. When flying at 500 feet at a distance of 220 miles from his target, the starboard inner engine was badly damaged by flak and had to be feathered. Sgt Rudd carried on, climbing from 500 to 12,000 feet and delivering a successful attack from this height. On returning to base, he carried out a successful landing under conditions of poor visibility. It is considered that this comparatively inexperienced pilot showed great devotion to duty and set a shining example, both to his own and other crews at this Station. He is recommended for the immediate award of the DFM. (LG 14/5/1943)
Remarks by Station Commander :This NCO undoubtedly showed tenacity of purpose to a high degree. His determination to carry out the task allotted to him in spite of the possibility of further failure and the heightened of being shot down by enemy fighters because of his inability to keep in the main stream indicates marked courage and resolution, especially as this was his first operational sortie. The recommendation of the Squadron Commander is therefore strongly endorsed.

Remarks by AOC : I strongly recommend that the determination and courage shown by this young Captain be recognised by the immediate award of the DFM.

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418303 Flight Sergeant RUDD, Royal Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Commonwealth War Graves records,
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 163,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LV 877
Radio call sign:	EY – S
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LV877 took off from RAF Brighton at 2109 hours on the night of 10/11th April 1944, detailed to bomb rail installations at Tergnier, France. . Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew

RAF PO L Tait, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W N Smith, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt V H Hawkins, (Navigator)
RCAF WO2 C L Weatherby, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W Keenan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 418303 Flt Sgt R R Judd, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Graham, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Pierrecourt (Seine-Maritime), about 42kms ESE of Dieppe, France. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Keenan was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Poix-de-Picardie Churchyard, Locality Somme, France. Poix is a small town 28kms south west of Amiens.

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417520 Flight Sergeant SAMPSON, Frederick Richard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/386 Commonwealth War Graves records,
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 195,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	:LV 873
Radio call sign:	EY – Q
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LV873 took off from RAF Brighton at 2206 hours on the night of 26/27th April 1944, detailed to bomb railway yards at Villeneuve, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew

RAF PO J H Wilkinson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J C Fell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Bell, A A (Navigator)
RAF PO Garraway, D P (Air Bomber)
RAAF 417520 Flt Sgt F R Sampson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF FO Raby, W K (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt L R Dymont (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed in the southern outskirts of Paris at Choisy-le-Roi, 8kms north west of the railway yards.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Clichy Northern Cemetery, Locality Hauts-de-Seine, France. Clichy is a town adjoining the northern boundary of Paris.

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410392 Flight Sergeant SISLEY, Clive Warren

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/238 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 103, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LV 794
Radio call sign:	EY – O
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax took off from RAF Brighton at 2105 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 Lt Carruthers, W M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt I Bell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt A Collins, (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt E C Hocking, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A R Flexman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 410393 Flt Sgt C W Sisley, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 425667 Flt Sgt B Janke, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “the aircraft crashed one mile east of Fischbach at approx 1230am on the night of 26th February, 1944. Fischbach is 8 miles south east of Pirmasens, Germany.

Flt Lt Carruthers, Sgt Bell and Flt Sgt Sisley were killed in the crash 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.

Sgt Flexman later reported that “the aircraft was set on fire at 20,000 feet by a night fighter. The starboard inner engine and petrol tanks were on fire. The inter com and lighting were U/S. No orders were received from the pilot. I baled out on my own initiative. Height 18,000 feet. When on the ground I met the Navigator and the WOP. The Nav had a broken leg and the explosion threw him out. The aircraft was under control until it exploded, but time was short and all members would be unable to get out. The explosion occurred as I left the aircraft and I remembered little until I came to my senses lying of the ground. I was captured next morning by the German Home Guard”

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409240 Flight Sergeant SKERRETT, Charles Raymond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/217 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 336, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JD 416
Radio call sign:	EY – F
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD416 took off from RAF Brighton at 1906 hours on the night of 27/28th
September 1943, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew

RAAF 409240 Flt Sgt C R Skerrett, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P J Elson, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt P R Fox, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J P Strachan, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R W Dando, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R Hill, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt N E Weighell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R M Telfer, (Rear Gunner)

A report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “the aircraft was shot down near
Wunstorf, which is 14 miles west of Hanover.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried In the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality
Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

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412043 Flight Sergeant WALTON, David Claude Melville

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/314 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 282, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	BB 373
Radio call sign:	EY – K
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax took off from RAF Brighton at 2012 hours on the night of 23/24th August 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. On return from the mission BB373 was instructed to divert to Leconfield. While circuiting the airfield a collision occurred with another aircraft from the squadron JB874, and both aircraft fell at 0430 hours at Hull Bridge, 2 miles north east of Beverley, Yorkshire.

All the crew of BB373 were killed and 6 lost their lives in JB874.

Crew

RNZAF Flt Sgt G G Bell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Gilbert, R R (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt A E Lester, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Platt, E (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W L Clarke, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A Lee, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412043 Flt Sgt D C M Walton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R B Fletcher (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Bell and Flt Sgt Walton are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Harrogate, Yorkshure, UK.

PO Gilbert was cremated in the Edinburgh (Warriston) Crematorium, Edinburgh, UK

Sgt Lester is buried in the Derby (Nottingham Road) Cemetery, Derbyshire, UK.

PO Platt is buried in the Bury Cemetery Redvales, Lancashire, UK.

Sgt Clarke is buried in the Newton-le-Willows Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

Sgt Lee is buried in the Salford (Agecroft) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

Sgt Fletcher is buried in the Norden Cemetery, Surrey, UK.

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403883 Warrant Officer WHELAN, John Patrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/705, 166/43/119 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 264, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 636
Radio call sign:	EY – T
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax took off from RAF Brighton at 2259 hours on the night of 7/8th June 1944,
detailed to attack the railway yards at Juvisy, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew

RAF Flt Lt Marrows, G A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S T James, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Bryant, D J (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R Scott, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403883 WO J P Whelan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Sheehan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt F W Holroyd, (Rear Gunner)

A report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “the aircraft crashed near the
village of Plessis-Pate near Bretigny-sur-Orge (Essonne), in the district of Seine et Oise,
France. Eye witnesses stated that the aircraft was flying low and appeared in difficulties,
when it was again hit by ack-ack fire and crashed.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Bretigny-sur-Orge Communal
Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France. Bretigny-sur-Orge is a small town in the
Department of Essonne, situated 36kms south from the centre of Paris.

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

413810 Flight Sergeant WILKINS, John Selwyn

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/363 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 336, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 230
Radio call sign:	EY – G
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW230 took off from RAF Brighton at 1905 hours on the night of 27/28th September 1943, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew

RNZAF Flt Lt Smith, W B Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Hickling, G E (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Lt Paul, G G (Navigator)
RAF PO Cocking, A B (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Nowman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R A Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 413810 Flt Sgt J S Wilkins, (Rear Gunner)

A later Missing Research and Enquiry team report stated “the aircraft exploded in the air and crashed at Hattendorf, Germany.”

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hanover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

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

406893 Pilot Officer WITHERS, Kenneth Fred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/558, 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:	Halifax
Serial number:	LW 517
Radio call sign:	EY – Y
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW517 took off from RAF Brighton at 2241 hours on the night of 13/14th
March 1944, detailed to bomb the railway facilities at Le Mans, France. Nothing was
heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew

RAAF 406893 PO Withers, K F Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Currie (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A A Jeffries, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt G Tipping, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E Buckland, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Cattle-Jones (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D W McMillan, DFM (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak at 14,000 feet and crashed in the target area. Five of the crew
were killed and Sgt Jeffries and Flt Sgt Tipping were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Le Mans West Cemetery, Locality Sarthe, France. Le Mans
is a large town in the seat of the Prefecture of the Department of La Sarthe. The cemetery
is in the north west centre of the town west of the River Sarthe.

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

400187 Flight Sergeant WOODFORD, John Hamilton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/179/209 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 211, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	DT 491
Radio call sign:	EY -
Unit:	ATTD 78 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax DT491 took off from RAF Middleton-St-George at 2014 hours on the night of 10/11th September 1942, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew

RAF PO Stevenson, C J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R J Roy, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt B B warren, (Navigator)
RNZAF Sgt A E Arnold, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W Hodgson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W C H Hiscock, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 400187 Flt Sgt J H Woodford, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Dusseldorf 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.

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

404924 Flight Sergeant DAY, Lawrence Keith

Source:

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

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	BN 582
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 79 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hurricane BN582 was detailed on 3rd December 1942 together with another Hurricane of the Squadron flown by Flt Sgt Perry (RAF), to do a non operational “beat up” on a Gun Post.

The two aircraft took off at 1019 hours with Flt Sgt Perry as leader and Flt Sgt Day his No 1. They headed south down the Hooghly River and found the gun post. The aircraft then carried out a number of ‘beat up’ attacks. On the 5th attack, Flt Sgt Perry followed Flt Sgt Day in at about 90 degrees and saw Day’s aircraft stall turn back to the gun post as he was just crossing it. When Perry had turned back on the target he saw a fire had started 50 to 60 yards from the gun post and flew over to see that it was an aircraft burning.

Army personnel were already by the crashed aircraft but could not get close because of the fire. Perry called base and then returned to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404924 Flt Sgt L K Day (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Day was killed in the accident and he is buried in the Calcutta (Bhowanipore) Cemetery India. The Bhowanipore Cemetery is 1km from the southern end of the Calcutta Maiden, and is enclosed by a high wall. The war plot is at the rear of the civilian cemetery about 200 metres from the main entrance.

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

400664 Flying Officer SIMPSON, Neville Francis Davis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/123 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z 7619
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 11 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z7619 crashed into the sea in the Bay of Bengal near Cox's Bazaar due to enemy action at 3am (Z) on 21 May 1943. The crash was in position 021.30N 091.55E some 60 miles south of Chittagong. The aircraft had taken off from Chittagong and was attacked by Japanese fighters and shot down. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 406373 PO Stokes, R J Captain (Pilot)
 RAF PO C Pigdon, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
 RAAF 408027 PO Cubitt, C L (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt C P Hutton (Fitter 11A)
 RAAF 400664 PO Simpson, N F D Pax (a pilot of 79 Sqn RAF)

PO Stokes, Pigdon, Cubitt and Simpson are buried in the Chittagong War Cemetery, Bangladesh. The Cemetery is in the Dampura locality, No 19 Bash Mia road 22kms north of the airport.

Sgt Hutton has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial which stands in the Kranji War Cemetery which is 22kms north of the City of Singapore Island overlooking the Straits of Johore.

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

402643 Sergeant CROSS, Hugh James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/402 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	Z 4168
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 80 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hurricane Z4168 when on an operational flight, was seen to dive into the ground about 12.45pm on 17th December 1941 and crash as a result of enemy action. The aircraft was discovered approx 200 yards south of the Derna road near the 34km mark.

Crew:

RAAF 402643 Sgt H J Cross (Pilot)

Sgt Cross is buried in the Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Libya.
The cemetery is 750 metres south of the main road from Benghazi to Tobruk, and about 25kms west of Tobruk.

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

419859 Flying Officer LONG, William Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/290 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Tempest
Serial number:	SN 138
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 80 SQN RAF

Summary:

Tempest SN138 was detailed on 25th March 1945 to carry out an armed recce of the Bocholt-Borken area. The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed in flames from a height of 1000 feet. The Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 419859 FO Long, W H (Pilot)

FO Long 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

414715 Pilot Officer MALONEY, William Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : 166/27/588 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Tempest
Serial number:	EJ 662
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 80 SQN RAF

Summary:

At 1025 hours on 16th September 1944, the squadron was airborne to carry out an armed recce on 'Big Ben' sites and on motor transports north of the line Hague-Arnhem. During the mission EJ662 was seen with glycol streaming out of the aircraft just west of Arnhem. On the R/T the pilot of EJ662 advised that he would have to make a forced landing.

The aircraft made a successful forced landing with little apparent damage, and the pilot was safe and was seen to walk away from his aircraft. He was however captured by members of the SA, was maltreated and then shot.

In 1946, the circumstances surrounding his death was the subject of a War Crimes Investigation and charges were laid against four persons. They were found guilty of PO Maloney's murder. One was sentenced to be hung, and the other 3 received prison sentences.

Crew:

RAAF 414715 PO Maloney, W E (Pilot)

PO Mnaloney is buried in the Reichswald War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

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409943 Flying Officer RANKIN, Neil James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/297 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Tempest
Serial number:	NV 766
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 80 SQN RAF

Summary:

Nine Tempest aircraft from the squadron took off at 1400 hours on 30th March 1945, to carry out an armed recce in the Diepholz-Munster area. Light flak was encountered during an attack on enemy transport and one pilot reported that FO Rankin had reported on the R/T that he had been hit and was baling out. He baled out at approx 1520 hours.

NV766 crashed at St Huelfe, approx 2 miles north east of and Wetachen 4 miles east of Diepholz, which is approx 60 miles north west of Hanover, Germany.

Crew:

RAAF 409943 FO Rankin, N J (Pilot)

FO Rankin is 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
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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

422089 Pilot Officer ABEL, Victor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/254 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	HP 886
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 82 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito HP886 was detailed on 13th September 1944 to carry out practicing attacks on another aircraft at a height of 5000 feet. After on e attack HP886 disappeared under the target aircraft, possibly being thrown upside down by the slipstream. There w2as no evidence as to what happened after that.

HP886 crashed at 13.38N 78.06E in the province of Mysor, India and the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 415700 FO Tufnell, W C (Pilot)
RAAF 422089 PO Abel, V (Navigator)

Both the crew are buried in the Madras War Cemetery, Chennai, India. The cemetery is about 5kms from the airport and 14kms from the central railway station.

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

402360 Sergeant JOHNSTON, Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/129/145 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 189, Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V 5876
Radio call sign:	UX – J
Unit:	ATTD 82 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V5876 took off from RAF Bodney at 2342 hours on the night of 7/8th
December 1941, detailed to bomb the docks at Oostende, Belgium, from a height of
10,000 feet. . Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to
base. Eight other aircraft made attacks on the same target over a period of about 20
minutes.

Crew:

RAF PO Wilson, T McS Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402360 Sgt R Johnston, (Observer)
RAF Sgt F C Hubbard, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew of V5876 are buried in the Adegem Canadian War Cemetery, Locality
Maldegem, Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

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

400291 Flying Officer REIS, Edward Loughry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/54/71 MicroFilm No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vultee Vengeance
Serial number:	AN 944
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 82 SQN RAF

Summary:

Vultee Vengeance AN944 took off from Begumpet aerodrome,. Secunderabad, India on 27th October 1942, when it got off course and his a floodlight and crashed into a house at the edge of the drome. Both the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 400291 FO Reis, E L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Marklew, (Observer/Gunner)

Both crew are buried in the Madras War Cemetery, Chennai, India. He cemetery is 5kms from the airport and 14kms from the central railway station.

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

402405 Flight Lieutenant SANDILANDS, James Walter DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/375 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Vultee Vengeance
Serial number:	AN 810
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 82 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Vultee Vengeance AN810 was detailed on 13th April 1944 to carry out an experimental shallow dive practice bombing using bombs, in an effort to determine the best angle of dive for use in a forthcoming operation.

The aircraft took off at 1240 hours and after a preparatory circuit it went into a 70 degree dive from a height of 3000 feet approx with the dive brakes out. AN810 started to pull out at about 600 feet but 'mushed' downwards and hit the ground at one end of the airfield. The aircraft burst into flames on impact and was totally destroyed. Both Pilot and passenger were killed. Flt Lt Sandilands had carried out about 130 sorties against the enemy.

Crew:

RAAF 402405 Flt Lt Sandilands, J W DFC (Pilot)
RAF LAC T G Wootton, (Fitter 11E) Pax.

Both are buried in the Chittagong War Cemetery, Bangladesh. The cemetery is in the Dampara locality, No 19 Basha Mia road, 22kms from the airport and 8kms from the port on a site which was formerly a paddy field.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Sandilands is as follows :

Flt Lt Sandilands has served with distinction in both the European and Far East theatres of war. While based in England he took part in attacks on enemy shipping and intruder operations and was credited with the destruction of one enemy merchant vessel. In March 1942, this officer was captain of a Blenheim aircraft, which, in very adverse weather, kept a rendezvous with an aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean and successfully navigated some Spitfires to Malta. During the last eight months, Flt Lt Sandilands has completed a large number of bombing sorties against the Japanese, leading his Squadron on fifteen of these attacks. By his excellent leadership, fearlessness and determination in pressing home attacks, Flt Lt Sandilands has contributed greatly to the success of the squadron, (London Gazette 23/5/1944, page 2350)

Flt Lt Sandilands had two brothers who served in the RAAF in WW2 and lost their lives when attached to the RAF.

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

404369 Flying Officer STOWER, Colin James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/57/241 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Vultee Vengeance
Serial number:	AN 942
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 82 SQN RAF

Summary:

Vultee Vengeance AN942 on 21st November 1942 when flying from Cholvaram to Bangalore, crashed at approx 1215 hours between the Devangenthi and Malur railway stations when carrying out an emergency forced landing. Both the crew were killed.

A Court of Inquiry was appointed to investigate :

- the seizure of the front connecting rod due to lack of oil,
- the hitting of a high bank in an attempted forced landing, and
- owing to the very high stalling speed of Vengeance aircraft with the airscrew stopped and the steep attitude of the descent to keep above this stalling speed, that unless there is a particularly good area to force land baling out of the aircraft should be resorted to.

Crew:

RAAF 404369 FO Stower, C J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Stephenson, A DFM (Observer)

Both are buried in the Madras War Cemetery, Chennai, India. The cemetery is 5kms from the airport and 14kms from the central railway station.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414103 Flying Officer THYNNE, Edward Andrew

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/474 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	HR 228
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 82 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito HR228 was detailed on 19th February 1945 to carry out an operational sortie. It crashed on take off at 0455 hours at Khumbirgram airfield, 13 miles ENE of Silchar, India. Both the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 414103 FO Thynne, E A Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO W F Flatt, (Navigator/BW)

Both are buried in the Gauhati War Cemetery, India. Gauhati is the capital city of the State of Assam in north east India, on the eastern side of the River Brahmaputra and some 600kms east of Calcutta.

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

415700 Flying Officer TUFNELL, William Clarke

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/254 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	HP 886
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 82 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito HP886 was detailed on 13th September 1944 to carry out practicing attacks on another aircraft at a height of 5000 feet. After on e attack HP886 disappeared under the target aircraft, possibly being thrown upside down by the slipstream. There w2as no evidence as to what happened after that.

HP886 crashed at 13.38N 78.06E in the province of Mysor, India and the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 415700 FO Tufnell, W C (Pilot)
RAAF 422089 PO Abel, V (Navigator)

Both the crew are buried in the Madras War Cemetery, Chennai, India. The cemetery is about 5kms from the airport and 14kms from the central railway station.

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

415490 Flight Lieutenant BANFIELD, Raymond Charles, DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/636 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 348, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 922
Radio call sign:	OL – J
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND922 took off from RAF Wyton at 2215 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 415490 Flt Lt Banfield, R C DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E Pattison, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Lt Ward, M DFC (Navigator)
RAF Flt Lt Norris, S G DFC (Air Bomber)
RAF WO W Herbert, DFM (2nd Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J Casebrook, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt J Wheeler, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt S J Compton, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0145 hours on 25th July 1944 south east of Jungingen a small village 5kms south east of Hechingen.

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 award of DFC to Flt Lt Banfield is as follows :

“Flt Lt Banfield has participated in many night attacks against some of the enemy’s most heavily defended targets. He has proved himself to be a cool and courageous captain of aircraft. On one occasion when the aircraft was damaged by an enemy fighter, setting the bomb bay on fire and severely wounding the flight engineer, this officer displayed great coolness in taking proper evasive action to put out the fire. Afterwards he flew the damaged aircraft safely back to base. Flt Lt Banfield’s conspicuous gallantry and outstanding skill have maintained the high standard in his crew.”

London Gazette 25/1 1946 page 654)

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

407358 Sergeant CALDER, Robert Harvey Donald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/95/312. Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 136, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5620
Radio call sign:	OL – H
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5620 took off from RAF Scampton at 2348 hours on the night of 25/26th June 1942, detailed to bomb Bremen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF PO Farrow, J R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F C Pearman, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt P W Barrett, (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt A J Neil, DFM (1st Wireless Air Gunner))
RAAF 407358 Sgt R H D Calder, (2nd Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt E Corns, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A B Norman, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near Kirchseelte, Germany, which is 11 miles south west of Bremen, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Sage War Cemetery, Locality Oldenburg, Niedersachsen, Germany. Sage is a village 24kms south of Oldenburg, a town 43kms west of Bremen and 28kms north of the main road between Bremen to Holland.

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

425118 Flight Lieutenant CAMERON, Gordon Oliver

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/837 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 72, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 696
Radio call sign:	OL – O
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND696 took off from RAF Coningsby at 1707 hours on the night of 8/9th February 1945, detailed to bomb the synthetic oil production plant at Politz. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Bates, D G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J R Farrow, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Hughes, A M B (Navigator)
RAAF 425118 Flt Lt Cameron, G O (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt F W Cotton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Fletcher, J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt D Hancock, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down and crashed at Papendorf, approx 26 miles north west of Stettin, Germany. Five of the crew were killed and FO Fletcher and Flt Sgt Hancock were POW's.

Those killed 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

408904 Pilot Officer CUMMINGS, Max Keirnan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/141 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 190, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 439
Radio call sign:	OL – N
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED439 took off from RAF Wyton at 1010 hours on 18th June 1943 to carry out a day practice bombing training exercise, but the aircraft did not carry out the detail. It dived out of cloud and struck a house at High Gate Farm in Swaton, 7 miles south east of Sleaford, Lincolnshire, UK. All the nine on board the aircraft were killed

Crew:

RAAF 408904 PO Cummings, M K Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 6756 Sgt H W Luker, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt F W Wilcox, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J Roughley, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H W Cheshire, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt N Woodcock, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt R A Taylor, (Rear Gunner)
RAF Cpl T J Bond Pax
RAF Cpl F N Sloss Pax

PO Cummings and Flt Sgt Taylor are buried in the Grantahm Cemetery, Lincolnshire. UK. Grantham is a market town, 25 miles SSW of Lincoln

Sgt Luker is buried in the Henley-on-Thames Cemetery, Oxfordshire, UK

Sgt Wilcox is buried in the Manchester (Gorton) Cemetery, Lancashire. UK.

Sgt Roughley is buried in the Latham (St James) Churchyard, Ormskirk, Lancashire, UK.

Sgt Cheshire is buried in the Wimblington (St Peter) Churchyard, Cambridgeshire, UK.

Sgt Woodcock is buried in the Whitchurch Cemetery, Shropshire,. UK.

Cpl Bond is buried in the Blaenavon Cemetery, Monmouthshire, UK.

Cpl Sloss is buried in the Bangor Cemetery, County Down, UK.

