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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
RAAF FATALITES WHEN ATTACHED TO RAF SQNS		
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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SECOND WORLD WAR OVERVIEW : ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Source : Veteran's Affairs World War 2 Nominal Roll

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

comprising
5,117 fatalities in RAAF members attached to RAF (primarily) or in some instances other Air Forces (Source : Count of fatalities in AWM 237 (62) Register of Deaths.
and
5,944 fatalities in RAAF Squadrons and support units..

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

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

400876 Warrant Officer HORNABROOK, Royden Sargood

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5549017 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 36 SQN RAF

Summary:
27/8/1941 Sgt Hornabrook (Wireless Air Gunner) embarked at Sydney for overseas service.
19/9/1941 : Disembarked at Singapore and attached to 36 Sqn RAF at Selatar, Far East.
28/1/1942 : Reported wounded as result enemy action with gun shot wounds to the right arm and left leg. Initially reported missing then later a POW.

5/11/1944 : Died whilst a POW in Siam.

WO Hornabrook is buried in the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. The town of Kanchanburi is 129kms north west of Bangkok, and is best reached by road along the National Highway from the National Capital.

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

400202 Sergeant HOWISS, Gordon Stewart

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163123/199 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vilderbeest
Serial number:	K 6392
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 36 SQN RAF

Summary:
Vilderbeest K6392 was presumed lost over Endau, Malaya, on 26th January 1942 as a result of enemy action. All the crew were killed.

Crew:
RNZAF Sgt T S Tanner, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 406191 PO Turner A E (Navigator)
RAAF 400202 Sgt G S Howiss, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Search parties after the war discovered the wreck of the aircraft about 6.5 miles south east of Endau in position 02.35 N 103.41E. The aircraft was partly submerged nose down in a swamp. The rear of the fuselage and the tail that carried the identification number of the aircraft were above the surface. It was not possible to determine the cause of the crash. There was no trace of fire. Some remains of the crew in the aircraft but identification was not possible.

The crew remains are consecrated in a common grave and buried at Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore.The cemetery is 22kms north of the city of Singapore, on the north side of Singapore Island overlooking the Straits of Johore. The Cemetery is known locally as the Kranji Memorial.

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

401041 Sergeant LOCKHART, Joseph

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/139/100 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vilderbeest
Serial number:	K 4168
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 36 SQN RAF

Summary:
Vilderbeest K4168 on 26th January 1942 was engaged together with other aircraft from the Squadron in an attack on a Japanese invasion fleet near Endau, Malaya and it failed to return to base.
In April 1946 a British search party found the wreck of the aircraft near Mersing which is on the east coast of Malaya, about 80 miles north of Singapore and 25 miles from Endau. In 1954 a letter to relatives advised that it appeared that the aircraft had been shot down by enemy aircraft and that all the crew had been killed and the remains of Sgt Lockhart recovered.

Crew:
RAF Flt Lt Richardson, G S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt B V Harris, (Observer)
RAAF 401041 Sgt J Lockhart, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The remains of the crew are buried in the Kranji War Cemetery which is 22kms north of the city of Singapore, on the north side of Singapore Island overlooking the Straits of Johore. The cemetery is known locally as the Kranji Memorial.

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

401664 Flying Officer PULLAR, John Sutherland

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/93 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 36 SQN RAF

Summary:
A Wellington aircraft with FO Pullar as 2nd Pilot dived into the Mediterranean Sea approx 50 miles north of Oran at approx 5am local time on 2nd November 1943.Five of the crew were rescued by RN vessel HMS Anemone. They were injured and admitted to 7th US Hospital, Oran FO Pullar died of his injuries on 2nd November 1943.
FO Brandt was missing believed killed.

Crew:
RAAF 401664 FO Pullar, J S (Captain (Pilot)
RCAF FO Brandt, C E (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 412134 FO Hand, J H (Observer)
RAAF 411391 FO Scoble, J O (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt F Durham(
RAF Sgt R E Woodgate (

FO Pullar is buried in the Le Petit Lac Cemetery, Algeria. The cemetery is situated on the southern outskirts of Oran about 4kms from Place Foch at the centre of the town.