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

425612 Flight Sergeant DALEY, John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/253 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 86, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 448
Radio call sign:	OL – S
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND448 took off from RAF Wyton at 0008 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 FO Field, T B Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Howe, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Reid, M J (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G Wheeler, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R A J Rudge, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425612 Flt Sgt J Daley, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G L Paterson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed and exploded near Niemegh Cemetery, 40 miles south west of
Berlin, and all the crew were killed. 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

414211 Pilot Officer DOBBYN, Robert Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/227 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 214, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 818
Radio call sign:	OL – T
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND818 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2116 hours on the night of 8/9th May 1944, detailed to bomb the Lanveoc-Poulmic airfield and seaplane base at Brest. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 406587 Flt Lt Whitford, A P DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H G Millard, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 420573 Flt Lt Loftus, W T (Navigator)
RAAF 414211 PO Dobbyn, R J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 420192 PO Higgins, N J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF WO D H J Cross, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt L W J Arnold, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by light flak and disintegrated over the target area. It crashed near Lanveoc, approx 8 miles south of Brest.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Lanveoc Communal Cemetery, Locality Finistere, France. Lanveoc is a village and commune about 20 miles by road north west of Chatealin, which is on a branch railway line from Quimper.

Citation :

The award of DFC to the then PO Whitford was a General Citation promulgated in the London Gazette of 10th December 1943, page 5381. He was killed in action on 9th May 1944.

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

404902 Sergeant ENGLAND, Kenneth Hayne

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/107/102 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 125, Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5621
Radio call sign:	OL – R
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5621 took off from RAF Scampton at 2216 hours on the night of 11/12th June 1942, detailed to carry out a gardening operation in the Baltic. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Sproule, M A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R C Driver, (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Williams, D G (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt W Stockport, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404902 Sgt K P England, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R H Dominy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R R Vernon, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak from a flak ship moored in the target area and exploded. Four of the crew were killed and FO Sproule, Sgt Driver and Sgt Vernon were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Poznan Old Garrison Cemetery, Poland. The city of Poznan is located in the west of Poland, on the main E30/2 road. The cemetery is in the north of the town in the district of Winogrady.

Sgt Vernon a POW lost consciousness as the aircraft broke up but was rescued an hour later by a German vessel searching for survivors.

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

416947 Warrant Officer GALLAGHER, Robert William Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/300 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 378, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 230
Radio call sign:	OL – V
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB230 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2107 hours on the night of 12/13th August 1944, detailed to bomb Braunschweig, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Erritt, C DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt G Jones, (Flight Engineer)
RAF WO N P Delayen, (Navigator)
RAF WO P A Gleeson, DFC (Air Bomber)
RAF WO E A Taylor, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 416947 WO R W F Gallagher, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO J McK Williamson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0010 hours at Holdenhagen, 12kms south of Walsrode. Five of the crew were killed and WO Delayen and PO Williamson were POW's.

Those killed 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.

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

402922 Pilot Officer GIBBS, William Lionel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/47 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 141, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4955
Radio call sign:	OL – R
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4955 took off from RAF Wyton at 0035 hours on the night of 12/13th May 1943, detailed to bomb Duisburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Rickinson, L A DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt D B Bourne, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 404486 Flt Lt Ransome, H D M DFC (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt T R Cairns, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 402922 PO Gibbs, W L, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt H Plant, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt S A Hathaway, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was damaged by flak and later shot down by a night fighter. It crashed at 0217 hours at Eemnes (Utrecht), 7kms north east of Hilversum, Holland.
Six of the crew were killed and Flt Lt Ransome was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Amersfoort (Oud Leusden) General Cemetery, Locality Utrecht, Netherlands. Amersfoort is a town 50kms south east of Amsterdam.

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

420561 Flying Officer HEGARTY, Dermot John DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/667 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 331, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 464
Radio call sign:	OL – S
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND464 took off from RAF Coningsby on the 16th July 1944, on a night bombing training exercise. The aircraft was partially abandoned at 2348 hours following total engine failure during the exercise. Three of the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 420561 FO Hegarty, D J DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W A Smith, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF Flt Lt Galbraith (Nav/B)
RAF FO Sillitoe, K E E (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF FO R Hay, (Mid Gunner)
RAF WO M G Cross, (Rear Gunner)

FO Hegarty is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Cemetery.

FO Sillitoe is buried in the Leeds (Lawns Wood) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK

WO Cross is buried in the Machen (St John) Churchyard Extension, Monmouthshire, UK. The other three crew members successfully baled out and were uninjured.

Citation :

The citation for the DFC awarded to FO Hegarty is as follows :

FO Hegarty is an extremely capable and courageous captain of aircraft who has completed many successful operations. One night in June 1944 while on the outward flight to attack an important target in the Ruhr, the aircraft was attacked by an MR110 and severe damage was sustained to the electrical equipment and bombing gear. By skilful evasion tactics and coolness, FO Hegarty saved the aircraft from destruction. Continuing to the target, the aircraft was twice hit in the fuselage by anti-aircraft fire and on leaving the target, again suffered damage from the ground defences. Shortly after this, an ME110 attacked and on this occasion the navigator and wireless operator were wounded and further extensive damage sustained by the aircraft. Again, FO Hegarty's skilful pilotage enabled him to avoid destruction and by his determination and zealous application, eventually flew the aircraft back to the United Kingdom.

(London Gazette 13/10/1944, page 4694)

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411704 Flight Lieutenant HEWSON, William Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/457 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 53, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 724
Radio call sign:	OL – V
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB724 took off from RAF Wyton at 1752 hours on the night of 27/29th
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 Lt Alcock, SH DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S Bullamore, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Lt Sargent, E W DFC (Navigator)
RCAF FO Adamson, R H (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Lt Davis, L G (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF WO V G Osterloh, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 411704 Flt Lt Hewson, W H Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 2330 hours ar Sautour
(Namur), 3kms SSE of Phillippeville, Belgium.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hotton War Cemetery, Locality
Hotton, Luxembourg, Belgium. Hotton is located south of Liege on the N86.

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

420192 Pilot Officer HIGGINS, Newman Jack

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/227 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 214, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 818
Radio call sign:	OL – T
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND818 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2116 hours on the night of 8/9th May 1944, detailed to bomb the Lanveoc-Poulmic airfield and seaplane base at Brest. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 406587 Flt Lt Whitford, A P DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H G Millard, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 420573 Flt Lt Loftus, W T (Navigator)
RAAF 414211 PO Dobbyn, R J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 420192 PO Higgins, N J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF WO D H J Cross, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt L W J Arnold, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by light flak and disintegrated over the target area.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Lanveoc Communal Cemetery,
Locality Finistere, France. Lanveoc is a village and commune about 20 miles by road
north west of Chatealin, which is on a branch railway line from Quimper.

Citation :

The award of DFC to the then PO Whitford was a General Citation promulgated in the
London Gazette of 10th December 1943, page 5381. He was killed in action on 9th May
1944.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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408296 Flying Officer HUTTON, Wallace Kenneth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/262 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 45, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 365
Radio call sign:	OL – G
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB365 took off from RAF Wyton at 2005 hours on the night of 21/22nd January 1944, detailed to bomb Magdeburg, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 408296 FO Hutton, W K Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J O Lightfoot, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 408323 PO G M D Breaden, (Navigator)
RAAF 410712 Flt Sgt A F McInnes, (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Houston, J W (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408430 Flt Sgt R E Walker, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R H Easton, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down over the target area by a night fighter from 20,000 feet. It crashed near Pretsien at approx 10.30 on 21st January. Pretsien is 9 miles south east of Magdeburg. FO Hutton, Flt Sgt Walker and Sgt Easton were killed and the other four crew members were POW's.

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

PO Breaden later reported "The Captain gave the order to abandon the aircraft. The last I saw of FO Hutton, just before I left, he was alive and holding the aircraft steady. I spoke to him. I have since heard that he was killed."

Flt Sgt McInnes reported " We were attacked by an enemy fighter. One of the shells severed the inter com. Shortly afterwards, the navigator gave me a signal to bale out. Owing to the inter com I did not hear any order. At Dulag Luft an interrogator informed me that FO Hutton had been killed."

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

420573 Flight Lieutenant LOFTUS, Weston Temple

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/227 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 214, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 818
Radio call sign:	OL – T
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND818 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2116 hours on the night of 8/9th May 1944, detailed to bomb the Lanveoc-Poulmic airfield and seaplane base at Brest. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 406587 Flt Lt Whitford, A P DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H G Millard, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 420573 Flt Lt Loftus, W T (Navigator)
RAAF 414211 PO Dobbyn, R J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 420192 PO Higgins, N J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF WO D H J Cross, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt L W J Arnold, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by light flak and disintegrated over the target area.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Lanveoc Communal Cemetery,
Locality Finistere, France. Lanveoc is a village and commune about 20 miles by road
north west of Chatealin, which is on a branch railway line from Quimper.

Citation :

The award of DFC to the then PO Whitford was a General Citation promulgated in the
London Gazette of 10th December 1943, page 5381. He was killed in action on 9th May
1944.

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6756 Sergeant LUKER, Henry Whitfield

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/141 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 190, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 439
Radio call sign:	OL – N
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED439 took off from RAF Wyton at 1010 hours on 18th June 1943 to carry out a training exercise. The aircraft crashed at High Gate Farm in Swaton, 7 miles south east of Sleaford, Lincolnshire, UK. All the nine on board the aircraft were killed

Crew:

RAAF 408904 PO Cummings, M K Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 6756 Sgt H W Luker, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt F W Wilcox, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J Roughley, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H W Cheshire, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt N Woodcock, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt R A Taylor, (Rear Gunner)
RAF Cpl T J Bond
RAF Cpl F N Sloss

PO Cummings and Flt Sgt Taylor are buried in the Grantahm Cemetery, Lincolnshire. UK. Grantham is a market town, 25 miles SSW of Lincoln

Sgt Luker is buried in the Henley-on-Thames Cemetery, Oxfordshire, UK

Sgt Wilcox is buried in the Manchester (Gorton) Cemetery, Lancashire. UK.

Sgt Roughley is buried in the Latham (St James) Churchyard, Ormskirk, Lancashire, UK.

Sgt Cheshire is buried in the Wimblington (St Peter) Churchyard, Cambridgeshire, UK.

Sgt Woodcock is buried in the Whitchurch Cemetery, Shropshire,. UK.

Cpl Bond is buried in the Blaenavon Cemetery, Monmouthshire, UK.

Cpl Sloss is buried in the Bangor Cemetery, County Down, UK.

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

400478 Flight Lieutenant MARCHANT, Jack DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/44/188 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 282, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 353
Radio call sign:	OL – N
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED353 took off from RAF Wyton at 1824 hours on the night of 20/21st
December 1942, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 400478 Flt Lt Marchant, J DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D N Powell, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 400731 Flt Lt Oldmeadow, F C (Navigator)
RAF POK E Edwards, (Air Bomber)
RAF PO J Phipp, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J E Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R L Romig, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Duisberg Wedau 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.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Marchant is as follows :
PO Marchant has displayed an outstanding courage and determination to press home
attacks. He has set an example worthy of the highest praise,
(London Gazette 27/10/1942 page 4643)

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

402667 Flying Officer MAZENGARB, Harris Lewington

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/44/169 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 211, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4104
Radio call sign:	OL – A
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4104 took off from RAF Wyton, Huntingdon, at 2036 hours on the night of 10/11th September 1942, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. The planned route was Orford Ness, Walcheren and thence direct to the target. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF FO McDonald, J G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A G Cook, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 402667 FO Mazengarb, H L (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt D J Calderwood, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D W A Samwell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G G Millard, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Watson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Neuss 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.

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

404109 Flying Officer McCONACHIE, Donald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/47/116 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 50, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Manchester
Serial number:	L 7465
Radio call sign:	OL – H
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Manchester L7465 took off from RAF Scampton at 2026 hours on the night of 25/26th March 1942, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt P Markides, P Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Danielsen, C H (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 404109 FO McConachie, D (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt A Woodcock, (1st Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt T H Miller, (2nd Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt A G Jaye, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Sgt C C Smith, (Air Gunner)

A 1947 Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated : “The aircraft crashed in the village of Lichtaart situated approx 20 miles east of Antwerp, Belgium. It was believed that the aircraft was shot down by flak or a night fighter. “

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Locality Leuven, Vlaams Brabant, Belgium. The cemetery is located 30kms from Brussels and 3kms south of Leuven.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
413091 Flight Lieutenant McLEAN, Francis Eric DFC

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 384, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 854
Radio call sign:	OL – F
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND854 took off from RAF Coningsby at 1728 hours on the night of 14th August 1944, detailed to attack shipping at Brest, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 413091 Flt Lt McLean, F E DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Furniss, B B (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Lt Bedell, C F DFC & Bar (Navigator)
RCAF FO Leonard, J (Nav/B)
RAF FO Kemp, E A L (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J Henderson, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 422471 PO Faithorn, L E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF WO G M Jones, (Rear Gunner)

It was presumed that the aircraft crashed into the sea off Brest. All the crew were killed. Flt Lt McLean is buried in the Cameret-sur-Mer Communal Cemetery, Locality Finisgtere, France. Cameret-sur-Mer is a small town and communal 48kms north west of Quimper, and about 15kms south west of Brest.

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

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt McLean is as follows :

Flt Lt McLean has taken part in attacks on vital and heavily defended targets in Germany and occupied Europe. In December 1943, on returning from an attack against the German capital he encountered very adverse weather over the landing field. The navigation systems and the wireless communication system of the aircraft were unserviceable, and the aircraft hit an obstruction and burst into flames. Although injured himself, Flt Lt McLean helped to extricate his crew and despite this harassing experience, he immediately, on recovery, resumed operational flying with undiminished enthusiasm. An excellent captain of aircraft he has consistently maintained a high standard of efficiency and imbued his crew with his fine fighting spirit. (London Gazette 12/2/1946 Page 903)

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

415350 Pilot Officer NAIRN, Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/29/84 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 18, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 354
Radio call sign:	OL – A
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND354 took off from RAF Wyton at 0011hours 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 Wg Cdr Abercromby, W DFC and Bar Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 415350 PO Nairn, F (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt L H Lewis, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF WO11 W R Halloran, (Navigator)
RAF FO James, W J (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W A Wall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R W Allen, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 421382 Flt Sgt A B Pearson, (Rear Gunner)

A later Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “when outbound the aircraft was shot down and crashed at approx 0300 hours on 2nd January at Lutten, 5kms north east of Vechta.” Seven of the crew were killed and Sgt Lewis was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Sage War Cemetery, Locality Oldenburg, Niedersachsen, Germany. Sage is a village 24kms south of Oldenburg, a town 43kms west of Bremen and 28kms north of the main road from Bremen to Holland.

Sgt Lewis later reported “the aircraft blew up. I was thrown clear and to my knowledge I was the only survivor.”

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421667 Flight Sergeant NELSON, Raymond Stuart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/29/46 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 402, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 459
Radio call sign:	OL – T
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster took off from RAF Wyton, Huntingdon, UK, at 1737 hours on the night of 26/27th November 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Smeaton, A B Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A W Savory,(Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Nunn, V W J (Navigator)
RAF Flt Lt Smalley, R M DFC (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R A F Gillam,(Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 421667 Flt Sgt R S Nelson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W S Walton, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research& Enquiry team later reported “ the aircraft crashed near the village of Seelenberg, which is approx 16 miles north west of Frankfurt, 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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400731 Flight Lieutenant OLDMEADOW, Fenton Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/44/188 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 282, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 353
Radio call sign:	OL – N
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED353 took off from RAF Wyton at 1824 hours on the night of 20/21st
December 1942, detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the
aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 400478 Flt Lt Marchant, J DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D N Powell, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 400731 Flt Lt Oldmeadow, F C (Navigator)
RAF POK E Edwards, (Air Bomber)
RAF PO J Phipp, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J E Smith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R L Romig, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Duisberg Wedau 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.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Marchant is as follows :
PO Marchant has displayed an outstanding courage and determination to press home
attacks. He has set an example worthy of the highest praise,
(London Gazette 27/10/1942 page 4643)

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421382 Flight Sergeant PEARSON, Arthur Barton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/29/84 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 18, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 354
Radio call sign:	OL – A
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND354 took off from RAF Wyton at 0011 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 Wg Cdr Abercromby, W DFC and Bar Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 415350 PO Nairn, F (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt L H Lewis, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF WO11 W R Halloran, (Navigator)
RAF FO James, W J (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W A Wall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R W Allen, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 421382 Flt Sgt A B Pearson, (Rear Gunner)

A later Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “when outbound the aircraft was shot down and crashed at approx 0300 hours on 2nd January at Lutten, 5kms north east of Vechta.” Seven of the crew were killed and Sgt Lewis was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Sage War Cemetery, Locality Oldenburg, Niedersachsen, Germany. Sage is a village 24kms south of Oldenburg, a town 43kms west of Bremen and 28kms north of the main road from Bremen to Holland.

Sgt Lewis later reported “the aircraft blew up. I was thrown clear and to my knowledge I was the only survivor.”

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404468 Flight Sergeant POYZER, Arthur Wallace DFM

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/177 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 260, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 467
Radio call sign:	OL -B
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND467 took off from RAF Coningsby at 0050 hours on the night of 6/7th June 1944, detailed to bomb communications at Caen, France.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Kennedy, G M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt N G Whitley, (Flight Engineer)
USAAF 1st Lieut Van Horn C J (Navigator)
RAF PO Turner, O J (Air Bomber)
RAF WO P J Lynes, DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404468 Flt Sgt A W Poyzer, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 418384 Flt Sgt C George, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt George evaded capture. He later reported “ I was the first to bale out and I do not think the others had time to escape before the crash.”

Those killed are buried in the Banneville la Campagne War Cemetery, Locality Calvados, France. Banneville la Campagne is a village 10kms east of Caen, France.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFM to Flt Sgt Poyzer is as follows :

“This NCO has completed a total of 58 operational sorties against the enemy, 13 of which have been with the Pathfinder Force. In addition to operating in the Middle East, Flt Sgt Poyzer has also operated against the majority of the enemy’s major targets in Europe. Throughout these operations, he has displayed a high standard of courage in the face of the heaviest enemy opposition. His skill and ability as a gunner and his untiring vigilance in the air are worthy of the highest praise and he has set an excellent example for others to follow. He is strongly recommended for the non-immediate award of the DFM. 20th May 1944 (award w.e.f 6th June 1944)

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421625 Flying Officer PURSEY, Gordon James DFC

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 354, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 856
Radio call sign:	OL – E
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND856 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2100 hours on the night of 26/27th July 1944, detailed to bomb rail communications at Givors, Fance. . Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Eggins, R K DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W H Maltman, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Wg Cdr Georgeson, D F DSO, DFC (Navigator)
RAF Flt Lt Gilmour, J DFM (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Pattgerson, J W DFC (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 421625 FO Pursey, DFC G J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Marden, F A DFC (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Mazargues War Cemetery, Locality Bouches-du-Rhone, Marseilles, France.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to FO Pursey is as follows :
FO Pursey has completed a number of attacks on enemy territory including Berlin. In March 1944, while over the target, his aircraft was attacked by an ME109 which was driven off by the rear gunner. Shortly afterwards the aircraft was again attacked and severely damaged by a Focke Wulf 190. Evasive action was taken and as the fighter attacked for the second time, FO Pursey and the rear gunner opened fire together and destroyed the enemy aircraft. Throughout all his sorties, FO Pursey has displayed courage and coolness of the highest praise, (London Gazette 15/8/1944 page 3774)

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401462 Flying Officer RENFREE, Eric Hurlstone

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/54/61 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 189, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5623
Radio call sign:	OL – C
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5623 took off from RAF Wyton at 2112 hours on the night of 24/25th August 1942, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF WO Class 11 L T Goodfellow, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J J Mathieson, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 401462 FO Renfree, E H (Navigator)
RAF Sgt H Young, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E Webster (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt C H J Byrd, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D L Howe, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry Team later reported “the aircraft crashed at Kalbach, approx 5 miles north west 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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422750 Flight Sergeant SUTTON, William Raymond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/431 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 86, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 505
Radio call sign:	OL – T
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND505 took off from RAF Wyton at 2358 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 PO Langford, V A R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E W Curzon, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt W D Lindley Lloyd, (Navigator)
RAF FO Perkins, R P D (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W S Crockford, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt T J G Davies, Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 422750 Flt Sgt W R Sutton, (Rear Gunner)

It was later reported that the aircraft was shot down and had crashed at Wolphaartspijk
(Zeeland), 22kms east of Middleburg in the province of Zeeland, Holland.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Flushing (Vlissingen) Northern
Cemetery, Locality Zeeland, Netherlands. The port of Flushing is on the south coast of
the island of Walcheren in the Schelde Estuary. It is about 7kms south of Middleburg and
58kms west of Bergen-op-Zoom.

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410269 Flight Sergeant TANKARD, Vincent Gregory

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/185 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 421, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 344
Radio call sign:	OL – K
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB344 took off from RAF Wyton at 1639 hours on the night of 16/17th December 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it crashed when returning to base. Flt Sgt Tankard was killed in the crash and all the others were injured.

Crew:

RAAF 413091 PO McLean, F E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H day, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF Flt Sgt R A Lindsay, (Navigator)
RAAF 410269 Flt Sgt V G Tankard, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Henderson, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt L E Faithorn, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C C Reid, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Tankard is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

PO McLean later reported “ We returned from the mission at approx 0045 hours, in the neighbourhood of the RAF Wyton drome over cloud with the SRA and Gee equipment U/S plus the TR 1196 receiver. Control was contacted by means of the Marconi equipment and a QFE obtained and set on the altimeter. Permission to land was obtained and I came through the cloud and crossed over the drome at 200 feet from south to north. While crossing I noticed a green flashed for me to land, and I commenced a left hand circuit preparatory to landing. Our height was 200 feet. I selected wheels down and was about to increase the engine revs when I noticed the ground. I attempted to level the aircraft laterally and gain height. The aircraft struck the ground slightly port wing low. I do not remember anything further.”

Flt Sgt Lindsay who broke an arm in the crash, still managed to pull some of the injured from the burning wreck and was awarded the BEM (Military Division).

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11689 Sergeant TANNER, Clarence Edgar

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/39/30 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 53, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5913
Radio call sign:	OL – G
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5913 took off from RAF Wyton at 1845 hours on the night of 28/1st March 1943, detailed to bomb St Nazaire, France.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF PO Danahy, S Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 11689 Sgt C E Tanner, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO McCartney, J (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C T Clifton, (Air Bomber)
RCAF WO11 G H Corrie, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H McKenna, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Shooter, F A M DFM (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the vicinity of the target and all the crew were killed.
They are buried in the Escoublac-la-Baule War Cemetery, Locality Loire-Atlantique,
France. The cemetery is 13kms west of St Nazaire.

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426768 Pilot Officer TENNENT, Keith George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/346 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 292
Radio call sign:	OL -
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB292 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2030 hours on the night of 26/27th August 1944, detailed to bomb Koningsberg. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Vernan, J V Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Smith, R (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sqn Ldr Perkins, A G (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Y R E Page, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt A V Howarth, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF FO Frew, W E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426768 PO Tennent, K G (Rear Gunner)

Five of the crew were killed and Sqn Ldr Vernan and Sgt Page were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Randbol Cemetery, approx 10 miles west of Veil, Denmark.

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417286 Flying Officer TOLLEY, Dirk Everard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/185 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 194, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 499
Radio call sign:	OL – J
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND499 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2129 hours on the night of 26/27th
April 1944, detailed to bomb Schweinfurt, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Collett, A L AFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Halbert, TD DFC (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Lt Williams, D L DFC (Navigator)
RAF Flt Lt Boswell, A (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Frazer, R DFC (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 417286 FO Tolley, D E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Mason, H DFM (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed near
Goldscheuer a large village, 9kms south of Kehl.

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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425781 Flight Sergeant TREE, John Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/134 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 60, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 412
Radio call sign:	OL – B
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB412 took off from RAF Wyton at 0019 hours on the night of 28/29th January 1944, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Simpson, W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T K McCash, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J J Martin, (Navigator)
RAF PO Pilgrim, R (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W Livesey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425781 Flt Sgt J R Tree, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J A Fell, (Rear Gunner)

It was later reported that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0220 hours at Varnaes, 10kms ESE of Aabenraa, Denmark.

Sgt McCash. Flt Sgt Martin and Flt Sgt Tree lost their lives and the others were POW's. Flt Sgt Tree had baled out but fell into the sea and was drowned. His body was later washed ashore at Sonderborg and buried on 22nd June 1944. They are buried in the Aabenraa Cemetery, Denmark. Aabenraa is a town on the south coast of Jutland, about 25kms north of the German border.

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408439 Flight Sergeant WALKER, Ronald Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/262 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 45, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 365
Radio call sign:	OL – G
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB365 took off from RAF Wyton at 2005 hours on the night of 21/22nd January 1944, detailed to bomb Magdeburg, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 408296 FO Hutton, W K Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J O Lightfoot, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 408323 PO G M D Breaden, (Navigator)
RAAF 410712 Flt Sgt A F McInnes, (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Houston, J W (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408430 Flt Sgt R E Walker, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R H Easton, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down over the target area by a night fighter from 20,000 feet. It crashed near Pretsien at approx 10.30 on 21st January. Pretsien is 9 miles south east of Magdeburg. FO Hutton, Flt Sgt Walker and Sgt Easton were killed and the other four crew members were POW's.

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

PO Breaden later reported "The Captain gave the order to abandon the aircraft. The last I saw of FO Hutton, just before I left, he was alive and holding the aircraft steady. I spoke to him. I have since heard that he was killed."

Flt Sgt McInnes reported " We were attacked by an enemy fighter. One of the shells severed the inter com. Shortly afterwards, the navigator gave me a signal to bale out. Owing to the inter com I did not hear any order. At Dulag Luft an interrogator informed me that FO Hutton had been killed."

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407565 Sergeant WHIBLEY, Leonard Garth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/177/218 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Manchester
Serial number:	L 7387
Radio call sign:	OL – M
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Manchester L7387 took off on the early afternoon of 12th February 1942 detailed to carry out an attack on German battle cruisers about 10 miles west of the Hook of Holland.

L7387 was attacked by two enemy aircraft directly from the rear, and the rear gunner of L7387 answered their fire. The aircraft attacked again and on this occasion the enemy aircraft closed to about 40 yards range. Both the rear and mid upper gunners returned the fire.

A third attack was made from about 150 yards by a single enemy aircraft. These attacks caused severe damage to L7387 as also did fire from the battleships and their escorts. L7378 flew over the battleships at 500 feet but was unable to open the bomb doors as the hydraulic system was damaged.

L7378 returned safely to base, but Sgt Whibley the rear gunner who had sustained injuries from one of the attacks, died of his injuries on 13th February 1942. The rest of the crew were uninjured.

Crew:

RAF PO McFarlane, R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J Partridge, (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Feirn, J R (Navigator)
RAF PO Hayes, J P (1st Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt J Ridd, (2nd Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Allan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 407565 Sgt L G Whibley, (Rear Gunner)

Sgt Whibley is buried in the Hebburn Cemetery, Durham, UK.

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406587 Flight Lieutenant WHITFORD, Alan Pius DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/227 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 214, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 818
Radio call sign:	OL – T
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND818 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2116 hours on the night of 8/9th May 1944, detailed to bomb the Lanveoc-Poulmic airfield and seaplane base at Brest. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 406587 Flt Lt Whitford, A P DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H G Millard, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 420573 Flt Lt Loftus, W T (Navigator)
RAAF 414211 PO Dobbyn, R J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 420192 PO Higgins, N J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF WO D H J Cross, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt L W J Arnold, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by light flak and disintegrated over the target area.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Lanveoc Communal Cemetery,
Locality Finistere, France. Lanveoc is a village and commune about 20 miles by road
north west of Chatealin, which is on a branch railway line from Quimper.

Citation :

The award of DFC to the then PO Whitford was a General Citation promulgated in the
London Gazette of 10th December 1943, page 5381. He was killed in action on 9th May
1944.

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408075 Sergeant HEADLAM, Roswell Aubrey

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5522109 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 84 SQN RAF

Summary:

Sgt Headlam (Pilot) was killed on 24th January 1942, in an aircraft accident near Mingaladon. He is buried in the Rangoon War Cemetery, Myanmar.

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404289 Warrant Officer HOOPER, Dudley Reed

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/117/151 Commonwealth War Graves Records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	Attd 84 Sqn RAF

On the 24th June 1944, WO Hooper, was on board a Japanese transport vessel approx 20 miles off the coast of Japan when it was torpedoed. The ship sank quickly in approx two minutes, and only 212 were able to escape from the hold. These survivors were in the water for 12 hours, before being picked up by a Japanese rescue ship the following morning. The transport vessel had left Formosa with 772 POW's of mixed nationality, including 17 RAAF personnel.

WO Hooper was not among the survivors. He has no known grave, and his name is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial which stands in the Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore.

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400661 Sergeant ODGERS, Harry Campbell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) A9301 Barcode 5538080 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 84 SQN RAF

Summary:

Sgt Odgers an Observer was killed on 24th January 1942 in an aircraft accident near Mingaladon, Rangoon, Burma. He is buried in the Rangoon War Cemetery, Myanmar.

No other detail is available as Archives do not hold a RAAF Casualty file.

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

412692 Warrant Officer RASMUSSEN, Ernest Reginald

Source:

AWMK 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/286 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	MK 946
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 84 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire MK946 took off from Aston Down at 1642 hours on 9th June 1944 detailed to carry out a non-operational day ferrying delivery flight from No 84 GSU to 132 Airfield Bognor. The aircraft was apparently attempting a forced landing when the cloud base was low, and the wing tip struck the ground and the aircraft cart wheeled. It crashed at 1740 hours at Marsh Farm, Binstead, Sussex, UK, and the pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 412692 WO E R Rasmussen, (Pilot)

WO Rasmussen is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK

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

411302 Flying Officer EASTERBROOK, Sidney Dalton

Source:

AWMJ 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/33/253 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: BZ 943
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD 86 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ 943 of 86 Sqn RAF took off at night on 18th November 1944 from RAF Station Tain, Scotland, on a non-operational training flight using the Leigh Light. The aircraft crashed in the sea about 11 miles north east of Banff, Scotland. Continuous searches for any survivors were made by aircraft and rescue launches.

Crew:

RAAF	414079 PO Pordage, H (Navigator)
RAAF	420389 WO Hough, G F (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF	422349 WO Noble, I R S (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF	420786 WO Peck, R J (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF	421360 WO Mellon, J (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF	411302 FO Easterbrook, S D (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF	Flt Lt Gates
RAF	Flt Sgt McCabe
RAF	PO Humphreys, J A (Wireless Operator Air)
RNZAF	FO Norrie

The remains of FO Easterbrook (RAAF) and Flt Sgt Humphreys (RAF) were recovered, but the remaining crew members were listed as having lost their lives at sea.

FO Easterbrook is buried in the Bellie Burial Ground, Moray shire, Scotland.
PO Humphries is buried in the Livgerpool (Anfield) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.
The other missing crew members have no known grave, and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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

405409 Flight Sergeant HEERS, James Graeme

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/72 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	FK 237
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 86 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator FK237 on 28th February 1943 was on an SE and instrument test flight, during which the pilot found that the elevator controls were locked through the port dinghy becoming released and wrapping itself around the stabilizer and tail plane. The plane crashed at Old Idsworth Farm, Compton, Sussex at 4pm on 28th February. Four of the crew were killed and the others on board injured.

Crew:

RAAF 405613 Sgt D C S Williams, (1st Pilot) Injured
 RAF Sgt J M Leslie, (2nd Pilot) Injured.
 RAAF 405409 Flt Sgt J G Heers,.(Navigator/Bomb Aimer) Killed
 RAF PO White, S (1st Wireless Air Gunner) Killed
 RAAF 406338 Flt Sgt G O White, (2nd Wireless Operator) Injured
 RAF AC1 W F Taberner, Pax Killed.
 RAF LAC W L Melville, Pax Killed
 Six other RAF passengers on board were injured.

Flt Sgt Heers is buried in the West Thornley (St Nicholas) Churchyard, Sussex, UK.
 PO White is buried in the Netherfield Congregational Chapelyard, Yorkshire, UK.
 AC1 Taberner is buried in the Lancashire (Scotforth) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.
 LAC Melville is buried in the Beith New Burial Ground, Ayrshire, UK.

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413122 Flying Officer HOOD, Thomas McCauley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/492 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Boston
Serial number:	BZ 425
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 88 SQN RAF

Summary:

Boston BZ425 took off at 0040 hours on the night of 5th August 1944 detailed to carry out a night offensive patrol against troop and transport movements south west of Caen, France. BZ425 was one of a number of Boston aircraft on the mission.

BZ425 and one other Boston failed to return from the mission.

Crew:

RAAF 408609 FO Simpson, T H DFC Captain (Pilot)

RAF FO Vierow, E (Navigator Bomb Aimer)

RAF PO Taylor, R (Wireless Operator Air)

RAAF 413122 FO Hood, T McC (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at St Loup Soulangy and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Banneville-La-Campagne War Cemetery, Locality Calvados, France. Banneville-La-Campagne is a village in Normandy, 10kms east of Caen.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to FO Simpson is as follows :

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, many of them against well defended targets and often in bad weather. He has invariably displayed a high standard of gallantry and his example of determination and devotion to duty has been most commendable.

(London Gazette 25/7/1944, page 3467)

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

406024 Flying Officer NANGLE, Patrick Claude

Source:

AWM 237 (62) NAA : A705, 163/48/23 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	L 9020
Radio call sign:	RH -
Unit:	ATTD 88 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim L9020 on 20th October 1941 stalled while engaged on a training flight and crashed at Weston Longville, one mile east of RAF Station Attle Bridge, and 9 miles north west of Norwich, UK. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 406024 FO Nangle, P C Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt B Fullerton, (Observer)
RCAF Sgt I A MacDonald, (Wireless Air Gunner)
ARMY 2nd Lt Fieldhouse W J T (Royal Norfolk Regiment)

The three air force crew members are buried in the Swanton Morley (All Saints) Churchyard, Norfolk, UK.

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408609 Flying Officer SIMPSON, Thomas Henry DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/492 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Boston
Serial number:	BZ 425
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 88 SQN RAF

Summary:

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BZ425 and one other Boston failed to return from the mission.

Crew:

RAAF 408609 FO Simpson, T H DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Vierow, E (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF PO Taylor, R (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 413122 FO Hood, T McC (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at St Loup Soulangy and all the crew were killed.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415958 Flight Sergeant AUSTERBERRY, Francis Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/165 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 463,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 602
Radio call sign:	WP – X
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK602 took off from RAF Tuddenham, Bury St Edmunds, at 0818 hours on the 28th October 1944, detailed to bomb gun positions near Vlissingen, Holland. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAF FO Higgins, R J C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D A R Walker, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF Flt Sgt L G Calman, (Navigator)
RAAF 415958 Flt Sgt F F Austerberry, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt B Coward, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt D G Headland, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A W Denby, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by flak while in the target area and all the crew were killed. Four chutes were seen to leave the aircraft and open. Two fell in the water and two on land which was being straddled by bursting bombs. The aircraft crashed into the water.

The body of Flt Sgt Austerberry was recovered near Flushing, Holland, and he is buried in the Bergen-op-Zoom Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands.
The other members of the crew have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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427405 Flight Sergeant BARRETT-LENNARD, Francis Graham

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/563, 166/5/692 Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 415, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ME 838
Radio call sign: WP – D
Unit: ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME 838 of 90 Sqn RAF Took off from RAF Tuddenham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, on the night of 11/12th September 1944 detailed to carry out a mining operation in Stettin Bay, near Kristianstadt, Sweden. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Perrett, A L Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Rose, G F (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Phillips, R C SW (Air Bomber)
RAAF 427405 Flt Sgt Barrett-Lennard, F G (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Noyes, F J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 430626 Flt Sgt Martin, K A (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Thompson, P J (Flight Engineer)

It was presumed that the aircraft had crashed in the Baltic.

The body of Flt Sgt Barrett-Lennard (RAAF) was recovered from the sea near Kristianstad, on the south east coast of Sweden, and buried at the Malmo Eastern Municipal Cemetery, Sweden. The city of Malmo is on the south west coast of Sweden opposite Copenhagen.

The 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
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402497 Sergeant BELL, Ronald Joshua

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/91/133 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 6540
Radio call sign:	WP -
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Wellington X6540 took off at 1721 hours on the night of 7/8th November 1941, detailed to carry out an operational mission over Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Dickinson, J O Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 402497 Sgt T Bell (Pilot)

RCAF Sgt Martin, (

RCAF Sgt A Featherstone, (

RCAF Sgt J H Bowman, (

No other details of the crew are available from the casualty file held at Archives.

Both Flt Lt Dickinson and Sgt Featherstone were POW's and Sgt Bell was killed. Sgt Bell is buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany.

Flt Lt Dickinson later reported "Bell was seen to leave the aircraft with his chute on at a height of about 3000 feet. On the same night, a few hours after I was taken prisoner, the Germans informed me that Bell was killed as his chute had not opened."

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427289 Flying Officer BOGLE, Charles Steward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/649 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 378,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 852
Radio call sign:	WP – Q
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Lancaster ME852 took off from RAF Tuddenham at 2146 hours on the night of 12/13th August 1944, detailed to carry out a raid on Brunswick, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAAF 427289 FO Bogle, C S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F Myers, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422631 Flt Sgt R B McCormack, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J C Hines, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419700 Flt Sgt R S Camier, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P W Jones, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C S Gilbert, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed and exploded in a forest at Becklingen and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The cemetery is 14kms south east of Soltau on the side on the road from Hamburg to Hanover.

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427113 Flight Sergeant BROWN, Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/283 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War 330, , Page
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EP 458
Radio call sign:	XY – Y
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Stirling EP458 took off from RAF Wrattling Common at 1901 hours on the night of 23/24th September 1943, detailed to carry out an attack on Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAF Sgt C Haynes, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J Howarth (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt C B Gazzard, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt P G Straker, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D A James, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427113 Flt Sgt R Brown, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 417487 Flt Sgt G H Hughes, (Rear Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “the aircraft was on fire and circled the village of Kaifenheim and crashed in one of the streets at approx 10pm on 23 September. Kaifenheim is situated 18 miles south west of Koblenz, Germany.”

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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421069 Pilot Officer BURNETT, Thomas Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/569 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 272,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NE 177
Radio call sign:	WP – H
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Lancaster NE177 took off from RAF Tuddenham at 2322 hours on the night of 19/11th June 1944, detailed to bomb rail facilities at Dreux, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAAF 421069 PO Burnett, T A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J F Clinton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt C A Page, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt H H Holt, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412313 WO G A Hartwig, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D A F Munday, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W F Gallivan, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Grandvilliers (Eure), 7kms north from Tillieres-sur-Avre, France. PO Burnett, Sgt Page and Sgt Mundy were killed and they are buried in the Dreux Communal Cemetery, Locality Eure-et-Loire, France. Dreux is a town in the sub-prefecture of the Department of Eure-et-Loire, about 15kms north of Chartres.

Sgt's Clinton, Holt and WO Hartwig evaded capture, and Sgt Gallivan was a POW.

The three evaders later reported that “ the aircraft was hit by flak and the Engineer reported the whole wing was on fire. Bale out was ordered. The aircraft was falling very rapidly and was very bumpy. Hartwig went to the rear exit to bale out The Bomb Aimer was in the nose of the aircraft when the bale out order was given.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

419700 Flight Sergeant CAMIER, Ronald Sutton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/649 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 378,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 852
Radio call sign:	WP – Q
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Lancaster ME852 took off from RAF Tuddenham at 2146 hours on the night of 12/13th August 1944, detailed to carry out a raid on Brunswick, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAAF 427289 FO Bogle, C S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F Myers, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422631 Flt Sgt R B McCormack, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J C Hines, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419700 Flt Sgt R S Camier, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P W Jones, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C S Gilbert, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed and exploded in a forest at Becklingen and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The cemetery is 14kms south east of Soltau on the side on the road from Hamburg to Hanover.

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432485 Flying Officer CHRISTIE, Alexander Anthony

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/767 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 519,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 664
Radio call sign:	WP – V
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Lancaster HK664 took off from RAF Tuddenham at 1146 hours on 23rd December 1944, detailed to bomb Trier. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAF FO Floyd, H.G., Captain (Pilot).
RAF Flt Sgt J.R.Ennor, Navigator.
RAAF 432485 FO Christie, A.G., Air Bomber.
RAAF 430112 Flt Sgt N.C.Boyd, Wireless Operator (Air).
RAF Sgt E.C.Allison,, Mid Gunner.
RAF Sgt F.W.Clinch, Rear Gunner.
RAF Sgt J.Manning, Flight Engineer.
RAF WO R.W.Gibson, Mid Under Gunner.

A captured document of a German Parachute Ack-Ack Regiment indicated that HK 664 had been shot down by the Regiment on 23 December, and the aircraft had crashed at Echternach, 17 miles north east of Luxembourg, Belgium, on the River Sure.

The remains of FO Floyd, FO Christie, Sgt Clinch and Sgt Manning were located and they are buried in the Hotton War Cemetery, Locality Hutton, Luxembourg, Belgium. Hotton is south of Liege on the N86.

Flt Sgt Boyd and the three other missing crew members have no known grave, and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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416939 Flight Sergeant DAVEY, Allan Edward Dearlove

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/266 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 106,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EF 198
Radio call sign:	WP – H
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Stirling EF198 took off from RAF Tuddenham at 1955 hours on the night of 25/26th February 1944, detailed to carry out a gardening operation in the Baltic. On return from the mission, while letting down through cloud the aircraft struck some trees on top of a 250 foot hill and crashed at 0255 hours six miles south of the aerodrome at Denham Castle which is 6 miles WSW of Bury St Edmonds, Suffolk. Five of the crew were killed and two were injured.

Crew:

RAAF 416939 Flt Sgt A E D Davey, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E L Parrish, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF WO2 G E Stringer, (Navigator)
RCAF WO2 J J P A Rodrigue, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J D Easton, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt E B Roberts, (Mid Upper Gunner) Injured
RAF Sgt F W Tasker, (Rear Gunner) Injured

Sgt Roberts later reported “ He heard on the R/T the Pilot given landing instructions of Turn 4, QFE and height of cloud base. The pilot then informed the crew he was going to break cloud and circle below 350 feet. The aircraft was descending and the Mid Upper Gunner felt a violent change in attitude of the aircraft as though the pilot had pulled the control column hard back, and then the crash had occurred.”

Despite his injuries Sgt Roberts went to the aid of Sgt Tasker in his turret who had two broken legs.

Flt Sgt Davey is buried in the Budleigh Salterton Church Cemetery, Devon, UK.

WO2 Stringer and WO2 Rodrigue are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK.

Sgt Parrish is buried in the Lydney (St Mary) Churchyard, Gloucestershire, UK.

Flt Sgt Eaton is buried in the Abney park Cemetery, London, UK.

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415531 Flight Sergeant HEASON, Leonard William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/380 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 383
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LK 379
Radio call sign:	WP – F
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Stirling LK379 took off from RAF Wrattling Common at 1718 hours on the night of 18/19th November 1943, detailed to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

The route was Beachy Head – Cayeux – Target – Posn 49.12N 08.08E – 48.50N 05.00E – 50.00N 0115E - Beachy Head – Base. The ETA back at Base was 2309 hours.

Crew:

RAAF 415279 PO Simpson, R Mc C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Brown, D A (Navigator)
RAF FO Blain, D E (Air Bomber)
RNZAF Flt Sgt Ussher, O N (Wireless Operator)
RAAF 415531 Flt Sgt Heason, L W (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Sykes, E W (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Holloway, D L (Flight Engineer)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was established in 1947 that on 18 November 1943 between 1930 and 2000 hours, an aircraft had attempted to make a forced landing on Biedesand Island and it had been previously damaged. It collided with a tree and exploded scattering wreckage over a wide area.

In 1950, following exhumation of graves in Lampertheim Cemetery (8 miles north of Mannheim), the remains of Flt Sgt Sykes, Flt Sgt Ussher (RAF), and Flt Sgt Heason (RAAF) were identified. They are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality bad Tolz, Bayern,.Germany.

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

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417487 Flight Sergeant HUGHES, Gordon Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/283 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War 330, , Page
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EP 458
Radio call sign:	XY – Y
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Stirling EP458 took off from RAF Wrattling Common at 1901 hours on the night of 23/24th September 1943, detailed to carry out an attack on Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAF Sgt C Haynes, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J Howarth (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt C B Gazzard, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt P G Straker, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D A James, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427113 Flt Sgt R Brown, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 417487 Flt Sgt G H Hughes, (Rear Gunner)

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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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423754 Flying Officer KEMP, Francis Henry Ross

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/395 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 31,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	HK 603
Radio call sign:	WP – D
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Lancaster HK603 took off from RAF Tuddenham at 1132 hours on 5th January 1945 detailed to bomb railway yards at Ludwigshafen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAAF 419977 FO Wakeham C E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R C Boyle, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt H E Worsnop, (Navigator)
RAF FO Kirkland, R O (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423754 FO Kemp, F H R (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Healy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J M Bilton, (Mid Under Gunner)
RAF Sgt V I Michael, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and crashed at 1510 hours at Mutterstadt, 5kms WSW from the centre of Ludwigshafen. FO Kemp and Sgt Michael were killed in the crash and the other six were POW's

Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany.

FO Wakeham later reported “ the aircraft was damaged by fire over the target and I gave the order to abandon, but the Inter Com was useless and no acknowledgements were received. The aircraft was filling with smoke and out of control and finally spun to port. Healy and Bilton baled out from the mid under hatch. Worsnop, Boyle and myself from the front hatch. I believe Kemp and Michael were still in the aircraft when I left at 5000 feet. The Germans informed me that they had died when the aircraft crashed. The aircraft crashed just outside the target area.”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

429122 Flight Sergeant McCALISTER, Hilton Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/583 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Flt Sgt McAlister (Wireless Operator Air) was injured in a motor cycle accident on 11 September 1944. He died of his injuries on 12th September 1944.