FO Brandt is missing and has no known grave. His name is 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.

405559 Flying Officer SCOTTON, John Norman

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/206 Commonwealth War Graves record

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 533
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 36 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington HF533 when taking off for operations from Blida aerodrome, Algeria, on 5th September 1943 crashed shortly after take-off at 0550 hours, approx 4 miles west of the drome. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF	FO Scott, V A DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Flt Sgt H EWalker, (2nd Pilot)
RAF	FO Bray G S, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RCAF	Sgt J Willzak, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF	405559 FO Scotton, J N (Air Gunner)
RAF	Fl Lt Cowdrey, J E F (Pax. of 36 Sqn)

Five of the crew are buried in the El Alia Cemetery, Algiera. The cemetery is 13kms south east of Algiers on the road to El Harrash The Commonwealth plot of burials of the Second World War is situated in a large civilian cemetery.
Commonwealth War Graves records do not reveal where Sgt Willzak is buried.

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

406191 Pilot Officer TURNER, Arthur Edwin

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163123/199 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Vilderbeest
Serial number:	K 6392
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 36 SQN RAF

Summary:
Vilderbeest K6392 was presumed lost over Endau, Malaya, on 26th January 1942 as a result of enemy action. All the crew were killed.

Crew:
RNZAF Sgt T S Tanner, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 406191 PO Turner A E (Navigator)
RAAF 400202 Sgt G S Howiss, (Wireless Air Gunner)

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

426195 Flight Sergeant WILSON, Alfred George

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA :A705, 166/43/549 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 296
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 36 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington HF296 returning to base after a convoy patrol on 4th march 1944 crashed near Bonyai at 2035 hours. The aircraft was endeavouring to land in adverse weather conditions and efforts were made to divert the aircraft to another drome bur without success.

At take off the weather was forecast as fully operational for the return of the aircraft at 2030 hours. At 2015 hours the weather had greatly deteriorated and was non-operational. At 2020 hours a message diverting the aircraft to Baghai was transmitted. This message was received by 'W' aircraft after it had struck a high tension cable on the drome circuit causing general power failure, including the flare path and W/T stations. It was established that the crew of 'W' had logged in the message before the aircraft crashed with total loss of the aircraft and the crew of 6.
According to eye witnesses the aircraft did another circuit after hitting the high tension cable then seemed to lose height rapidly and crashed west of the drome

Crew:
RAF FO Stannard, E R Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Quinlan, J M (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 426195 Flt Sgt A G Wilson, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt J Shoolbread (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C F Davy, (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt G K Kirk, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Dely Ibrahim War Cemetery, Algeria. Dely Ibrahim is a village in hilly country about 10kms south west of Algiers on the road to Blida. The War Cemetery lies on the slope of a hill about 500 metres short of the village of Dely Ibrahim.

402639 Flight Sergeant COCHRANE, Keith Merton

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5523047 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:
402639 Flt Sgt K M Cochrane (Pilot) was killed on air operations in the Middle East on 19th April 1942. He is buried in the Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt.
Alamein is a village bypassed by the main coast road approx 130kms from Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh

No crew or mission details are available. National Archives do not hold an RAAF Casualty file for Flt Sgt Cochrane and his service record file does not have the information.

408026 Pilot Officer DALCO, William George

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/27/74 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	L 7860
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington L7860 was seen shot down over the aerodrome at Skarpanto on 29th May 1941 which is on the island of Skarpanto in the Dodecanese group of islands, Greece. All the crew were killed.

Crew:
RAF Flt Sgt D D Strickland, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A E Middleton (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 408026 PO Dalco, W G (Observer)
RAF Sgt T H Mitchell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Curle, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Nowell,. R E H (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Rhodes War Cemetery, Greece. The cemetery is on the southern outskirts of the town of Rhodes on the western side of the coastal road to Lindos.
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16248 Leading Aircraftsman DAVIS, Philip

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/238 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:
LAC P Davis, Fitter 11A, died of his wounds in the Abusueir Hospital, Middle East, on 5th August 1942. He is buried in the Tel-el-Kebir War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.
The cemetery lies 110kms NNE of Cairo and 75kms south of Port Said,

422905 Flight Sergeant EMMOTT, Jack Harrison

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/135 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 574
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington LP574 took off from the Tortorella landing ground at 1710 hours on the night of 22/23rd November 1944 to attack the marshalling yards at Szombathely, Hungary. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Returning crews reported enemy night fighters active in the target area and some aircraft were seen shot down.