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

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

422631 Flight Sergeant McCORMACK, Robert Browning

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/649 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 378,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 852
Radio call sign:	WP – Q
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Lancaster ME852 took off from RAF Tuddenham at 2146 hours on the night of 12/13th August 1944, detailed to carry out a raid on Brunswick, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAAF 427289 FO Bogle, C S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F Myers, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422631 Flt Sgt R B McCormack, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J C Hines, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419700 Flt Sgt R S Camier, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P W Jones, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C S Gilbert, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed and exploded in a forest at Becklingen and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The cemetery is 14kms south east of Soltau on the side on the road from Hamburg to Hanover.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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415087 Flt Lt McKENZIE, Frederick Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1667/26/162 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 209,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EH 900
Radio call sign:	WP – Y
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Stirling EH900 took off from RAF West Wickham at 2329 hours on the night of 25/26th June 1943, detailed to carry out an attack on Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAAF 415087 Flt Lt McKenzie, F C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E Wilson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Cook A V I (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W E Walter, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt C D H Campbell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F W Ealden, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J C Davidson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Legden, 9kms south east of Anaus, Germany.
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 PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

37050 Pilot Officer NICKLESS, Harry Samuel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/29/196 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:	PA 158
Radio call sign:	WP – S
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Lancaster PA158 took off from RAF Tuddenham at 1614 hours on the night of 3/4th February, 1945, detailed to bomb the Hansa benzol facility at Dortmund, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Bunning, J J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt M J F P Goddard, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 37050 PO Nickless, H S (Navigator)
RCAF FO Bishop, S B S (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt A H Edwards, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E E Bemrose, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J G Brown, (Rear Gunner)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “ The aircraft was attacked by an enemy night fighter and exploded in the air at approx 9.30pm. It crashed at Elsenpescherweg, a wide open spaced in the western suburb of Munchen-Gladbach.

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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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

433130 Flying Officer PATON, John Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/693 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 123,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PA 254
Radio call sign:	WP – A
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Lancaster PA254 took off from RAF Tuddenham at 1037 hours on the 9th March 1945, detailed to carry out a G-H raid on the Emscher Lippe benzol works at Dattein, Germany. The aircraft was carrying two navigators for the mission. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Aldhous, B J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S Power (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Palmer, C D (Navigator)
RAAF 433130 FO Paton, J C (Navigator)
RAF PO Foy, C (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Smee, A (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO South, R (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A F C Smith, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by ack-ack and crashed on a railway station at Waltrop, 8 miles north west of Dortmund. Seven of the crew were killed and Sgt Smith was a POW.

Flt Lt Aldhous is buried in the Venray War Cemetery, Locality Limburg, Netherlands. The other six crew members killed are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

Sgt Smith who returned safe to the UK stated “about 3 minutes after bombing we were hit by ack-ack. The I/C went dead. With the turret facing port I was able to see the port wing on fire and a larger fire in the fuselage near the H2S installation. Losing consciousness through lack of oxygen, I climbed out of the turret and that is the last thing I remember. I recovered consciousness falling through space and pulled the ripcord. I was captured later by the Germans and released by the Americans.”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

414077 Pilot Officer PETERS, Herbert Norman

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/33 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 194,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EE 887
Radio call sign:	WP – T
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Stirling EE887 took off from RAF West Wickham at 2346 hours on the night of 21/22nd June 1943, detailed to carry out a raid on Krefeld, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAAF 414077 PO Peters, H N Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E Bradshaw, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt D J Davies, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt B H Abraham, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A S Andrews, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt R R Law, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Gillis, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed about 1 mile north west of Hoogwoud at approx 3am on 22nd June. Hoogwoud is 10 miles north east of Alkmaar, Holland.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Bergen General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Holland), Netherlands. Bergen is on the coast 6kms north west of Alkmaar and 43kms north north-west of Amsterdam.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

416521 Flight Lieutenant SMITH, Leonard Anthony

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/338 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 383,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EH 996
Radio call sign:	WP – H
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Stirling EH996 took off from RAF Wrattling Common at 1710 hours on the night of 18/19th November 1943, detailed to carry out an attack on Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAAF 416521 Flt Lt Smith, L A Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF Flt Sgt J S S Fleming, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt F Northard, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Snook, J W (Navigator)
RAF FO Hampton, J (Air Bomber)
RNZAF Flt Sgt S E Simpson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D R Bailey, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J W Richardson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed 1.5 miles north west of Fussgonheim, which is 9 miles south west of Mannheim.

Seven of the crew were killed and Sgt Northard 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.

Sgt Northard later reported “:The last time I saw the Captain was a few seconds before I baled out. He was seated at the controls and was not wounded.”

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16774 Flight Sergeant TEEDE, Walter Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/163/152 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 205,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	BK 813
Radio call sign:	WP – O
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Stirling BK813 took off from RAF West Wickham at 2332 hours on the night of 24/25th June 1943, detailed to carry out a raid on Wuppertal, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAAF 16774 Flt Sgt W H Teede, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E H Stanton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt H Levine, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt A C Harris, (Air Gunner)
RNZAF Flt Sgt L Petersen, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P J Taylor, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RNZAF Flt Sgt Henderson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0139 hours at Haasrode (Brabant), 6kms SSE of Leuven, Belgium.

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Stanton was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Haasrode Churchyard, Locality Oud-Heverlee, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium.

Sgt Stanton later reported “ I baled out and was aided by local residents and after being taken to Bree was helped as far as Paris. Here I was arrested and incarcerated in the notorious Fresnes prison, before being sent to Germany and a POW Camp.”

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410927 Flight Sergeant WALKER, Kenneth Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 274,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 158
Radio call sign:	WP – P
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Lancaster LM158 took off from RAF Tuddenham at 2331 hours on the night of 12/13th June 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 Elliott, A C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D C Kibble, (Flight Sergeant)
RCAF FO Allan, A (Navigator)
RCAF FO Hoffas, PC (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410927 Flt Sgt K C Walker, (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF Sgt D M Willmott, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E R Cocker, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in an area known as Sorensen Zand near Eerbeek (Gelderland), 10kms south west from Zutphen. Six of the crew were killed and FO Hoffas was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Brummen (Hal) General Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. Hal is a small village administered by Brummen, about 5kms north west of Brummen.

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419354 Flight Sergeant WILSON, Stanley Alan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/604 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 171,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 483
Radio call sign:	XY – V
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary

Stirling LJ483 took off from RAF Tuddenham at 2325 hours on the night of 12/13th April 1944, detailed to carry out a pre-invasion drop to the French resistance movement. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base

Crew:

RAF PO Gardiner, F G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W A F Watson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt W W Campbell, (Navigator)
RCAF WO11 L A R Lowe, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H F Willcocks, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W E Topping, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 419354 Flt Sgt S A Wilson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Roye (Somme), France, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Roye New British Cemetery, Locality Somme, France. Roye is a commune in the Department of the Somme, 40 miles south east of Amiens.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

411854 Warrant Officer BLUMER, Richard Anthony Barrett

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/1/333 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	RM 817
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 91 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire RM817 took off from West Malling drome at 2230 hours on the 26th June 1944, detailed to carry out an anti pilotless bomb patrol as Westwood White 2 with Lt De Bordas as White I and Section Leader. When an intercept was made and while White 1 was engaged in firing, ack-ack gunfire caused White 2 who was flying behind White 1 to break away and the section got separated.

White 2 was heard to ask for an emergency homing which he seemed to be unable to hear clearly, and instead of reaching base White 2 landed at USAAF Station Staplehurst where the aircraft was refuelled. After obtaining permission from flying control at West Malling to land at base, White 2 took off shortly after midnight and R/T contact was established at 0012 hours. All night landing facilities at West Malling were lit and at 0014 hours White 2 was seen from the Control tower approaching base from a south easterly direction, its navigation lights on and at a low height as cloud base was about 1000 feet.

Three to four miles from base when flying seemed quite normal, the port wing suddenly dropped and RM817 went down vertically and the aircraft was smashed on impact.

In his remarks on a Court of Inquiry into the accident, the RAF Group Commander stated “The pilot should not have been permitted to fly back at night to West Malling as it is close to a balloon barrage and the Spitfire Mark XIV is not a good aircraft to fly for night flying owing to exhaust fumes. There is nothing to account for the accident. A possible explanation is that while the pilot was looking intently to starboard to find base, he suddenly found the ground rising in front of him as it does in the place of the accident and he turned too sharply resulting in incipient spin. The pilot had done only 15 hours and no night flying in Spitfire Mark XIV, and the Group Commander directed that the Squadron CO, the Flight Section Leader and the Flying Control Officer should be reprimanded.”

Crew:

RAAF 411854 WO R A B Blumer (Pilot)

WO Blumer is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK

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422424 Flying Officer COLLIER, Kenneth Roy

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/764 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	MK 587
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 91 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire MK587 was detailed on the 5th December 1944, along with other Spitfires of 91 Sqn to act as withdrawal escort to bomber bombing Hamm, Germany.

Shortly before the rendezvous, two large formations of FW190's and ME109's were seen below and to starboard. The Squadron made a head on attack on the enemy aircraft, each Pilot making an individual attack from the sun.

MK587 was flying as Yellow 4 and was observed by Yellow 2 and 3 as they went in to attack, and was assumed to have followed as soon as the attack was broken off., but no further contact was made with MK587, and it failed to return to base..

Crew :

RAAF 422424 FO Collier, K R (Pilot)

A later report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated "The aircraft was shot down by enemy aircraft and crashed at Gelsenkirchen, Germany, and the pilot was killed."

FO Collier is 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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403177 Pilot Officer COLQUHOUN-THOMSON, Ian Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA A705, 163/26/258 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	BR 466
Radio call sign:	QJ – N
Unit:	ATTD 92 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire BR466 took off from Landing Ground 173 on 26th August 1942 on a non operational flight. The aircraft tried a half roll out of an inverted position with insufficient height and crashed. Eye witnesses stated that the aircraft came over the drome from the south west at about 1000 feet. At 1500 to 2000 feet the aircraft started an upwards roll and stalled while on its back. The pilot was killed.

Crew:

403177 PO Colquhoun-Thomas, I D (Pilot)

PO Colquhoun is buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Alamein is a village bypassed by the main coast road and approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

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425514 Pilot Officer HOOLIHAN, Patrick Gordon Thomas DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/539 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	JF 333
Radio call sign:	QJ -
Unit:	ATTD 92 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire JF333 took off from Bellaria airfield, Italy, at approx 1240 hours on 16th April 1945, to carry out a mission behind enemy lines and bomb enemy targets in the Medicine area. JF333 was flying No 3 in a formation of four aircraft.

No 3 dived down to attack a gun and was seen by others in the section to be enveloped in flames and explode on the ground. The Section Leader called his section to say No 3 had crashed when to his amazement PO Hoolihan himself replied "I'm OK have been hit by flak." On being asked what side of the lines he replied " on the Hun side, I think."

The Section Leader called up again a few minutes later but there was no reply.

It was later thought that the explosion seen by the Leader had been the explosion of a bomb released by PO Hoolihan's aircraft.

In 1945 an American party found the wreck of JF333 in a field behind Casa, via Stradone, near the village of Castel Guelf.

Crew:

RAAF 425514 PO Hoolihan P G T DFC (Pilot)

PO Hoolihan is buried in the Faenza War Cemetery, Italy.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to PO Hoolihan is as follows :

Throughout numerous operational sorties, POHoolihan has displayed a high degree of skill, gallantry and devotion to duty. In November 1944, while attacking an enemy strong post, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and burst into flames. He flew over our lines when he was forced to leave the aircraft by parachute at a low level. On another occasion, his aircraft was damaged by fire from the enemy fire defences and he himself was wounded in the legs by splinters but undeterred he returned to the attack and destroyed the gun position. (London Gazette 30/10/1945 page 5283)

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402954 Flying Officer ROSE, Geoffrey Wyndham

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/9 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	BR 393
Radio call sign:	QJ -
Unit:	ATTD 92 SQN RAF

Summary:

FO Rose flying Spitfire BR393 was reported missing on 8th January 1943. The aircraft was last seen in action some 15/20 miles north of Tamet landing ground, Middle East, at 5.13pm on 8th January. FO Rose's body was later found alongside the aircraft on June 16th 1943.

Crew:

RAAF 402954 FO Rose, G W (Pilot)

FO Rose is buried in the Tripoli War Cemetery, Libya. The cemetery is in the Mansura district of Tripoli, 2.5kms west of the city centre.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

430434 Flight Sergeant BROOKER, William John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/1057 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	EN 240
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 93 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire EN240 while on a non operational practice flight on 9th April 1945, crashed 1.5 miles west of Cesenatico airfield, Italy.

An eye witness saw the aircraft passing over at 3000 feet going in the opposite direction, and heard him call up base saying he had a glycol leak and was going to try and make a forced landing. He lost sight of the aircraft, then saw it burning on the ground with the pilot lying next to it.

Crew:

RAAF 430434 Flt Sgt W J Brooker, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Brooker is buried in the Ravenna War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery lies on a communal road 1km south of the SS16 from Ravenna to Ferrara, near the village of Piangipane.

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424003 Flight Sergeant ANDREWS, Richard James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/352 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	ER 663
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 94 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire ER663 on 5th January 1945, was involved in a large scale strafing operation of ELAS transport ordinance north of Athens, Greece. As Flt Sgt Andrews had only been in the unit for 5 days and had 6 hours flying practice strafing and local recce, the Sqn Ldr CO decided to accompany Andrews to give him any further instructions and assess his ability. His report is as follows :

“The aircraft took off at 1100 hours from Hassand drome and searched the area given sighting several transports already destroyed and abandoned, and dummy attacks were carried out on these. Andrews attacks were good and we proceeded further. At 1120 hours we sighted 3 transports north of Elevais. I instructed Andrews to orbit and watch while I carried out 2 attacks.

I reserved for Andrews one of the vehicles which was on the open road with unobstructed lines of approach and breakaway. When I had finished I instructed Andrews to carry out his attack on this vehicle while I orbited above. He commenced his dive, opened fire at about 400 yards, missed his target and pushed his attack too close obviously correcting his aim by his strikes. I called him to pull away but before the message was completed he had pulled out very low down. The aircraft appeared to ‘mush’ hit the ground and disintegrated. It is possible that the aircraft may have been hit by flak, although no flak had been sighted in the area.

He had been properly instructed to give short bursts at the correct range and pull out at least 200 feet above the target. About 1500 hours that day an Auster aircraft was sent out and his body was observed on the ground and a few ELAS troops were there.”

Crew:

RAAF 424003 Flt Sgt R J Andrews, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Andrews is buried in the Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. The cemetery is a few kilometres south east of Athens.

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403426 Pilot Officer EVANS, William Walter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/32 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	RV 351
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 94 SQN RAF

Summary:

Hurricane RVG351 crashed at 1800 hours on 1st August 1943 3 miles south east of Savoia drome when on a day non-operational air test, and the pilot was killed.

RV351 had just completed a 40 hour inspection during which a new control column spade grip and bottom bracket and also an elevator connecting rod and trimming tab control wheel were removed. According to the R/T log at No 16SOR the pilot had no elevator control and had abandoned the aircraft at too low an altitude. The chute had streamed but not opened sufficiently to check the pilots fall.

Crew:

RAAF 403426 PO Evans, W W (Pilot)

PO Evans is buried in the Benghazi War Cemetery, Libya. Benghazi is a sea port on the Mediterranean.

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402652 Flight Lieutenant FOSKETT, Russell George OBE DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/297 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	EB 489
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 94 SQN RAF

Summary:

Spitfire EB489 was detailed on 31st October 1944 to carry out ground strafing attacks against Germans retreating from Greece. On the way home the aircraft developed engine trouble fairly low over the sea. The aircraft was last seen going down in the sea near one of our aircraft carriers, between Skiatho and Skopelo islands, Greece, 35 miles south east of Volos Bay.

The body of Flt Lt Foskett was recovered by the HM ship, and he was buried at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 402652 Flt Lt Foskett, R G OBE DFC (Pilot)

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Fcskett is as follows :

One day in November 1942, this officer led his squadron in an attack on a formation of Stuka bombers, heavily escorted by fighters. During the combat 7 Stukas were shot down, a further 8 probably destroyed and several others were damaged. Flt Lt Foskett, who displayed great skill and daring, destroyed 2 of the enemy aircraft before his own was hit. He landed safely, however, and rejoined his squadron the same night. The following morning he resumed his flying duties. This officer has participated in a large number of sorties and has displayed inspirational leadership.

(London Gazette 4/12/1942 page 5265)

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

411723 Flight Lieutenant ALLEN, James Jeffery, DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/636 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	KN 468
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 96 SQN RAF

Summary:

Dakota KN468 crashed on 13th June 1945, approx 2 miles east of Dinawa railway station near Patna India, while on a daytime transport of equipment flight. Fire broke out in the aircraft during the flight and the port engine ceased to function. The crash was in position 85.17E 25.27N.

Crew:

RAAF 421635 FO Bancroft B D DFC (Pilot) Injured
 RAF PO Culshaw (Pilot) Died of injuries on 14/6/45
 RAAF 411723 Flt Lt Allen, J J DFC (Navigator) Died of injuries on 15/6/45
 RAAF 410793 FO Tolliday, W J (Wireless Operator Air) Killed
 RAF AC2 G Hullah (Grad/Mech) Killed
 RAF LAC A Hull, (F/M/E) Pax Died of Injuries on 14/6/45
 RAF LAC C L Bunn, (F/M/A) Pax Died of injuries on 14/6/45

The six on board who lost their lives are buried in the Delhi War Cemetery, India.

Citation :

The award of DFC to the then PO Allen of 466 Sqn RAAF was promulgated as a General Citation in the London Gazette of 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

412418 Flying Officer ENGLAND, Edward Maxwell DFC

Source:

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

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 464
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 96 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ464 during a practice flight of circuits and landings on 25th February 1945, crashed on a hill near Brantingham Brough, about 8 miles west of Kingston upon Hull, a few minutes after take off from RAF Station Leconfield, Yorkshire. All on board were killed.

After making two normal landings the aircraft took off for a third time at approx 1520 hours. The weather at the drome was suitable for circuits and landings, but in the locality of the crash very low cloud down to tree top level and drizzle was possible. After circling in cloud for several minutes above the hilly location, the aircraft seemed to come from a north westerly direction and strike some tall trees while attempting a steep climbing port turn to avoid them.

The opinion of the Court of Inquiry was that the accident was caused presumably by the fact that the pilot had entered cloud and was unaware of the presence of high ground over which he was finally flying while endeavouring to break cloud, and did not see the trees in sufficient time to avoid hitting them. The weather at the time was a contributory factor.

Crew:

RAAF 415329 FO Hubbard, M L MID Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 412418 FO England, E M DFC (Navigator)

RAF PO Marshall, J W (Air Gunner)

RAF Flt Sgt G Strong, (Flight Engineer)

RAF LAC R Latham Pax

FO's Hubbard and England are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, PO Marshall is buried in the Whitburn Cemetery, West Lothian, UK

Flt Sgt Strong is buried in the Beverley (Queensgate) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

LAC Latham is buried in the Dearne (Thurnscoe) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to the then PO England of 550 Sqn RAF is as follows :In the course of a successful tour of operational duty, PO England has navigated his aircraft in may sorties against important targets in Germany including Berlin. On one occasion, during an attack on Hanover, his aircraft was severely damaged by fire from the enemy defences and most of the navigational aids were lost. Nevertheless, by his resourcefulness and skill, PO England guided the aircraft back to base. At all times, this officer has displayed a high degree of skill, courage and devotion to duty.

(London Gazette 30/6/1944, page 3090)

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415329 Flying Officer HUBBARD, Max Leslie MID

Source:

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

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	MZ 464
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 96 SQN RAF

Summary:

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Crew:

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RAF PO Marshall, J W (Air Gunner)

RAF Flt Sgt G Strong, (Flight Engineer)

RAF LAC R Latham Pax

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(London Gazette 30/6/1944, page 3090)

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

410793 Flying Officer TOLLIDAY, William John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/636 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	KN 468
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 96 SQN RAF

Summary:

Dakota KN468 crashed on 13th June 1945, approx 2 miles east of Dinawa railway station near Patna India, while on a daytime transport of equipment flight. Fire broke out in the aircraft during the flight and the port engine ceased to function. The crash was in position 85.17E 25.27N.

Crew:

RAAF 421635 FO Bancroft B D DFC (Pilot) Injured
 RAF PO Culshaw (Pilot) Died of injuries on 14/6/45
 RAAF 411723 Flt Lt Allen, J J DFC (Navigator) Died of injuries on 15/6/45
 RAAF 410793 FO Tolliday, W J (Wireless Operator Air) Killed
 RAF AC2 G Hullah (Grad/Mech) Killed
 RAF LAC A Hull, (F/M/E) Pax Died of Injuries on 14/6/45
 RAF LAC C L Bunn, (F/M/A) Pax Died of injuries on 14/6/45

The six on board who lost their lives are buried in the Delhi War Cemetery, India.

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410136 Flying Officer ARNOLD, Alan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/135 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 298,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 625
Radio call sign:	OF -
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME625 while engaged in formation flying practice on 23rd June 1944, collided with Lancaster ND981 and spun out of control and crashed at Cloor House farm in Deeping Fen, UK. The eight on board ME625 were killed in the crash.
ND981 also crashed and 5 were killed and one survived.

Crew:

RAAF 415220 Flt Lt Van Raalte, H S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt M Durn, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Williams, D G (Navigator)
RAAF 409318 WO A L Lambert, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410136 FO Arnold, A (Navigator) Flying as visual Air Bomber
RAF Flt Sgt E H Peace, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R G Davies, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Fletcher, J D (Rear Gunner)

Flt Lt Van Raalte, WO Lambert, FO Arnold, Flt Sgt Peace and Flt Lt Fletcher are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

Flt Sgt Durn is buried in the Marsden (St Bartholomew) Churchyard, Yorkshire, UK.
PO Williams and Flt Sgt Davies are buried in the Rhonda (Treorchy) Cemetery, Glamorganshire, UK.

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413943 Flight Sergeant BATTLE, Ernest John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/379 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 421,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 963
Radio call sign:	OF – Q
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA963 took off from RAF Bourn at 1655 hours on the night of 16/17th December 1943 to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base Eight aircraft from the squadron failed to return from this mission..

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Brill, D J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Handley, R E DFM (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Stone, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 414154 FO McIntyre, N G (Navigator)
RAF PO Butler, R (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H Chappell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF FO Little, G J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 413943 Flt Sgt E J Battle, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “the aircraft was hit by flak and crashed at approx 2300 hours on the 16th December. It exploded in mid air and wreckage was spread over an area of Schiller Park, Berlin.” All the crew were killed.

Flt Lt Brill, Flt Lt Handley, Sgt Stone and Sgt Chappell have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

FO McIntyre, PO Butler, FO Little and Flt Sgt Battle are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery. Germany.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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401587 Sergeant BROOK, Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/93/656 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 203,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5496
Radio call sign:	OF – U
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5496 took off from Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, at 0040 hours on the night of 4/5th September 1942 to bomb Bremen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt J S Cooper, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Oxley, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt T R Whitehead, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt G H P Dean, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt S M Girvin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 401587 Sgt R Brook, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W F Gray, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The cemetery is 13kms south east of Soltau on the western side of the road from Hamburg to Hanover.

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421311 Flying Officer BUCKNELL, Geoffrey Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/644 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 371,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 840
Radio call sign:	OF – J
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND840 took off from RAF Coningsby at 0918 hours on 6th August 1944, to destroy a flying bomb storage site at Bois de Cassan, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 421311 FO Bucknell, G C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt L Barlow, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt L B Daitz, (Navigator)
RAF FO James, R A V DFC (Observer)
RAAF 424551 Flt Sgt R McAllister, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt G C Dyke, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W R Patience, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt L D Farmer, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and the pilot was incapacitated. The British Embassy later reported that the aircraft crashed at Eaubonne (Val D'Oise) a small town 14kms ESE of Pontoise, France. Seven of the crew were killed and FO James evaded capture.

Those killed are buried in the Clichy Northern Cemetery, Locality Haute de Seine, France. Clichy is a town adjacent to the northern boundary of Paris.

In a report by FO James he stated "I landed about 10 yards from the aircraft and no one baled out before me. The aircraft was in a steep spin and on fire. The inter com was U/S so no orders could be given. The French saw only one chute come out, and that the Germans had extricated seven bodies from the aircraft."

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

412902 Pilot Officer CHARLES, Thomas Eric

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/411 Micro Film No 463, OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 66, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 535
Radio call sign:	OF – Q
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB535 took off from RAF Bourn at 1715 hours on the night of 30/31st January 1944 to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Clarke, E S MID Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R V T Bowerman, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Carpenter, R J L (Navigator)
RAAF FO Law, N C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G Ridley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412902 PO Charles, T E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF Flt Lt Wishart, R P (Rear Gunner)

It was believed that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 2210 hours local time at Kolhorn (Noord-Holland), 7kms ENE of Schagen.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Barsingerhorn (Kolhorn)General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Holland, Netherlands. Kolhorn lies 33kms north east of Alkmaar and 10kms east of the main Alkmaar-Denhelder road.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

432755 Flight Sergeant CHEATLE, Raey Hilton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/836 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 69, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 961
Radio call sign:	OF – U
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND961 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2105 hours on the night of 7/8th
February 1945 to bomb the Dortmund-Ems canal at Laddergeren. Germany. Nothing was
heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

SAAF Lt McGregor, C W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Shield (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Norton, A J (Navigator)
RAF Flt Lt Johnson, G S DFC and Bar (flying as visual Air Bomber)
RCAF Flt Lt Smalley, R C (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432755 Flt Sgt R H Cheatle, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt P G Cannon, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D S Lennie, (Rear Gunner)

It was thought that ND961 had collided with an aircraft of No 83 Sqn RAF and crashed.
All the crew were killed.

Seven are buried in the Eindhoven (Woensal General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant,
Netherlands. Eindhoven is located 31kms south east of s'Hertogenbosch and 14kms
south west of Helmond.

Flt Lt Smalley is buried in the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland,
Netherlands.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
410193 Flight Sergeant CLEMENT, Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/522 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 269, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 764
Radio call sign:	OF – B
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND764 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2154 hours on the night of 9/10th June 1944 to bomb the rail junction at Etampes, France.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416949 PO Giddings, B W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Pritchard, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 413052 WO W B Webb, (Navigator)
RAAF 410193 Flt Sgt C Clement, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412746 WO R E Bethel, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429340 FO McGill, J A D (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 422725 Flt Sgt W J Seale, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft exploded between Boissy-Sous-St Yon (Essonne) and Breux-Jouy-St-Yon, two small villages 7kms south west of Arpajon, France. Five of the crew were killed and WO Bethel was a POW and Sgt Pritchard evaded capture.

PO Giddings is buried in the Breux Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France.

Breux is a village and commune 28kms south east of Versailles and 6kms south west of Arpajon. WO Webb is buried in the Boissy-Sous-St-Yon Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France. Boissy-Sous-St-Yon is a village 28kms SSE of Versailles and 7kms SSW of Arpajon.

Flt Sgt Clement, FO McGill and Flt Sgt Seale are buried in the Souzy-La-Briche Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France. Souzy-La-Briche a village and commune is 31kms south of Versailles and 10kms north of Etampes.

WO Bethel later reported “the aircraft was just turning to make a third run over the target to drop flares, when it was hit under the mid upper turret. The crew were ordered to put on chutes and this was acknowledged. After dropping flares the aircraft was again hit in both port motors and possibly elsewhere. The inter-com and lights were U/S. I went forward but could see no one in the aircraft. The escape hatch was open and the A/c full of black oily smoke. I tried to call out to the two gunners but the I/C would not work and the fire was burning fiercely. I know that Giddings, Webb and Pritchard all baled out safely and almost certain the two gunners had baled out as they were at the rear door early. I baled out at 6000 feet with the aircraft badly on fire but it seemed to be flying level. I think it crashed in the target area.”

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

401304 Flying Officer DAVIES, Llewellyn Alfred

Crew: Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/27/140 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 150,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5558
Radio call sign:	OF – T
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5558 took off from Woodhall Spa at 0050 hours on the night of 13/14th July 1942, to bomb Duisberg, Germany. At 0430 hours the aircraft crashed into the sea four miles off Wells, Norfolk. The aircraft returned by the correct route and with low cloud was down to 300 feet on return it asked for two QDM's. All the crew were killed in the crash.

Crew :

RNZAF PO Blease, J T Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C G Leitch, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 401304 FO Davies, L A (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt J Tales, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt A J McGee, (Mid Gunner)
RAF Sgt L Robinson, (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt B Earnshaw, (Front Gunner)

PO Blease, FO Davies and Flt Sgt McPhee are buried in the Great Bircham (St Mary) Churchyard, Norfolk, UK.

Sgt Leitch and Sgt Earnshaw have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

Flt Sgt Tales is buried in the West Mercea (Barfield Road) Burial Ground, Essex, UK

Sgt Robinson is buried in the Ashton-under-Lyne (Hurst) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404992 Flight Sergeant DINNING, John Hector

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/102/68 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 197,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5502
Radio call sign:	OF – M
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5502 took off from RAF Woodhall Spa satellite at 2102 hours on the night of 28/29th August 1942, to bomb Nuremberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404992 Flt Sgt J H Dinning, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W E Spooner, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt E V Cope, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt V A Hamon, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt C H Brummitt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H J Endley, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt B Quinn, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0248 hours at Maurage Chainut, 7kms north west of Binche, Belgium.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Gosselies Communal Cemetery, Locality Charleroi, Hainut, Belgium. The cemetery is 5kms north of Charleroi.

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

404174 Flying Officer DORWARD, Leslie Clement DFC MID

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/28/119 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 234,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5701
Radio call sign:	OF – Y
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5701 took off from Woodhill Spa at 1911 hours on the night of 5/6th October 1942 to bomb Aachen. Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Briant, N K DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A E Musgrave, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 404174 FO Dorward, L C DFC MID (Navigator)
RAF Sgt K O Mackay, DFM (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A H J Desmond, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J R Dawson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Harrison, K H DFM (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed between Brunssum and Amstenrade (Limburg), Belgium.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. The town of Nijmegen is located south of Arnhem and the Jonkerbos cemetery is in the south west part of the town.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to FO Dorward is as follows :
FO Dorward has participated in many operational sorties and his targets have included Trondheim, Gydna and a number of heavily defended areas of Germany. This officer has always shown outstanding cheerfulness in the performance of his duties and his excellent navigational skill has contributed largely to the successful results obtained.
(London Gazette 27/7/1943 page 3384)

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

427313 Flight Sergeant FOXCROFT, Kenneth Edgar

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/144 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 421,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 117
Radio call sign:	OF – C
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB117 took off from Bourn at 1650 hours on the night of 16/17th December 1943 to bomb Berlin. On return from the mission the aircraft was diverted to another drome not far from Bourn because of bad weather. When coming in to land, JB117 crashed at 0101 hours just over one mile north east of Graveley airfield, Huntingdonshire UK and not far from the Cambridgeshire village of Papworth St Agnes. All the crew were killed. Eight aircraft from the squadron were lost on this mission.

Crew:

RAAF 417123 Flt Sgt I McD Scott, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C W Collishaw, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt S J Peek, (Navigator)
RCAF Sgt D R Irvine, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt S G Parrott, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427313 Flt Sgt K E Foxcroft, (Mid Upper Gunner) *
RCAF Sgt C L Hope, (Rear Gunner)

* Above casualty file says his mustering is Pilot.

Flt Sgt Scott, Sgt Irvine, Flt Sgt Foxcroft and Sgt Hope are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket road cemetery.

Sgt Collishaw is buried in the Nottingham Southern Cemetery, Nottinghamshire, UK.

Sgt Peek is buried in the City of London & Tower Hamlets Cemetery, London, UK.

Sgt Parrott is buried in the Liss (St Mary) Churchyard, Hampshire, UK.

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

423784 Flying Officer FROST, Kenneth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/322 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PA 974
Radio call sign:	OF -
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PA974 took off on the night of 23/24th September 1944, to bomb Minstead. .
Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return from base.

Crew:

RAAF 421603 FO Lopez, R H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F Buchan, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423784 FO Frost, K (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt G S Sharpe, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410466 PO Girling, C J (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt Stronger, (
RCAF FO McLean, (
RCAF FO Walker, W ((Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed into the sea off Norfolk and all the crew were killed. Their bodies were subsequently recovered from the sea.

FO Lopez, FO Frost and PO Girling are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery. Flt Sgt Sharpe is buried in the Flordon (St Michael) Churchyard, Norfolk, UK
Sgt Buchan is buried in the Holm Parish Churchyard, Orkney, UK. The cemetery is on the shore of Lake Holm on the mainland.
FO Walker is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK.
Commonwealth War Graves records do not reveal where Sgt Stronger and FO McLean are buried. Nor is their mustering recorded in the above RAAF casualty file held at Archives.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
416949 Pilot Officer GIDDINGS, Bryan Wilba

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/522 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 269, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 764
Radio call sign:	OF – B
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND764 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2154 hours on the night of 9/10th June 1944 to bomb the rail junction at Etampes, France.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416949 PO Giddings, B W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Pritchard, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 413052 WO W B Webb, (Navigator)
RAAF 410193 Flt Sgt C Clement, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412746 WO R E Bethel, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429340 FO McGill, J A D (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 422725 Flt Sgt W J Seale, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft exploded between Boissy-Sous-St Yon (Essonne) and Breux-Jouy-St-Yon, two small villages 7kms south west of Arpajon, France. Five of the crew were killed and WO Bethel was a POW and Sgt Pritchard evaded capture.

PO Giddings is buried in the Breux Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France.

Breux is a village and commune 28kms south east of Versailles and 6kms south west of Arpajon. WO Webb is buried in the Boissy-Sous-St-Yon Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France. Boissy-Sous-St-Yon is a village 28kms SSE of Versailles and 7kms SSW of Arpajon.

Flt Sgt Clement, FO McGill and Flt Sgt Seale are buried in the Souzy-La-Briche Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France. Souzy-La-Briche a village and commune is 31kms south of Versailles and 10kms north of Etampes.

WO Bethel later reported “the aircraft was just turning to make a third run over the target to drop flares, when it was hit under the mid upper turret. The crew were ordered to put on chutes and this was acknowledged. After dropping flares the aircraft was again hit in both port motors and possibly elsewhere. The inter-com and lights were U/S. I went forward but could see no one in the aircraft. The escape hatch was open and the A/c full of black oily smoke. I tried to call out to the two gunners but the I/C would not work and the fire was burning fiercely. I know that Giddings, Webb and Pritchard all baled out safely and almost certain the two gunners had baled out as they were at the rear door early. I baled out at 6000 feet with the aircraft badly on fire but it seemed to be flying level. I think it crashed in the target area.”

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

419466 Pilot Officer GIRLING, Clyde Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/322 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PA 974
Radio call sign:	OF -
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PA974 took off on the night of 23/24th September 1944, to bomb Minstead. .
Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return from base.

Crew:

RAAF 421603 FO Lopez, R H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F Buchan, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423784 FO Frost, K (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt G S Sharpe, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410466 PO Girling, C J (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt Stronger, (
RCAF FO McLean, (
RCAF FO Walker, W ((Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed into the sea off Norfolk and all the crew were killed. Their bodies were subsequently recovered from the sea.

FO Lopez, FO Frost and PO Girling are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.
Flt Sgt Sharpe is buried in the Flordon (St Michael) Churchyard, Norfolk, UK
Sgt Buchan is buried in the Holm Parish Churchyard, Orkney, UK. The cemetery is on the shore of Lake Holm on the mainland.
FO Walker is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK.
Commonwealth War Graves records do not reveal where Sgt Stronger and FO McLean are buried. Nor is their mustering recorded in the above RAAF casualty file held at Archives.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
414785 Pilot Officer GLASBY, Harvey DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/295 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 365,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NE 121
Radio call sign:	OF – E
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NE121 took off from RAF Coningsby at 0545 hours on 30th July 1944, to bomb enemy strong points at Cahagnes, France, in the Normandy battle zone . Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Baker, H A B Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO W H Hunter, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 415195 Sqn Ldr Stevens, P A DFC & Bar, (Navigator)
RAF FO Oldham, J W DFM (Navigator)
RAF PO Moore, E H F DFM (Air Bomber)
RAAF 414785 PO Glasby, H DFC (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAFR FO Howells, G E W (Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt Sgt J S Mitchell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt L A Lenox, (Rear Gunner)

The port inner engine was set on fire as a result of enemy action, and the blaze soon spread to engulf the entire port wing. The bale our order was given.

The aircraft crashed around 8am south east of St Lo in the Department of Manche, France. Six of the crew were killed and Sqn Ldr Stevens, WO Hunter and PO Moore were POW's

Flt Lt Baker, FO Oldham and FO Howells have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

PO Glasby, Flt Sgt Mitchell and Flt Sgt Lenox are buried in the Bayeux War Cemetery, Locality Calvados, France. Bayeux is in Normandy 24kms north west of Caen.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to PO Glasby is as follows :

PO Glasby has participated in many operational sorties against heavily defended targets in Germany including five attacks against Berlin. In October 1943, during an attack on Kassel, the mid upper gunner in the aircraft was taken ill. As this officer was assisting the gunner from his turret, an enemy fighter attacked the aircraft. It was largely owing to the accurate shooting of this officer that the attacker was driven off. Afterwards he showed skill and initiative in extinguishing a fire in the fuselage and repairing the damaged oxygen system which had been rendered useless. An outstanding wireless operator, this officer has proved a most valuable member of aircraft crew.

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

412434 Pilot Officer HART, Allan Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/463 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 66,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 569
Radio call sign:	OF – J
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB569 took off from RAF Bourn at 1710 hours on the night of 30/31st January 1944 to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 412434 PO Hart, A R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L Clifton, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409497 Flt Sgt H J Boal, (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt G I Williams, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W J Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D F Hicks, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt C M Price, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed on a farm near Harfweg, approx 7 miles west of Amsterdam. All the crew were killed and there were civilian casualties in the farmhouse.

PO Hart and Flt Sgt Willaims are buried in the Haarlemmermeer (Zwanenburg) General Cemetery, :Locality Noord-Holland, Netherlands. Zwanenburg is a village in the commune of Haarlem. It is 10kms west of Amsterdam and 9kms east of Haarlem.

All the other members of the crew 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

407432 Sergeant HUTTON, Ernest Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/124/95 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 184,
Volume 1941

Aircraft Type:	Manchester
Serial number:	R 5792
Radio call sign:	OF -
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Manchester R5792 on 24th November 1941 was on a training exercise, when it collided in mid air with a Hurricane from No27 O T U. It crashed at 1155 hours at Walpole St Andrew, 7kms WSW of King's Lynn, Norfolk, UK, near the Hutton Bridge drome. All the crew were killed and the pilot of the Hurricane also lost his life.

Crew:

RAF FO Hill, H T Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt A C Smith, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J Newton, (Observer)
RAF Sgt F Holt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F E Martin (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Few, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 407432 Sgt E C Hutton, (Air Gunner)

FO Hill is buried in the Chesterton (St Andrew) Churchyard, Cambridgeshire, UK.

Flt Sgt Smith is buried in the Leicester (Gilroes) Cemetery, Leicestershire, UK.

Sgt Newton is buried in the Houghton-le-Spring (St Michael's) Roman Catholic Cemetery, Durham, UK.

Sgt Holt is buried in the Clitheroe Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

Sgt martin is buried in the Cannock Cemetery, Staffordshire, UK.

Sgt Few is buried in thye Rotherham (Masbrough) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Sgt Hutton is buried in the Coningsby Cemetery, Lincolnshire, UK.

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

401699 Flight Sergeant KRAEMER John Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/23/19 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 283,
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	EE 105
Radio call sign:	OF – Q
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster EE105 took off from RAF Bourn at 2015 hours on the night of 23/24th August 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. When the aircraft was returning to base after the mission it was hit by cannon fire from an intruder aircraft while over the Kings Lynn area at approx 0300 hours and at a height of 2000 feet. The starboard engine caught fire but the engine was feathered and the fire extinguished. Flames then came out of the trailing edge and later the leading edge of the wing as well as the bomb aimers compartment. As the fire increased, the Captain ordered the crew to bale out.

EE105 crashed at Shouldham, 9 miles east of Swaffham, Norfolk, UK

Six of the crew baled out but the body of Flt Sgt Kraemer was found in the wreckage of the aircraft.

Crew:

RAF Sgt C S Chatten, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Baumber, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Armitage, L P ((Navigator)
RAF Sgt W F Standen (Air Bomber
RAF Sgt W A Reffin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 401699 Flt Sgt J R Kraemer, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt L V Smith, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Kraemer is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK.
The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

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

409318 Warrant Officer LAMBERT, Alfred Leonard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/135 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 298,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 625
Radio call sign:	OF -
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME625 while engaged in formation flying practice on 23rd June 1944, collided with Lancaster ND981 and spun out of control and crashed at Cloor House farm in Deeping Fen, UK. The eight on board ME625 were killed in the crash.
ND981 also crashed and 5 were killed and one survived.

Crew:

RAAF 415220 Flt Lt Van Raalte, H S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt M Durn, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Williams, D G (Navigator)
RAAF 409318 WO A L Lambert, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410136 FO Arnold, A (Navigator) Flying as visual Air Bomber
RAF Flt Sgt E H Peace, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R G Davies, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Fletcher, J D (Rear Gunner)

Flt Lt Van Raalte, WO Lambert, FO Arnold, Flt Sgt Peace and Flt Lt Fletcher are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

Flt Sgt Durn is buried in the Marsden (St Bartholomew) Churchyard, Yorkshire, UK.
PO Williams and Flt Sgt Davies are buried in the Rhonda (Treorchy) Cemetery, Glamorganshire, UK.

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

426355 Flight Sergeant LAURIE, Lionel George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/371 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	KM 346
Radio call sign:	OF -
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster KM346 took off from RAF Bourn airfield on the night of 28/29th January 1944 detailed to bomb Berlin. Owing to heavy icing at 16,000 feet it was found necessary to jettison 4 x 500lb bombs in order to get height, causing too much loss of time. To reach the primary target, so Kiel was bombed as a last resort.

Considerable heavy and light flak and searchlights were encountered both north and west of the target, and the Rear Gunner was killed due to severe shrapnel wounds in the head. The H2S, flaps, undercarriage, starboard outer engine and brake pressure system were severely damaged by flak. The aircraft returned safely to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415220 FO Van Raalte, H S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R F Smith, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt D G Williams, (Navigator)
RAAF 409318 Flt Sgt A L Lambert, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R H Peace, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R G Dawes, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 426335 Flt Sgt L G Laurie, (Rear Gunner)

Sgt Laurie is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK.
The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

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

415432 Flying Officer LAW, Norman Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/411 Micro Film No 463, OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 66, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 535
Radio call sign:	OF – Q
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB535 took off from RAF Bourn at 1715 hours on the night of 30/31st January 1944 to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Clarke, E S MID Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R V T Bowerman, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Carpenter, R J L (Navigator)
RAAF FO Law, N C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G Ridley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412902 PO Charles, T E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF Flt Lt Wishart, R P (Rear Gunner)

It was believed that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 2210 hours local time at Kolhorn (Noord-Holland), 7kms ENE of Schagen.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Barsingerhorn (Kolhorn)General Cemetery, Locfality Noord-Holland, Netherlands. Kolhorn lies 33kms north eats of Alkmaar and 10kms east of the main Alkmaar-Denhelder road.

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

421603 Flying Officer LOPEZ, Robin Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/322 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PA 974
Radio call sign:	OF -
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PA974 took off on the night of 23/24th September 1944, to bomb Minstead. .
Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return from base.

Crew:

RAAF 421603 FO Lopez, R H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F Buchan, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423784 FO Frost, K (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt G S Sharpe, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410466 PO Girling, C J (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt Stronger, (
RCAF FO McLean, (
RCAF FO Walker, W ((Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed into the sea off Norfolk and all the crew were killed. Their bodies were subsequently recovered from the sea.

FO Lopez, FO Frost and PO Girling are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery. Flt Sgt Sharpe is buried in the Flordon (St Michael) Churchyard, Norfolk, UK
Sgt Buchan is buried in the Holm Parish Churchyard, Orkney, UK. The cemetery is on the shore of Lake Holm on the mainland.
FO Walker is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK.
Commonwealth War Graves records do not reveal where Sgt Stronger and FO McLean are buried. Nor is their mustering recorded in the above RAAF casualty file held at Archives.

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

417311 Flight Sergeant MARSH, Peter Andrew

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/335 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 46,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 299
Radio call sign:	OF – M
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB299 took off from RAF Bourn on the night of 21/22nd January 1944, detailed to bomb Magdeburg, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Roberts, F J DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E J Devine, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt R Dudley, DFM (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt G Young, DFM (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt F Martin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 417311 Flt Sgt P A Marsh, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF WO2 W A parsley, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported "the aircraft crashed at Schmela, 7 miles north of Wittingen and 35 miles north of Braunschweig.
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

400416 Sergeant MATTHAMS, Ronald George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/142/518 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4239
Radio call sign:	OF -
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4239 crashed at approx 1950 hours on 31st October 1942, approx 200 yards outside the south east end of the Woodhall drome, Lincolnshire, UK.

Sgt Matthams and Sgt Francis (RAF) died of their injuries, whilst others on boards were injured.

Crew:

RAF Sgt W MacLeod, (
RAF Sgt T Starkey,(
RAAF 400416 Sgt R G Matthams, (Observer)
RAF Sgt K W Dykes, (
RCAF PO D Rodger, (
RAF Sgt T Guy, (
RAF Sgt D Francis (Air Gunner)

Sgt Matthams is buried in the Coningsby Cemetery, Lincolnshire, UK. Coningsby is 7 miles south west of Horncastle, UK

Sgt Francis is buried in the Cardiff Western Cemetery, Glamorganshire, UK.

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

424551 Flight Sergeant McALLISTER, Ronald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/644 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 371,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 840
Radio call sign:	OF – J
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND840 took off from RAF Coningsby at 0918 hours on 6th August 1944, to destroy a flying bomb storage site at Bois de Cassan, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 421311 FO Bucknell, G C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt L Barlow, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt L B Daitz, (Navigator)
RAF FO James, R A V DFC (Observer)
RAAF 424551 Flt Sgt R McAllister, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt G C Dyke, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W R Patience, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt L D Farmer, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak and the pilot was incapacitated. The British Embassy later reported that the aircraft crashed at Eaubonne (Val D'Oise) a small town 14kms ESE of Pontoise, France. Seven of the crew were killed and FO James evaded capture.

Those killed are buried in the Clichy Northern Cemetery, Locality Haute de Seine, France. Clichy is a town adjacent to the northern boundary of Paris.

In a report by FO James he stated "I landed about 10 yards from the aircraft and no one baled out before me. The aircraft was in a steep spin and on fire. The inter com was U/S so no orders could be given. The French saw only one chute come out, and that the Germans had extricated seven bodies from the aircraft."

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

403200 Flying Officer McEGAN, Eugene Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/298 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 391,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 238
Radio call sign:	OF – A
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB238 took off from RAF Bourn at 1730 hours on the night of 22/23rd
November 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take
off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 403200 FO McEgan, E F Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 21213 Flt Sgt F A Williams, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Spencer, P A (Navigator)
RAF FO Tyler, J V (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J J Johnson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W S Gibb, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF WO1 J R A Burke, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Achmer, 4kms WSW of Bramsche, Germany.
FO McEgan, Flt Sgt Williams and FO Tyler were killed and the others were POW's.

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

In a later report WO1 Burke stated "On being captured by farmers I was informed that
McEgan was dead when found due to failure of his chute to open. This was later verified
by a German Intelligence Officer>"

Sgt Gibb stated that " I believe McEgan was killed after baling out of the aircraft but
never saw him myself and cannot confirm the report."

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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429340 Flying Officer McGILL, John Alexander Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/522 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 269, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 764
Radio call sign:	OF – B
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND764 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2154 hours on the night of 9/10th June 1944 to bomb the rail junction at Etampes, France.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416949 PO Giddings, B W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Pritchard, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 413052 WO W B Webb, (Navigator)
RAAF 410193 Flt Sgt C Clement, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412746 WO R E Bethel, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429340 FO McGill, J A D (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 422725 Flt Sgt W J Seale, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft exploded between Boissy-Sous-St Yon (Essonne) and Breux-Jouy-St-Yon, two small villages 7kms south west of Arpajon, France. Five of the crew were killed and WO Bethel was a POW and Sgt Pritchard evaded capture.

PO Giddings is buried in the Breux Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France.

Breux is a village and commune 28kms south east of Versailles and 6kms south west of Arpajon. WO Webb is buried in the Boissy-Sous-St-Yon Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France. Boissy-Sous-St-Yon is a village 28kms SSE of Versailles and 7kms SSW of Arpajon.

Flt Sgt Clement, FO McGill and Flt Sgt Seale are buried in the Souzy-La-Briche Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France. Souzy-La-Briche a village and commune is 31kms south of Versailles and 10kms north of Etampes.

WO Bethel later reported “the aircraft was just turning to make a third run over the target to drop flares, when it was hit under the mid upper turret. The crew were ordered to put on chutes and this was acknowledged. After dropping flares the aircraft was again hit in both port motors and possibly elsewhere. The inter-com and lights were U/S. I went forward but could see no one in the aircraft. The escape hatch was open and the A/c full of black oily smoke. I tried to call out to the two gunners but the I/C would not work and the fire was burning fiercely. I know that Giddings, Webb and Pritchard all baled out safely and almost certain the two gunners had baled out as they were at the rear door early. I baled out at 6000 feet with the aircraft badly on fire but it seemed to be flying level. I think it crashed in the target area.”

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415268 Fligh Sergeant McGRATH, Thomas William Newport

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/219 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 291,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 707
Radio call sign:	OF – V
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA707 took off from RAF Bourne at 2150 hours on the night of 27/28th August 1943 detailed to bomb Nuremburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Sgt H A Bond, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E Gillman, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J E Rainsford, (Navigator)
RAF FO Peters, V C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Kenny, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt O Ramsden, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 415268 Flt Sgt T W N McGrath, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was homebound at 14,000 feet and about 10 minutes after leaving the target area when it came under heavy and sustained attack by a night fighter. This resulted in severe damage to the trimming controls and ailerons. Subsequently the aircraft crash landed at Sibret (Luxembourg), 7kms south west of Bastogne, Belgium.

FO Peters and Flt Sgt McGrath were killed and of the others two were POW's and three evaded capture.

Those killed are buried in the Florennes Communal Cemetery, Locality Florennes, Namur, Belgium. The cemetery is 22kms south east of Charleroi.

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

414154 Flying Officer McINTYRE, Norman Gregor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/379 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 421,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 963
Radio call sign:	OF – Q
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA963 took off from RAF Bourn at 1655 hours on the night of 16/17th December 1943 to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base Eight aircraft from the squadron failed to return from this mission..

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Brill, D J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Handley, R E DFM (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Stone, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 414154 FO McIntyre, N G (Navigator)
RAF PO Butler, R (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H Chappell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF FO Little, G J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 413943 Flt Sgt E J Battle, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team later reported “the aircraft was hit by flak and crashed at approx 2300 hours on the 16th December. It exploded in mid air and wreckage was spread over an area of Schiller Park, Berlin.” All the crew were killed.

Flt Lt Brill, Flt Lt Handley, Sgt Stone and Sgt Chappell have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

FO McIntyre, PO Butler, FO Little and Flt Sgt Battle are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery. Germany.

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413409 Squadron Leader McLEOD, Lewis Arthur John DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/488 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 289,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 451
Radio call sign:	OF – L
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND451 took off from RAF Conningsby at 2325 hours on the night of 21/22nd June 1944, detailed to bomb Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 413409 Sqn Ldr McLeod, L A J DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W Reid, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Lt Cunningham, P A (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt J H Price, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J B Knight, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Mossop, H R (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt C Baker, (Rear Gunner)

When the aircraft was outbound to the target it was hit by flak and crashed near Grieth on the west bank of the Rhine, 12kms east of Kleve. Sqn Ldr McLeod and Flt Sgt Knight were killed and the others were POW's.

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

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to Sqn Ldr McLeod is as follows :

“Sqn Ldr McLeod has completed numerous sorties on strongly defended targets and has invariably pressed home his attacks with great determination. This officer is a wholly efficient flight commander whose sterling qualities have been reflected in the successes of the flight which he commands. During his tour Sqn Ldr McLeod has attacked Berlin on seven occasions.”

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418545 Flight Sergeant MURDOCH, Robert Daniel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/244 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 77,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 478
Radio call sign:	OF – Q
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND478 took off from RAF Bourn at 1705 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:

RAF PO J F McLean, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W D French, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A Pestell, (Navigator)
RCAF FO Stevens, L (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W E Brown, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R T Charles, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 418545 Flt Sgt R D Murdoch, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter at a height of 21,000 feet. It crashed near Faaborg on the south coast of Fyn Island, Denmark
Five of the crew were killed and PO McLean and FO Stevens were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Faaborg New Cemetery, Denmark. Faaborg is a small town on the south east coast of the Island of Fyn which lies between Jutland and Zealand.

FO Stevens later reported "On 15/2 while flying over enemy territory the aircraft was suddenly attacked and an uncontrollable fire developed. The navigator jettisoned the bombs. While the hatch was being opened I was standing beside the pilot and remember nothing more until I came to falling through the air. After being taken prisoner I was told that there were 4 bodies in the aircraft. I do not know the fate of the other crew."

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417123 Flight Sergeant SCOTT, Ian McDonald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/144 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 421,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 117
Radio call sign:	OF – C
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB117 took off from Bourn at 1650 hours on the night of 16/17th December 1943 to bomb Berlin. On return from the mission the aircraft was diverted to another drome not far from Bourn because of bad weather. When coming in to land, JB117 crashed at 0101 hours just over one mile north east of Graveley airfield, Huntingdonshire UK and not far from the Cambridgeshire village of Papworth St Agnes. All the crew were killed. Eight aircraft from the squadron were lost on this mission.

Crew:

RAAF 417123 Flt Sgt I McD Scott, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C W Collishaw, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt S J Peek, (Navigator)
RCAF Sgt D R Irvine, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt S G Parrott, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427313 Flt Sgt K E Foxcroft, (Mid Upper Gunner) *
RCAF Sgt C L Hope, (Rear Gunner)

* Above casualty file says his mustering is Pilot.

Flt Sgt Scott, Sgt Irvine, Flt Sgt Foxcroft and Sgt Hope are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket road cemetery.

Sgt Collishaw is buried in the Nottingham Southern Cemetery, Nottinghamshire, UK.

Sgt Peek is buried in the City of London & Tower Hamlets Cemetery, London, UK.

Sgt Parrott is buried in the Liss (St Mary) Churchyard, Hampshire, UK.

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410390 Flying Officer SINCLAIR, William Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/668 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 515,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 461
Radio call sign:	OF – M
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB461 took off from RAF Conningsby at 1649 hours on the night of 21/22nd December 1944, detailed to bomb Politz. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 410390 FO Sinclair, W R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S B Morgan (Flight Engineer)
RCAF PO Kendall, G H (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt K Mannion, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt T D Creming, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt E J Hobbs, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt G A O’N Oliver, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the general area of Eiken, Norway, and all the crew were killed.

FO Sinclair, PO Kendall and Flt Sgt Creming are buried in the Eiken Churchyard, Norway. Eien lies about 55kms north of the south coast town of Mandal.

Sgt Morgan, Flt Sgt Mannion and Flt Sgt Oliver are buried in the Aseral Churchyard, Norway. Aseral is located about 65kms north of the south coast town of Mandal.

Flt Sgt Hobbs is buried in the Austad Churchyard, Norway. Flekkefiord is a seaport on the western side of the south coast of Norway. The Church is situated on the old part of the E39 next to a new bridge road.

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421133 Flight Sergeant SINDEN, Robert William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/254 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 398,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 221
Radio call sign:	OF – W
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB221 took off from RAF Bourn at 0030 hours on the night of 25/26th November 1943, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Lt Brown, C M Captain (Pilot) Croix de Guerre (France)
RAF PO Smith G, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Watson, T (Navigator)
RCAF FO Aley, H C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt F F Tutt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D H W Little, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 421133 Flt Sgt R W Sinden, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft exploded in the air and crashed at Brandau, 10kms south east of Darmstadt, Germany, and all the crew were killed.

Flt Lt Brown, PO Smith, PO Watson, and Sgt Tutt have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK

FO Aley, Sgt Little and Sgt Sinden 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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401251 Sergeant SMITH, Norman Lindsay

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/162/401 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 149,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5696
Radio call sign:	OF – H
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5696 took off from RAF Woodhall Spa satellite at 1642 hours on the 11th July 1942, detailed to bomb Danzig. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Miller, C W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Forsyth, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt A T Grossmith (Observer)
RAAF 401251 Sgt N L Smith, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Eslick, J N (Front Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt A E Nickerson, (Mid Gunner)
RCAF PO Westgate, R J (Rear Gunner)

Owing to bad weather encountered en route the formation was broken before reaching the target. Over the target searchlights, heavy and light flak were encountered. The base of the cloud was 5000 feet.

All the crew of R5696 were killed and they are buried in the Malbork Commonwealth War Cemetery, Poland. Malbork is a town on the river Nogat located in the north of Poland and to the south east of the city of Gdansk (Danzig).

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415220 Flight Lieutenant VAN RAALTE, Henry Stewart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/135 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 298,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 625
Radio call sign:	OF -
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME625 while engaged in formation flying practice on 23rd June 1944, collided with Lancaster ND981 and spun out of control and crashed at Cloor House farm in Deeping Fen, UK. The eight on board ME625 were killed in the crash. ND981 also crashed and 5 were killed and one survived.

Crew:

RAAF 415220 Flt Lt Van Raalte, H S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt M Durn, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Williams, D G (Navigator)
RAAF 409318 WO A L Lambert, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410136 FO Arnold, A (Navigator) Flying as visual Air Bomber
RAF Flt Sgt E H Peace, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R G Davies, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Fletcher, J D (Rear Gunner)

Flt Lt Van Raalte, WO Lambert, FO Arnold, Flt Sgt Peace and Flt Lt Fletcher are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

Flt Sgt Durn is buried in the Marsden (St Bartholomew) Churchyard, Yorkshire, UK.
PO Williams and Flt Sgt Davies are buried in the Rhonda (Treorchy) Cemetery, Glamorganshire, UK.

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418599 Flying Officer WARD, Henry Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/669 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 764
Radio call sign:	OF -
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND764 took off at 0025 hours on the night of 10/11th May 1944, detailed to bomb Lille, France. While returning from the mission the aircraft was engaged by heavy predicted flak at a height of 9000 feet. The first shell burst quite close to the mid upper turret killing the Mid Upper Gunner. The next few shells burst fairly close to the aircraft and did further damage to the inter com, the DR compass and the elevator controls. The aircraft returned safely to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Walton, W M Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Flt Sgt L G G Mayhew, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF Flt Sgt W Williams, (Navigator)
 RAF PO Ross, H (Air Bomber)
 RAF PO Roberts, F D (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 418599 FO Ward, H T (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt J D Hadlington (Rear Gunner)

FO Ward is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

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413052 Warrant Officer WEBB, William Bryce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/522 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of
the Second World War, Page 269, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 764
Radio call sign:	OF – B
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND764 took off from RAF Coningsby at 2154 hours on the night of 9/10th June 1944 to bomb the rail junction at Etampes, France.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416949 PO Giddings, B W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Pritchard, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 413052 WO W B Webb, (Navigator)
RAAF 410193 Flt Sgt C Clement, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 412746 WO R E Bethel, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429340 FO McGill, J A D (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 422725 Flt Sgt W J Seale, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft exploded between Boissy-Sous-St Yon (Essonne) and Breux-Jouy-St-Yon, two small villages 7kms south west of Arpajon, France. Five of the crew were killed and WO Bethel was a POW and Sgt Pritchard evaded capture.

PO Giddings is buried in the Breux Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France.

Breux is a village and commune 28kms south east of Versailles and 6kms south west of Arpajon. WO Webb is buried in the Boissy-Sous-St-Yon Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France. Boissy-Sous-St-Yon is a village 28kms SSE of Versailles and 7kms SSW of Arpajon.

Flt Sgt Clement, FO McGill and Flt Sgt Seale are buried in the Souzy-La-Briche Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France. Souzy-La-Briche a village and commune is 31kms south of Versailles and 10kms north of Etampes.

WO Bethel later reported “the aircraft was just turning to make a third run over the target to drop flares, when it was hit under the mid upper turret. The crew were ordered to put on chutes and this was acknowledged. After dropping flares the aircraft was again hit in both port motors and possibly elsewhere. The inter-com and lights were U/S. I went forward but could see no one in the aircraft. The escape hatch was open and the A/c full of black oily smoke. I tried to call out to the two gunners but the I/C would not work and the fire was burning fiercely. I know that Giddings, Webb and Pritchard all baled out safely and almost certain the two gunners had baled out as they were at the rear door early. I baled out at 6000 feet with the aircraft badly on fire but it seemed to be flying level. I think it crashed in the target area.”

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21213 Flight Sergeant WILLIAMS, Francis Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/298 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 391,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 238
Radio call sign:	OF – A
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB238 took off from RAF Bourn at 1730 hours on the night of 22/23rd
November 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take
off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 403200 FO McEgan, E F Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 21213 Flt Sgt F A Williams, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Spencer, P A (Navigator)
RAF FO Tyler, J V (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J J Johnson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W S Gibb, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF WO1 J R A Burke, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Achmer, 4kms WSW of Bramsche, Germany.
FO McEgan, Flt Sgt Williams and FO Tyler were killed and the others were POW's.

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

In a later report WO1 Burke stated "On being captured by farmers I was informed that
McEgan was dead when found due to failure of his chute to open. This was later verified
by a German Intelligence Officer>"

Sgt Gibb stated that " I believe McEgan was killed after baling out of the aircraft but
never saw him myself and cannot confirm the report."

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400907 Flight Lieutenant WISHART, Rodger Peryman

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/411 Micro Film No 463, OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 66, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 535
Radio call sign:	OF – Q
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB535 took off from RAF Bourn at 1715 hours on the night of 30/31st January 1944 to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Clarke, E S MID Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R V T Bowerman, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Carpenter, R J L (Navigator)
RAAF FO Law, N C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G Ridley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412902 PO Charles, T E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF Flt Lt Wishart, R P (Rear Gunner)

It was believed that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 2210 hours local time at Kolhorn (Noord-Holland), 7kms ENE of Schagen.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Barsingerhorn (Kolhorn)General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Holland, Netherlands. Kolhorn lies 33kms north east of Alkmaar and 10kms east of the main Alkmaar-Denhelder road.

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421345 Flight Sergeant WOOLF, Godfrey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/87 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 19,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 960
Radio call sign:	OF – E
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA960 took off from RAF Bourn at 0051 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 Mooney, R L DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F B Grey, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Johnson, G A DFM (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt J Worsdale, DFM (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt N D Cameron, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 421345 Flt Sgt G Woolf, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt G E Smith, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was hit by flak when home bound and crashed into a hill north west of La Calamine.

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.

Flt Sgt Woolf had done 32 operational sorties (five against Berlin) and he was awarded the Path Finder Badge.

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415713 Flying Officer WORTH, Irwin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/109 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 95,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 312
Radio call sign:	OF – A
Unit:	ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB312 took off from RAF Bourn at 0015 hours on the night of 20/21st February, 1944, detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. The aircraft crashed 300 yards short of the runway on it's return to base, having previously reported a mid air collision while leaving the target area. In the collision the H2S blister was torn away, and the fuselage and flaps were badly damaged. The aircraft had probably been damaged by flak also. All the crew were killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Emerson, R S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt A J Newell, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 415713 FO Worth, I (Navigator)
RAF PO Bartholomew, J A DFC (Air Bomber)
RCAF WO1 R J Dickie, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt G W Wood, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt W G Duncan, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Duncan is buried in the Derryaghy (Christ Church) Church of Ireland, County Antrim, UK.

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

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424320 Pilot Officer BOGAN, Edward Anthony

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/1492 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FW 224
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 98 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FW224 took off on 2nd February 1845 detailed to attack an important target in Holland. The aircraft slid out of the formation emitting grey smoke, and the pilot called for homings between 1000 and 1004 hours and was given a course of 205 degrees. It failed to maintain height on one engine and struck the ground. It crashed 2 miles south of Malines Belgium, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 417078 PO Hicks, B I H Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO G A Winter (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 424320 PO Bogan, E A (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt A Barker (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Brussels Town Cemetery, Locality Evere, Noord-Brabant, Belgium.

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

412374 Flight Sergeant BREAKSPEAR, Allan Rothery

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/277 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FL 683
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 98 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FL683 took off from RAF Dunsfield on 21st September 1943, detailed to bomb synthetic oil production plant at Lens, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Atkins, A G G Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Tanner, S A R (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 412374 Flt Sgt A R Breakspear, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K S H Lawson, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was attacked when over the town of Arras and it crashed between the villages of Noyelle and Wanquentin. Arras is approx 100 miles north of Paris, and both villages are approx 7 miles south west of Arras.

The CO of the Squadron was flying next to FL683 when it was hit by cannon shells from a FW190B enemy aircraft and crashed. No one was seen to leave the aircraft.

All the crew are buried in the Noyelle Communal Cemetery, France. Noyelle is a small communal and village about 7 miles south west of Arras.

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

420863 Flying Officer DALTON, DouglasVernon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9276 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FV 940
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 98 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell DV940 took off from RAF Dunsfield, Horsham, Sussex, UK at 0830 hours on the 20th March 1944, detailed to bomb construction work at Gerenfles at 0930 hours from a height of 10000 feet. At approx 3 minutes before reaching the target smoke was seen to be issuing from the starboard engine, but the pilot continued to fly in the box formation of 6 aircraft.

After successfully bombing, the aircraft broke away from the formation and dived towards the coast. The aircraft was last seen at about 3000 feet heading towards the sea. The last VHF signal was "starboard engine on fire. Angels 3, will have to ditch." Nothing further was heard and no chutes were seen to leave the aircraft.

The aircraft crashed into the Channel approx 36 miles south of Baie de Somme, France, and all the crew were killed

Crew:

RAAF 420863 FO Dalton, D V Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF FO Lindsey, D W (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 418460 Flt Sgt V H Pearsall, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt H E Jeffery, (Air Gunner)

FODalton, whose body was washed ashore, is buried in the Marquise Communal Cemetery, Locality Pas-de-Calais, France. Marquise is a small town midway between Boulogne and Calais, about 13kms north east of Boulogne.

Flt Sgt Pearsall and Sgt Jeffery are buried in the Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, Locality Somme, France.

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

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

23376 Flying Officer DIVERSI, James Patrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/297 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FL 700
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 98 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FL700 took off from RAF Dunsford at on 20th April 1944, and crashed into the ground doing a left hand diving turn about two miles from the drome just after take off. The aircraft was the last aircraft in a box of six to take off on an operational flight. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt G R Davis, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G Aldridge, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 23374 FO Diversi, J P (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt T Shehan, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Davis is buried in the Charlton Cemetery, Greenwich, London, UK
Sgt Aldridge and FO Diversi are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK
Sgt Shehan is buried in the Cockett, (St Peter) Churchyard, Glamorganshire, UK

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

417078 Pilot Officer HICKS, Bruce Ian Hamilton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/1492 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FW 224
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 98 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FW224 took off on 2nd February 1845 detailed to attack an important target in Holland. The aircraft slid out of the formation emitting grey smoke, and the pilot called for homings between 1000 and 1004 hours and was given a course of 205 degrees. It failed to maintain height on one engine and struck the ground. It crashed 2 miles south of Malines Belgium, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 417078 PO Hicks, B I H Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO G A Winter (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 424320 PO Bogan, E A (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt A Barker (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Brussels Town Cemetery, Locality Evere, Noord-Brabant, Belgium.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

425684 Flying Officer LENNIE, Thomas John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/547 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FW 194
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 98 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FW194 was detailed on 25th September 1944 to carry out an attack on Arnhem, Holland. The aircraft was seen by other aircraft of the squadron being attacked by enemy aircraft over the target, and later seen on fire. FW194 crashed in Arnhem behind a Red Cross hospital.

Crew:

RAAF 428531 Flt Sgt B L Williams, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425684 FO Lennie, T J (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RCAF WO H F Bowater, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Lt C B Carter, (Air Gunner)

Three of the crew were killed and WO Bowater returned safe to the UK.

Flt Sgt Williams and FO Lennie are buried in the Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Holland.

Flt Lt Carter has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

WO) Bowater later stated "The others were killed when the aircraft crashed. The escape had been sealed by the cannon fire."

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400658 Pilot Officer McGREGOR, Ronald Angus

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/522 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FV 985
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 98 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FV985 took off from RAF Dunsfold, Horsham, Sussex, at approx 1500 hours on 23rd July 1944, detailed to bomb railway yards at Glea/Montfort, France, from a height of 10,000 feet. While the bombs were being released over the target, an explosion occurred, and it was believed a bomb from the aircraft exploded in the bomb bay or just after leaving the aircraft. The aircraft disintegrated in the air and all the crew were killed. The explosion also caused casualties in three other aircraft in the box formation.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Paynter, H Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Dodd, J (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Flt Sgt T F Riley, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 400658 PO McGregor, R A (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Saint Philbert-Sur-Risle Communal Cemetery, Locality Eure, France. Saint Philbert-Sur-Risle is a village and commune, 12kms south west of Pont Audemet and 48kms north west of Evreux. It is also near the town of Montfort.

The above four airmen are the only WW2 fatalities buried in the cemetery.

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410714 Pilot Officer NOTTLE, Harold Morris

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5258075 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 98 SQN RAF

Summary:

PO Nottle (Wireless Operator Air) was presumed dead by Air Ministry on 25th September 1944, during air operations over Arnhem, Holland. He is buried in the Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. The town of Nijmegen is located south of Arnhem and the cemetery is located in the southwest part of the town.

No other details are available as Archives do not hold a RAAF Casualty file for PO Nottle.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

418460 Flight Sergeant PEARSALL, Vivian Harold

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9276 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FV 940
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 98 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell DV940 took off from RAF Dunsfield, Horsham, Sussex, UK at 0830 hours on the 20th March 1944, detailed to bomb construction work at Gerenfles at 0930 hours from a height of 10000 feet. At approx 3 minutes before reaching the target smoke was seen to be issuing from the starboard engine, but the pilot continued to fly in the box formation of 6 aircraft.

After successfully bombing, the aircraft broke away from the formation and dived towards the coast. The aircraft was last seen at about 3000 feet heading towards the sea. The last VHF signal was "starboard engine on fire. Angels 3, will have to ditch." Nothing further was heard and no chutes were seen to leave the aircraft.

The aircraft crashed into the Channel approx 36 miles south of Baie de Somme, France, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 420863 FO Dalton, D V Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF FO Lindsey, D W (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 418460 Flt Sgt V H Pearsall, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt H E Jeffery, (Air Gunner)

FODalton, whose body was washed ashore, is buried in the Marquise Communal Cemetery, Locality Pas-de-Calais, France. Marquise is a small town midway between Boulogne and Calais, about 13kms north east of Boulogne.

Flt Sgt Pearsall and Sgt Jeffery are buried in the Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, Locality Somme, France.

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

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422318 Pilot Officer THURSTON, Walter Vincent

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/295 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FV 184
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 98 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FV184 took off at approx 2236 hours on the night of 11/12th June 1944 from RAF Dunsfold, to drop flares in support of Nos 138 and 140 Wings near Caen, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422318 PO Thurston, W V Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt T Dean, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RCAF Flt Sgt W Irving (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF Flt Sgt A F Zade, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at Lavilllette, France.
Three of the crew were killed and, Flt Sgt Zade returned safe to UK.

PO Thurston and Flt Sgt Dean are buried in the Banneville-La-Campagne War Cemetery, Locality Calvados, France. Banneville-La-Campagne is a village in Normandy, 10kms east of Caen. Commonwealth War Grave records do not indicate where Flt Sgt Irving is buried.

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428531 Flight Sergeant WILLIAMS, Bruce Llewellyn

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/547 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FW 194
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 98 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FW194 was detailed on 25th September 1944 to carry out an attack on Arnhem, Holland. The aircraft was seen by other aircraft of the squadron being attacked by enemy aircraft over the target, and later seen on fire. FW194 crashed in Arnhem behind a Red Cross hospital.

Crew:

RAAF 428531 Flt Sgt B L Williams, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425684 FO Lennie, T J (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RCAF WO H F Bowater, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Lt C B Carter, (Air Gunner)

Three of the crew were killed and WO Bowater returned safe to the UK.

Flt Sgt Williams and FO Lennie are buried in the Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Holland.

Flt Lt Carter has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

WO) Bowater later stated "The others were killed when the aircraft crashed. The escape had been sealed by the cannon fire."

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410044 Pilot Officer BICCARD, Noel Thalman

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA A705, 166/5/916 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	KH 254
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 99 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator KH254 collided with Liberator KG974 at Char Mahammadpur, Bengal on 21st January 1945. Both aircraft collided head on just after dawn when a formation of 16 aircraft from the Squadron was forming up for one of the biggest operation yet attempted. The squadron aircraft were forming up with aircraft from other Squadrons at a rendezvous point.

The rendezvous point was an island, and aircraft were required to make a left hand circuit at a height of 5000 feet when forming up. Difficulty was experienced by some crews in forming up as the island was enveloped by ground mist.

Both aircraft were fully laden with bombs when they collided at 0706 hours. There was an immediate explosion and a pall of black smoke. All on board KH254 were killed

Crew:

RAAF 410044 PO Biccard, N T Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt F J Wright (2nd Pilot)
 SAAF Lt Spafford, A L (Navigator)
 RAF Flt Lt Simpson, M T (Air Bomber)
 RAF Flt Sgt A Kay (1st Wireless Operator)
 RAF Sgt H R J Ross, (2nd Wireless Operator)
 RAF Flt Sgt C Candlish, (Front Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt T G A Lineton, (Ball Gunner)
 RAAF 428016 Flt Sgt B C Geeves, (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt R H Dixon, (Rear Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt P A W Reader, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF WO J L McKee, (Navigator Bomb Aimer) Pax

Eleven of those on board are buried in the Maynamati War Cemetery, Bangladesh. Maynamati is some 7kms from the centre of Comilla which is on the railway line linking Dhaka with Chittagong. Commonwealth War Graves records do not record where Sgt Ross is buried.

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428016 Flight Sergeant GEEVES, Bruce Colin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA A705, 166/5/916 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	KH 254
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 99 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator KH254 collided with Liberator KG974 at Char Mahammadpur, Bengal on 21st January 1945. Both aircraft collided head on just after dawn when a formation of 16 aircraft from the Squadron was forming up for one of the biggest operation yet attempted. The squadron aircraft were forming up with aircraft from other Squadrons at a rendezvous point.

The rendezvous point was an island, and aircraft were required to make a left hand circuit at a height of 5000 feet when forming up. Difficulty was experienced by some crews in forming up as the island was enveloped by ground mist.

Both aircraft were fully laden with bombs when they collided at 0706 hours. There was an immediate explosion and a pall of black smoke. All on board KH254 were killed

Crew:

RAAF 410044 PO Biccard, N T Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt F J Wright (2nd Pilot)
 SAAF Lt Spafford, A L (Navigator)
 RAF Flt Lt Simpson, M T (Air Bomber)
 RAF Flt Sgt A Kay (1st Wireless Operator)
 RAF Sgt H R J Ross, (2nd Wireless Operator)
 RAF Flt Sgt C Candlish, (Front Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt T G A Lineton, (Ball Gunner)
 RAAF 428016 Flt Sgt B C Geeves, (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt R H Dixon, (Rear Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt P A W Reader, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF WO J L McKee, (Navigator Bomb Aimer) Pax

Eleven of those on board are buried in the Maynamati War Cemetery, Bangladesh. Maynamati is some 7kms from the centre of Comilla which is on the railway line linking Dhaka with Chittagong. Commonwealth War Graves records do not record where Sgt Ross is buried.

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402573 Sergeant MAY, John Drummond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5534372 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 99 SQN RAF

Summary:

Sgt May (Navigator Bomb Aimer) was killed on 5th January 1943 during air operations in Digr, India. He is buried in the Ranchi War Cemetery, India. Ranchi is a town some 491kms north west of Calcutta.

No other information is available as Archive do not hold a RAAF Casualty file.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

404077 Flying Officer WELLS, Geoffrey Lloyd

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/63/86 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 120,
Volume 1941.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9700
Radio call sign:	LN – B
Unit:	ATTD 99 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington X9700 took off from RAF Waterbeach at 2334 hours on the night of 16/27th August 1941 to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404077 FO Wells, G L Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Dotchin, N (2nd Pilot)
RCAF PO Casey, W A (Observer)
RAF Sgt F W York, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R M Williams, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G R Crane, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0215 hours at Roggell (Limburg), 9kms north west of Roermond Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Williams was a POW.

Those killed are buried ion the Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. The town of Nijmegen is located south of Arnhem, and the cemetery is situated in the south west part of the town.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

424665 Flying Officer WOOLFORD, Colin Leonard

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/225 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	KG 974
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 99 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator KH974 collided with Liberator KG254 at Char Mahammadpur, Bengal on 21st January 1945. Both aircraft collided head on just after dawn when a formation of 16 aircraft from the Squadron was forming up for one of the biggest operation yet attempted. The squadron aircraft were forming up with aircraft from other Squadrons at a rendezvous point.

The rendezvous point was an island, and aircraft were required to make a left hand circuit at a height of 5000 feet when forming up. Difficulty was experienced by some crews in forming up as the island was enveloped by ground mist.

Both aircraft were fully laden with bombs when they collided at 0706 hours. There was an immediate explosion and a pall of black smoke. All on board KH254 were killed

Crew:

RAF WO N Sayer, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Flt Sgt N V Ireton, (2nd Pilot)
 RAAF 424665 FO Woolford, C L (Navigator)
 RAF Flt Sgt P B Haile, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt W C Burrows, (1st Wireless Operator)
 RAF Sgt R C Fergie, (2nd Wireless Operator)
 RAF Flt Sgt M H Trice, (Front Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt W R Watson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RAF Sgt G Baker, (Ball Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt J Aspinall, (Flight Engineer)
 RAF Flt Sgt W Watchman, (Rear Gunner)

Ten of those on board are buried in the Maynamati War Cemetery, Bangladesh. Maynamati is some 7kms from the centre of Comilla which is on the railway line linking Dhaka with Chittagong. Commonwealth War Graves records do not record where Flt Sgt Aspinall is buried.

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413222 Flying Officer MEIKLEJOHN, Robert Bruce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/153 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	EF 366
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EF366 took off from RAF Oakington at 0007 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:

RAAF 413222 FO Meiklejohn, R B Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Andrews, J W
RAF Sgt D J Jones,
RAF Sg F V Barnard,
RAF Sgt R A Muldoon,
RCAF WO N T Macaulay,
RAF Sgt W D Robertson,
RAF Sgt R M Scott,

All the crew were killed.

FO Meiklejohn is buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Locality Leuven, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium. The cemetery is 30kms from Brussels and 3kms north of Leuven. WO Macaulay is buried in the Texel (Denburg) Cemetery, Locality Noord-Holland, Netherlands.

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

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415270 Flight Lieutenant NEWTON, John Verdun

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/29/85 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 905
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 90 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA905 took off from RAF Oakington at 1653 hours on the night of 14th January 1944, detailed to bomb Brunswick, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415270 Flt Lt Newton, J V Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Wharmby, H O (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt W H Holmes, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Broadbent, A R (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt D V Bunting, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt S W Bury, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Harding, F W (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Richards, J A (Rear Gunner)

A post war report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “ The team had accounted for 36 of the 38 aircraft lost on the mission, but of the two aircraft not accounted for (including JA905), one had crashed at Halchter approx 10 miles south of Brunswick and the other at Hope which is 45 miles north west of Brunswick and on the direct route taken by the aircraft in an attack on Brunswick from England. It had been determined that these two aircraft were the two unaccounted for.

At Halchter the aircraft exploded in the air and crashed at 7pm on 14th January with all the crew killed. At Hope the aircraft crashed and exploded on impact. The remains recovered from the two aircraft could not be individually identified but there was no reasonable doubt that the remains were members of the two aircraft in question and they were buried in a collective grave at Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.”

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409887 Flight Sergeant BETSON, John Louis Ward

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/5/299 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 331,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 883
Radio call sign:	HW – V
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED883 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1838 hours on the night of 22/24th 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 FO Burbeck, K R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P McL Birt, (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF PO Prins, H G (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E J Deaves, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W B Marchant, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Rodgers, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 409887 Flt Sgt J L W Betson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Landau-Nussdorf, situated some 25 miles south of Mannheim. 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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436283 Flight Sergeant BILLNG, Albert James Norman

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA ; A705, 166/5/664 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 397, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LM 622
Radio call sign: HW- P
Unit: ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM 622 of 100 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Grimsby, Lincolnshire, at 8.30pm on the night of 26/27th August 1944 to attack targets at Kiel, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base. Eighteen Lancasters from various Squadrons were lost on this raid on Kiel.

Crew:

RAAF 422956 FO Hutchins, K M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R H Watts, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 434296 FO Leigh J S (Navigator)
RAAF 429218 FO Connolly D O (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419567 Flt R J Sgt Bucirde (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 436283 Flt Sgt A J N Billing (Air Gunner)
RAF FO Rogers, K R DFC (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that Flt Sgt Bucirde (RAAF) had lost his life at sea. His name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

The bodies of the other six crew members were washed ashore and identified on various parts of the west coast of Schleswig-Holstein and on small islands off the coast. FO Rogers (RAF) is buried at the Hamburg Cemetery, Ohlsdorf, and the remaining five members are buried at the Kiel War Cemetery.

FO Hutchins (RAAF) and Captain (Pilot) of LM 622 was aged 19 years and 4 months when he lost his life. W.R.Chorley "RAF Bomber Command losses of 2nd World War" says Hutchins was one of the youngest Australian bomber pilots to die on bomber operations in 1944.

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423045 Flying Officer BILLMAN, Douglas Payne

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/5/635 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 352,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 915
Radio call sign:	HW – V
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL915 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2138 hours on the night of 25/26th 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 423045 FO Billman, D P Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R K Dove, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A J Bramble, (Navigator)
RAF FO Monk, R E (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423261 Flt Sgt J Sheen, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J G F Evans, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Melville, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Verrieres (Aube), 10kms SSE of Troyes, France, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Verrieres Churchyard, Locality Aube, France. Verrieres is a village and commune 10kms SSE of Troyes.

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

424359 Flight Sergeant BOATSWAIN, James Attewood

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/6/670 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 393,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 995
Radio call sign:	HW – K
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND995 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2032 hours on the night of 25/26th 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 427154 FO Seage, K F Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F W Evered, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt E W Clark, (Navigator)
RAAF 419976 Flt Sgt L J Smith, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424359 Flt Sgt J A Boatswain, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430939 Flt Sgt K A Pavey, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H P Martin, (Rear Gunner)

A missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “the aircraft crashed at Ellern 26 miles south of Konlenz, Germany. Six of the crew were killed and FO Seage was a POW. Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp-Lintfort, Noordhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 1kms south of Wesel.

FO Seage later reported” the aircraft was attacked by a night fighter. The first burst shot away the elevators and the port outer engine was on fire. The plane started to dive and I gave the order to bale out which was not acknowledged. The second burst raked the fuselage and set the port inner on fire. The plane was in a steep dive and I was unable to move because of ‘G’ pressure. Very soon the plane exploded and I was blown out at a probable height of 14,000 feet. The crash occurred about 10 minutes after the target. To my knowledge all the crew were in the aircraft when it exploded. The aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Russelsheim and about 5 miles from Oberstein. I had to be hidden owing to darkness of wood and undergrowth, but it was impossible to traverse in pitch dark. Early next morning I was seen and challenged by a German sentry.”

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

412373 Flight Sergeant BRADBURY, Keith Robert James

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/6/336 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 66,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 673
Radio call sign:	HW -
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB673 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1735 hours on the night of 30/31st 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 Parker, R M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G S Ellis, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412373 Flt Sgt K R J Bradbury, (Navigator)
RAF PO Silverwood G, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt T Campbell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Starkie, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt G A Orchard, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at the village of Schwante, which is approx 20miles north west 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

436381 Flight Sergeant BRADY, John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705,166/6/463 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 58
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 572
Radio call sign:	HW – F
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB572 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1555 hours on the night of 1/2nd February 1945, detailed to bomb Ludwigshafen, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 413154 FO Conn, F L DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Dukelow, R B A (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt J A Wilson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J R Hartshorn, (Navigator)
RAF PO Hughesdon, P G (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Blackburn, G R P (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436381 Flt Sgt J Brady, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt E C Hemmant, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W F Hart, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Linkenheim at approx 11pm on 1st February. Linkenheim is approx 28 miles south of Mannheim., 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.

Citation :

Flt Lt Conn award of the DFC was as follows : General Citation (London Gazette 12/2/1946 Page 903 AWM)

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

405823 Flight Sergeant BROWNJOHN, Hilton George

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/6/304 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 367,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 162
Radio call sign:	HW – J2
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV162 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1833 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:

RAAF 405823 Flt Sgt H G Brownjohn, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt N H Aldridge, (Flight Engineer)
USAAF 1st Lieut Rainbird, H A (Navigator)
RAF Sgt F Mackie, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A W Franklin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt V F Davis, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G T Evans, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 2055 hours at Lavenforde on the east bank of the Weser opposite Beverungen, Germany. Flt Sgt Brownjohn and Sgt Franklin were killed and the others were POW's. The two killed 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

431488 Flight Sergeant CHALMERS, Murray Alexander

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5525664 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 176,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 952
Radio call sign:	HW – W2
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL952 took off from RAF Grimsby on 21st May 1945, detailed to carry out an air firing training exercise. The aircraft ditched five miles east of the Donna Nook firing range, and all the crew were killed,

Crew:

RAF FO Jones, M P Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt I J Calverley, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 431488 Flt Sgt M A Chalmers, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt J W Montague, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt W P Gibson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P Gapper, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt F A Padmore, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Chalmers is buried in the Cambridge City cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

Sgt Padmore is buried in the Abertillery (Aberbeeg) Cemetery, Monmouthshire, UK.

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

414764 Flight Sergeant CHAPMAN, Arthur Edward

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/7/114 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 165,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED821
Radio call sign:	HW – A
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED821 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2232 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. Twenty one aircraft from the Squadron took part in the raid, and all except ED821 returned safely, although three were damaged by flak.

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Sgt L A Townrow, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J P Fitchett, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Bishop, S A (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E Short, (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Bolderson, J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt PM Cosgrove, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 414764 Flt Sgt A E Chapman, (Rear Gunner)

German documents recorded that the aircraft had been shot down at 0143 hours 4kms NNW of Balsward in the neighbourhood of Witmarsum, Holland.

Both Flt Sgt Townrow and PO Bolderson were POW's, and the remaining five crew members were killed. Those killed are buried in the Wonseradeel (Witmarsum) Protestant Churchyard, Locality Friesland, Netherlands.

Flt Sgt Townrow (POW) who was injured in the crash died of his injuries on 24th April 1944. He is buried in the Leeuwarden Northern General Cemetery, Locality Friesland, Netherlands.

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

407410 Flying Officer CHISHOLM, Wallace

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 163/25/124 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vickers Vilderbeest
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

A Vickers Vilderbeest aircraft of 100 Sqn on 1st March 1942, crashed into palm trees near Semarang on the island of Java. Two of the crew were killed and one was injured.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr J T Wilkins, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 407410 FO Chisholm, W (Observer)
RAF Sgt Brooker (Air Gunner)

Sqn Ldr Wilkins and FO Chisholm are buried in the Jakarta War Cemetery, Indonesia. Jakarta lies on the north west coast of Java.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

417806 Flying Officer COLE, Kenneth Ian

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/8/636 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 419,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 828
Radio call sign:	HW – F
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME828 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1810 hours on the night of 12/13th September 1944, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 417806 FO Cole, K I Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Brown, C H (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt F Ritchie, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J Jeffries, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt B S Kent, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt T M Meir, (2nd Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt A H J Flastow, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K J Hamilton, (Mid Air Gunner)
RAF G V George, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by ack-ack near Eschersheimer Landstrasse, Frankfurt, Germany.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village and commune 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

413154 Flight Lieutenant CONN, Francis Leslie DFC

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705,166/6/463 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 58
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 572
Radio call sign:	HW – F
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB572 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1555 hours on the night of 1/2nd February 1945, detailed to bomb Ludwigshafen, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 413154 FO Conn, F L DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Dukelow, R B A (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt J A Wilson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J R Hartshorn, (Navigator)
RAF PO Hughesdon, P G (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Blackburn, G R P (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436381 Flt Sgt J Brady, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt E C Hemmant, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W F Hart, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Linkenheim at approx 11pm on 1st February. Linkenheim is approx 28 miles south of Mannheim., and all the crew were killed.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

429318 Flying Officer CONNOLLY, Darrel Owen

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA ; A705, 166/5/664 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 397, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LM 622
Radio call sign: HW- P
Unit: ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM 622 of 100 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Grimsby, Lincolnshire, at 8.30pm on the night of 26/27th August 1944 to attack targets at Kiel, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base. Eighteen Lancasters from various Squadrons were lost on this raid on Kiel.

Crew:

RAAF 422956 FO Hutchins, K M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R H Watts, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 434296 FO Leigh J S (Navigator)
RAAF 429218 FO Connolly D O (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419567 Flt R J Sgt Bucirde (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 436283 Flt Sgt A J N Billing (Air Gunner)
RAF FO Rogers, K R DFC (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that Flt Sgt Bucirde (RAAF) had lost his life at sea. His name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

The bodies of the other six crew members were washed ashore and identified on various parts of the west coast of Schleswig-Holstein and on small islands off the coast. FO Rogers (RAF) is buried at the Hamburg Cemetery, Ohlsdorf, and the remaining five members are buried at the Kiel War Cemetery.

FO Hutchins (RAAF) and Captain (Pilot) of LM 622 was aged 19 years and 4 months when he lost his life. W.R.Chorley "RAF Bomber Command losses of 2nd World War" says Hutchins was one of the youngest Australian bomber pilots to die on bomber operations in 1944.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

423087 Pilot Officer ESTELL, John Edward

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/11/155 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 311,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 958
Radio call sign:	HW – H
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL958 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2224 hours on the night of 30/1st July 1944 detailed to bomb railway yards at Vierzon, France.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 423087 PO Estell, J E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W J Marks, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Sgt W W Ozeroff (Navigator)
RAAF 424833 Flt Sgt N W Miles, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 413761 Flt Sgt J K Cory, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 419140 Flt Sgt A J Routley (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 429620 Flt Sgt J A Holland, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed in the village of La-Ferte St Cyr, France, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the La-Ferte-St-Cyr Communal cemetery,,: Locality Loire-et-Cher, France. The village is 26kms ENE of Blois.

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

417069 Fligh Sergeant GORDON, Colin Ross

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/16/170 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 296,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	EE 181
Radio call sign:	HW – A2
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster EE181 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2356 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:

RAF WO C H Harris, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Jennings, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 414502 Flt Sgt R D McClure, (Navigator)
RAAF 417069 Flt Sgt C R Gordon, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P Arch, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt F A Campbell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Moran, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the target area and five of the crew were killed and WO Harris and Flt Sgt McClure were POW's.

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

WO Harris later reported "I believe the Air Bomber baled out over the target as the incident occurred over the target. Gordon was alive and not injured in any way. I have no knowledge of what happened after that."

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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429620 Flight Sergeant HOLLANDS, James Albert

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/11/155 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 311,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 958
Radio call sign:	HW – H
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL958 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2224 hours on the night of 30/1st July 1944 detailed to bomb railway yards at Vierzon, France.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 423087 PO Estell, J E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W J Marks, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Sgt W W Ozeroff (Navigator)
RAAF 424833 Flt Sgt N W Miles, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 413761 Flt Sgt J K Cory, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 419140 Flt Sgt A J Routley (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 429620 Flt Sgt J A Holland, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed in the village of La-Ferte St Cyr, France, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the La-Ferte-St-Cyr Communal cemetery,,: Locality Loire-et-Cher, France. The village is 26kms ENE of Blois.

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

422956 Flying Officer HUTCHINS, Kenneth Millett

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA ; A705, 166/5/664 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 397, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LM 622
Radio call sign: HW- P
Unit: ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM 622 of 100 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Grimsby, Lincolnshire, at 8.30pm on the night of 26/27th August 1944 to attack targets at Kiel, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base. Eighteen Lancasters from various Squadrons were lost on this raid on Kiel.

Crew:

RAAF 422956 FO Hutchins, K M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R H Watts, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 434296 FO Leigh J S (Navigator)
RAAF 429218 FO Connolly D O (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419567 Flt R J Sgt Bucirde (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 436283 Flt Sgt A J N Billing (Air Gunner)
RAF FO Rogers, K R DFC (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that Flt Sgt Bucirde (RAAF) had lost his life at sea. His name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

The bodies of the other six crew members were washed ashore and identified on various parts of the west coast of Schleswig-Holstein and on small islands off the coast. FO Rogers (RAF) is buried at the Hamburg Cemetery, Ohlsdorf, and the remaining five members are buried at the Kiel War Cemetery.

FO Hutchins (RAAF) and Captain (Pilot) of LM 622 was aged 19 years and 4 months when he lost his life. W.R.Chorley "RAF Bomber Command losses of 2nd World War" says Hutchins was one of the youngest Australian bomber pilots to die on bomber operations in 1944.

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428767 Flying Officer JONES, Jeffrey Ross

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5244464 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 334,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 569
Radio call sign:	HW – T
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM569 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2303 hours on the night of 18/19th July 1944, detailed to bomb Scholven-Buer, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 428767 FO Jones, J R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T I Scott, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R J Bocking, (Navigator)
RAAF 432270 Flt Sgt A Roxby, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418132 Flt Sgt A H Lawry, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J F Molloy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J M McCarthy, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by flak and crashed in the target area at 0135 hours.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery,
Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Wesrfalen, 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

421913 Pilot Officer KILLEN, John Gordon Treatt

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/22/425 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:	PB 569
Radio call sign:	HW – Y
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB569 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1605 hours on the night of 3/4th
February 1945, detailed to bomb the Prosper benzol works at Bottrop, Germany. .
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422251 Flt Lt Ordell, R DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Scurr, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 424538 PO Osborne, I R (Navigator)
RAAF 42113 PO Killen, J G T (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424306 Flt Sgt K K Reynolds, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 431183 Flt Sgt R K McCaskill, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J Harper, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft completely disintegrated over a wide area and crashed in a minefield.
Six of the crew were killed in the crash and Flt Sgt Harper was a POW.
An Army unit located the crashed aircraft and recovered five of the bodies with that of
PO Osborne being located separately from the others.

All the six killed are buried in the Mierlo War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant,
Netherlands. Mierlo is a village 12kms from Eindhoven.

Flt Sgt Harper later reported “ As far as can be ascertained no member of the crew were
injured before the crash and the bale out order was given to the whole crew. I was turning
the rear turret by hand in order to get out and then remember seeing the stars and cloud
and pulling his chute. There is no information as to why the navigator left the aircraft and
the others did not.”

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Ordell is as follows :
General Citation (London Gazette 5/4/1946 Page 1738)

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

418132 Flight Sergeant LAWRY, Alan Henry

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5244464 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 334,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 569
Radio call sign:	HW – T
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM569 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2303 hours on the night of 18/19th July 1944, detailed to bomb Scholven-Buer, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 428767 FO Jones, J R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T I Scott, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R J Bocking, (Navigator)
RAAF 432270 Flt Sgt A Roxby, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418132 Flt Sgt A H Lawry, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J F Molloy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J M McCarthy, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by flak and crashed in the target area at 0135 hours.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery,
Locality

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434296 Flying Officer LEIGH, James Standish

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA ; A705, 166/5/664 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 397, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LM 622
Radio call sign: HW- P
Unit: ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM 622 of 100 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Grimsby, Lincolnshire, at 8.30pm on the night of 26/27th August 1944 to attack targets at Kiel, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base. Eighteen Lancasters from various Squadrons were lost on this raid on Kiel.

Crew:

RAAF 422956 FO Hutchins, K M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R H Watts, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 434296 FO Leigh J S (Navigator)
RAAF 429218 FO Connolly D O (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419567 Flt R J Sgt Bucirde (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 436283 Flt Sgt A J N Billing (Air Gunner)
RAF FO Rogers, K R DFC (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that Flt Sgt Bucirde (RAAF) had lost his life at sea. His name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

The bodies of the other six crew members were washed ashore and identified on various parts of the west coast of Schleswig-Holstein and on small islands off the coast. FO Rogers (RAF) is buried at the Hamburg Cemetery, Ohlsdorf, and the remaining five members are buried at the Kiel War Cemetery.

FO Hutchins (RAAF) and Captain (Pilot) of LM 622 was aged 19 years and 4 months when he lost his life. W.R.Chorley "RAF Bomber Command losses of 2nd World War" says Hutchins was one of the youngest Australian bomber pilots to die on bomber operations in 1944.

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414810 Flight Sergeant MACKIE, Clarence Herbert

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/27/187 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4999
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4999 took off from RAF Binbrook on the night of 29/30th July 1943 detailed to carry out an operational mission. The aircraft was attacked by a night fighter (although none were seen) or hit by flak at 20500 feet at 10.27pm, eight miles south west of St Peters point situated on the west coast of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany.

In the engagement an aircraft gunner Flt Sgt Mackie was killed, and Sgt Porcher (RAF) seriously injured. The aircraft returned to base where it landed at 12.40am on 30th July.

Crew :

RAAF 414810 Flt Sgt C H Mackie, (Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt Porcher (Seriously injured)

No other crew details are available from the above RAAF Casualty file held by Archives.

Flt Sgt Mackie is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

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431183 Flight Sergeant McKASKILL, Raymond Kevin

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/22/425 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:	PB 569
Radio call sign:	HW – Y
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB569 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1605 hours on the night of 3/4th
February 1945, detailed to bomb the Prosper benzol works at Bottrop, Germany. .
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422251 Flt Lt Ordell, R DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Scurr, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 424538 PO Osborne, I R (Navigator)
RAAF 42113 PO Killen, J G T (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424306 Flt Sgt K K Reynolds, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 431183 Flt Sgt R K McCaskill, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J Harper, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft completely disintegrated over a wide area and crashed in a minefield.
Six of the crew were killed in the crash and Flt Sgt Harper was a POW.
An Army unit located the crashed aircraft and recovered five of the bodies with that of
PO Osborne being located separately from the others.

All the six killed are buried in the Mierlo War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant,
Netherlands. Mierlo is a village 12kms from Eindhoven.

Flt Sgt Harper later reported “ As far as can be ascertained no member of the crew were
injured before the crash and the bale out order was given to the whole crew. I was turning
the rear turret by hand in order to get out and then remember seeing the stars and cloud
and pulling his chute. There is no information as to why the navigator left the aircraft and
the others did not.”

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424124 Flight Sergeant McLEAN, Gordon William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/436 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 196,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 192
Radio call sign:	HW – Z
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV192 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2151 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 Bell, W J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W L Evans, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Bashi, E (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt K S Keeping, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt N Thom, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt L Jakeman, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 424124 Flt Sgt G W McLean, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research and Enquiry team later reported “ the aircraft crashed on the outskirts of the village of They-sous-Montfort at 5am on the 28th April, which is approx 19 miles west of Epinal and 2.5 miles north east of Vittel, France.

Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Thom evaded capture.

Those killed are buried in the They-sous-Montfort Churchyard, Locality Vosges, France.

They-sous-Montfort is a village and commune 35kms north west of Epinal.

The above six servicemen are the only WW2 fatalities buried in the churchyard.

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424833 Flight Sergeant MILES, Norman Walter

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/11/155 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 311,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 958
Radio call sign:	HW – H
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL958 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2224 hours on the night of 30/1st July 1944 detailed to bomb railway yards at Vierzon, France.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 423087 PO Estell, J E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W J Marks, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Sgt W W Ozeroff (Navigator)
RAAF 424833 Flt Sgt N W Miles, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 413761 Flt Sgt J K Cory, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 419140 Flt Sgt A J Routley (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 429620 Flt Sgt J A Holland, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed in the village of La-Ferte St Cyr, France, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the La-Ferte-St-Cyr Communal cemetery,,: Locality Loire-et-Cher, France. The village is 26kms ENE of Blois.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

411043 Flight Lieutenant MYERS, Bnernational Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/159 Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 120,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 709
Radio call sign: HW – S
Unit: ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 709 of 100 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Grimsby, Lincolnshire, at 2159 hours on 20 April, 1943 to attack Stettin, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF Wg Cdr Swain, J G W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Carter, T (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 411043 Flt Lt Myers, B F (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF PO Wellard, (Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Sidwell, R S (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAAF 420327 Flt Sgt Watkins, M A B (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Whellhams, R A (Rear Gunner)

Post war it was established that after the attack on the target, the aircraft was hit by ack-ack fire and crashed in Ringkobing Bay about one mile from Velling, Denmark. Two bodies were washed ashore and one was recovered from the sea. Both Flt Lt Myers and PO Wellard are buried in Lemvig Vester Cemetery and Wg Cdr Swain is buried in Esbjerg (Fourfelt) Cemetery.

The remaining four missing crewmen including Flt Sgt Watkins have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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422251 Flight Lieutenant ORDELL, Robin DFC

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/22/425 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:	PB 569
Radio call sign:	HW – Y
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB569 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1605 hours on the night of 3/4th
February 1945, detailed to bomb the Prosper benzol works at Bottrop, Germany. .
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422251 Flt Lt Ordell, R DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Scurr, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 424538 PO Osborne, I R (Navigator)
RAAF 42113 PO Killen, J G T (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424306 Flt Sgt K K Reynolds, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 431183 Flt Sgt R K McCaskill, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J Harper, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft completely disintegrated over a wide area and crashed in a minefield.
Six of the crew were killed in the crash and Flt Sgt Harper was a POW.
An Army unit located the crashed aircraft and recovered five of the bodies with that of
PO Osborne being located separately from the others.

All the six killed are buried in the Mierlo War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant,
Netherlands. Mierlo is a village 12kms from Eindhoven.

Flt Sgt Harper later reported “ As far as can be ascertained no member of the crew were
injured before the crash and the bale out order was given to the whole crew. I was turning
the rear turret by hand in order to get out and then remember seeing the stars and cloud
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424538 Pilot Officer OSBORNE, Ian Ronald

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/22/425 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:	PB 569
Radio call sign:	HW – Y
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

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Crew:

RAAF 422251 Flt Lt Ordell, R DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Scurr, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 424538 PO Osborne, I R (Navigator)
RAAF 42113 PO Killen, J G T (Air Bomber)
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430939 Flight Sergeant PAVEY, Kevin Ambrose

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/6/670 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 393,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 995
Radio call sign:	HW – K
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND995 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2032 hours on the night of 25/26th 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 427154 FO Seage, K F Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F W Evered, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt E W Clark, (Navigator)
RAAF 419976 Flt Sgt L J Smith,(Air Bomber)
RAAF 424359 Flt Sgt J A Boatswain, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430939 Flt Sgt K A Pavey, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H P Martin, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and FO Seage was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp-Lintfort, Noordhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 1kms south of Wesel.

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408871 Sergeant PEAKE, Ronald Moseley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/53 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 75,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 544
Radio call sign:	HW – Q
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED544 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1937 hours on the night of 12/13th March 1943, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 408871 Sgt R M Peake, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Jowitt, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412850 Sgt R F R Sides, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E Hodgson, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 407909 Sgt A R Roberts, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W E Chamberlain, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Arthur, D I (Rear Gunner)

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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407972 Pilot Officer PRESTON, Francis Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/65 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 284,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 333
Radio call sign:	HW – V
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM333 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2030 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 407972 PO Preston, F A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Chadwick, (Flight Engineer)
RAF RAF Sgt E J Gargini, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J Noble, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A E Henry (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J J Adelstein, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Fidler, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft encountered heavy flak on crossing the Dutch coast at a height of 21/22,000 feet. Evasive action was attempted but the port outer engine failed and soon caught fire. The bale out order was given and four baled out through the rear escape hatch. The aircraft crashed at Lagebericht (Noord-Holland) near Bergen.

PO Preston and Sgt Chadwick were killed, four were POW's and Sgt Fidler escaped capture.

Those killed are buried in the Bergen General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Holland, Netherlands.

Sgt Fidler later reported "I saw the Navigator, Wireless Operator and Mid Gunner bale out of the rear exit. Before I left by the rear exit I asked the pilot what height we were at He replied 19,00 feet. The bombs were still on the aircraft when I left. I do not think we were hit by flak as I heard the Flight Engineer talking about the port outer when we were crossing the English coast when outward bound. The fire spread rapidly and I saw flames stream past the rear turret."

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424306 Flight Sergeant REYNOLDS, Keith Kevin

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/22/425 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:	PB 569
Radio call sign:	HW – Y
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB569 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1605 hours on the night of 3/4th
February 1945, detailed to bomb the Prosper benzol works at Bottrop, Germany. .
Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422251 Flt Lt Ordell, R DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C Scurr, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 424538 PO Osborne, I R (Navigator)
RAAF 42113 PO Killen, J G T (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424306 Flt Sgt K K Reynolds, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 431183 Flt Sgt R K McCaskill, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J Harper, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft completely disintegrated over a wide area and crashed in a minefield.
Six of the crew were killed in the crash and Flt Sgt Harper was a POW.
An Army unit located the crashed aircraft and recovered five of the bodies with that of
PO Osborne being located separately from the others.

All the six killed are buried in the Mierlo War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant,
Netherlands. Mierlo is a village 12kms from Eindhoven.

Flt Sgt Harper later reported “ As far as can be ascertained no member of the crew were
injured before the crash and the bale out order was given to the whole crew. I was turning
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407909 Sergeant ROBERTS, Arthur Reece

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/53 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 75,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 544
Radio call sign:	HW – Q
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED544 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1937 hours on the night of 12/13th March 1943, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 408871 Sgt R M Peake, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Jowitt, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412850 Sgt R F R Sides, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E Hodgson, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 407909 Sgt A R Roberts, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W E Chamberlain, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Arthur, D I (Rear Gunner)

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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424821 Flight Sergeant ROBERTSON, John Samuel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/250 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 186,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 328
Radio call sign:	HW – M
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND 328 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2216 hours on the night of 24/25th
April 1944, detailed to bomb Karlsruhe, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft
after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Armon, A J T Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D B Cox, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Weedon, R F (Navigator)
RCAF PO Boxall G R, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Bowden L D, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 424821 Flt Sgt J S Robertson, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near St Martens- Voeren, (Liege), 21kms north east of Liege,
Belgium.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Locality
Vlaams-Branbant, Belgium. The cemetery is 30kms from Brussels and 3kms south of
Leuven.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

419140 Flight Sergeant ROUTLEY, Anthony John

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/11/155 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 311,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 958
Radio call sign:	HW – H
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL958 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2224 hours on the night of 30/1st July 1944 detailed to bomb railway yards at Vierzon, France.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 423087 PO Estell, J E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W J Marks, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Sgt W W Ozeroff (Navigator)
RAAF 424833 Flt Sgt N W Miles, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 413761 Flt Sgt J K Cory, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 419140 Flt Sgt A J Routley (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 429620 Flt Sgt J A Holland, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed in the village of La-Ferte St Cyr, France, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the La-Ferte-St-Cyr Communal cemetery,,: Locality Loire-et-Cher, France. The village is 26kms ENE of Blois.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

432270 Flight Sergeant ROXBY, Albert

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5244464 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 334,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 569
Radio call sign:	HW – T
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM569 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2303 hours on the night of 18/19th July 1944, detailed to bomb Scholven-Buer, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 428767 FO Jones, J R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T I Scott, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R J Bocking, (Navigator)
RAAF 432270 Flt Sgt A Roxby, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418132 Flt Sgt A H Lawry, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J F Molloy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J M McCarthy, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by flak and crashed in the target area at 0135 hours.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery,
Locality

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423261 Flight Sergeant SHEEN, Joseph

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/5/635 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 352,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 915
Radio call sign:	HW – V
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL915 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2138 hours on the night of 25/26th 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 423045 FO Billman, D P Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R K Dove, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A J Bramble, (Navigator)
RAF FO Monk, R E (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423261 Flt Sgt J Sheen, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J G F Evans, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Melville, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Verrieres (Aube), 10kms SSE of Troyes, France, and all the crew were killed.

They are buried in the Verrieres Churchyard, Locality Aube, France. Verrieres is a village and commune 10kms SSE of Troyes.

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

412850 Sergeant SIDES, Roger Fisher Rowe

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/53 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 75,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 544
Radio call sign:	HW – Q
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED544 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1937 hours on the night of 12/13th March 1943, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 408871 Sgt R M Peake, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Jowitt, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412850 Sgt R F R Sides, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E Hodgson, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 407909 Sgt A R Roberts, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W E Chamberlain, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Arthur, D I (Rear Gunner)

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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419976 Flight Sergeant SMITH, Leslie Joseph

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/6/670 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 393,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 995
Radio call sign:	HW – K
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND995 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2032 hours on the night of 25/26th 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 427154 FO Seage, K F Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F W Evered, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt E W Clark, (Navigator)
RAAF 419976 Flt Sgt L J Smith,(Air Bomber)
RAAF 424359 Flt Sgt J A Boatswain, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430939 Flt Sgt K A Pavey, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H P Martin, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and FO Seage was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp-Lintfort, Noordhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 1kms south of Wesel.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

401054 Warrant Officer SOUTH, Edgar

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/783 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

WO South attached to 100 Sqn RAF was reported missing in the Far East, and later reported a POW in the hands of the Japanese.

He died of cholera in a camp in Thailand on 21 July 1943. He is buried in the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. The town of Kanchanaburi is 149kms north west of Bangkok.

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402758 Warrant Officer TOOHEY, Brian Aloysius

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/168/132 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

WO Toohey an Observer attached to 100 Sqn RAF, was reported missing in the Far East on 26th April 1942 at the time of the Japanese invasion. In March 1943 he was mentioned in a broadcast from Batavia as being in the hands of the Japanese as a POW in Java.

On 24th June 1944, he was drowned when a Japanese transport with 772 POW's on board, was torpedoed and sunk approx 20 miles off the coast of Japan.

WO Toohey has no known grave and his name has been commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, which is located in the Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore.

The Cemetery is located 22kms north of the city of Singapore, on the north side of the Singapore Island overlooking the Straits of Johore.

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410405 Pilot Officer WILSON, John Murray Clyde

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/1070 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 32,
Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 603
Radio call sign:	HW – E
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB603 took off from RAF Grimsby at 1910 hours on the night of 5/6th January 1943, detailed to bomb Hanover, Germany. A signal was received from the aircraft at 2206 hours 'target attacked'. After that nothing was heard and JB603 failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Barker, R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A S Gordon, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt F S Elliott, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt A A Law, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410405 PO Wilson, J M C (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt E Gillen, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt B G Aldred, Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 2300 hours in the hamlet of Haarbroek (Gelderland), 7kms south east of Gorssel.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Gorssel General Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands. Gorssel is a small town 8kms north of Zutpen on the main road to Deventer.

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400337 Flying Officer WOOD, Stuart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/13 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 43,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 540
Radio call sign:	HW -
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED540 took off from RAF Grimsby on 15th February 1943, detailed to carry out a high level cross country training exercise. The aircraft crashed at 1308 hours and caught fire after attempting to go round again at Grimsby airfield. Five of the crew were killed and two were injured.

A Flying Accident report on the crash stated “ After climbing on the first leg and approaching 18,000 feet, black smoke poured from the port outer engine, and the engine was feathered. It was presumed that the altitude mixture control needle had stuck and was resulting in too rich a mixture at altitude. If the engine had been switched on again just before landing it probably would have run perfectly normally.

The pilot approached to land with the port outer engine feathered. There was a strong and gusty wind blowing and the aircraft bounced on landing. The Pilot opened up to go round again and the aircraft flew straight for a short distance. When the aircraft reached 200 feet it went into a turn to port which increased very rapidly and the aircraft dived into the ground. The aircraft maintained insufficient speed to enable it to climb.”

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Stent, N S L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J S Wall, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 400337 FO Wood, S (Navigator)
RAF Sgt S E M Carson (Air Bomber) Injured
RAF Sgt E Evans, (Wireless Air Gunner) Injured
RAF Sgt W E Scarborough, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J E N Croft, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Lt Stent was cremated at the Woking (St John's) Crematorium, Surrey, UK
Sgt Wall is buried in the Great Bursted (St Mary Magdalene) Churchyard, Essex, UK.
FO Wood is buried in the Grimsby (Scartho Road) Cemetery, Lincolnshire, UK.
Sgt Scarbrough is buried in the Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery, London, UK.
Sgt Croft is buried in the Edlington Cemetery, Yorkshire Cemetery, UK.

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415186 Sergeant SAMSON, Louis Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : 166/37/68) Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 97,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JB 847
Radio call sign:	KN – V
Unit:	77 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax JB847 of 77 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Elvington near Yorks, at 2141 hours on the night of 8/9th April 1943, to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt J W M Balley, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 415186 Sgt L F Samson, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt T S McStay, (Navigator)
RAF PO Wilson, R (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt P A Greene, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R W Hedicker, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T Crossland, (Rear Gunner)

When homebound at 15,000 feet the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed in the vicinity of Sr Quentin (Aisne), France. Six of the crew were killed and PO Wilson was a POW. The aircraft and crew were from 77 Sqn with Sgt Samson being from 1658 Conversion Unit.

They killed are buried in the Creil Communal Cemetery, Locality Oise, France. Creil is a town 32kms south east of Beauvais and 44kms north of Paris.

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118157 Aircraftman 1st Class BURKE, Francis James

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 103/93/800 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 54 SQN RAF

Summary:

AC1 Burke (Mess Steward) of No 1 Fighter Wing, Richmond, NSW, was found shot outside a billet at RAAF Richmond on 23rd November 1942. An investigation found that a rifle with a length of string attached to the trigger was on the floor of the billet. He was admitted to hospital but died from his self inflicted gun shot wound at 12.40am on the 24th November 1942.

AC1 Burke is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, NSW. The War Cemetery is in the grounds of the Rookwood Necropolis, which is about 17kms west of Sydney, NSW.

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413761 Flight Sergeant CORY, John Keith

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A 705, 166/11/155 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 311,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 958
Radio call sign:	HW – H
Unit:	ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL958 took off from RAF Grimsby at 2224 hours on the night of 30/1st July 1944 detailed to bomb railway yards at Vierzon, France.. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 423087 PO Estell, J E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W J Marks, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Sgt W W Ozeroff (Navigator)
RAAF 424833 Flt Sgt N W Miles, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 413761 Flt Sgt J K Cory, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 419140 Flt Sgt A J Routley (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 429620 Flt Sgt J A Holland, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed in the village of La-Ferte St Cyr, France, and all the crew were killed.
They are buried in the La-Ferte-St-Cyr Communal cemetery, Locality Loire-et-Cher, France. The village is 26kms ENE of Blois.