Crew:

RAAF	422905 Flt Sgt J H Emmott, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF	424815 Flt Sgt L R Young, (Navigator)
RAF	Sgt W Carter, (Bomb Aimer)
RNZAF	Flt Sgt R C Chesterman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Flt Sgt C H Cockram (Air Gunner)

In 1947 a Missing Research and Enquiry Unit reported that the aircraft had exploded in the air presumably as a result of enemy aircraft and crashed at Kuriapuzza on 22nd November 1944. Kuriapuzza is approx 24 miles south west of Szombathely.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Budapest War Cemetery, Hungary. The cemetery is several kilometres west of the city. Take Route 10 from the city centre in the direction of Dorog.

405011 Warrant Officer FORRESTER, Norman Smith

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/12 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 847
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington HF847 took off from Gardabia drome at 2030 hours local time on the night of 20/21st February, 1943, to attack Palermo, Sicily, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RNZAF Flt Sgt A J Jenner, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T E Thompson, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt W H Beaver, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J P Duffy, (Wir5eless Air Gunner)
RCAF WO 11 E F Fournier, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 405011 WO N S Forrester, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed.
WO Forrester and WO Fournier are buried in the Catania War Cemetery, Sicily, Italy. The cemetery is 7kms south west of Catania.
The other four crew members have no known grave and 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.

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

421724 Warrant Officer GOLSBY-SMITH, Maxwell Frederick

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/483 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 798
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington LN798 took off from Tortorella drome at 1155 hours on 15th November 1944 to carry out an air test in Italy. The aircraft crashed during the test and three of the crew were killed and two were injured.

Crew:
RAF Flt Sgt W J Duncan, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L H Page, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt A S Godsen, (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 421724 WO M F Golsby-Smith, (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF Flt Sgt R H Foster (Air Gunner)

The three killed Flt Sgt Duncan, Sgt Page and WO Golsby-Smith are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is located on the outskirts of Bari in the district of Carbonara.

426339 Flight Sergeant HART, Alexander Barr

Source:
AWM 237 (65) N AA : A705, 166/17/665 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MF 121
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington MF121 took off from Tortorella Landing Ground, Italy, on the night of 13/14th July 1944 for an attack against the Lambrate marshalling yards at Milan. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
SAAF Lt Hjelm, D R Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 426339 Flt Sgt A B Hart, (2nd Pilot)
SAAF Lt Blanc, J P (Navigator)
RAF FO Freeman, W F (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Flt Sgt D V H Barnes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J T Welsh, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Milan War Cemetery, Italy.

425414 Flight Lieutenant KIMBER, Donald David

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/470 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	KH 245
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:
Liberator KH245 took off at 1730 hours on 31st March 1945 to attack the Graz marshalling yards, Austria. While returning from the target the aircraft was shot down by a JU88 between the hours of 2035/2040 hours on 31/3. Five of the crew were killed and the other four safe.

Crew:
RNZAF Flt Lt Cave, V G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H A C Crisp, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Bridge, E (Navigator)
RAF PO Inness, L (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 425414 Flt Flt Lt Kimber, D D (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Wing, C G (Technician A)
RAF Flt Sgt R Adams, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J J Cummings, (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt R R Attreed (Air Gunner)

Flt Cave, Sgt Crisp, Flt Lt Kimber, Flt Sgt Attreed and Sgt Adams lost their lives and they are buried in the Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia and Montenegro. The War cemetery is in the Uliga Baju Seculica in the City's Fifth Region, and is on the edge of the New Yugoslavia cemetery. The other four crew members although suffering burns, evaded capture and were looked after by partisans who contacted RAF authorities in the area.

In a later report FO Bridge stated " At 2018 hours on 31st March I took a Gee fix which put us some 5 miles port of track and almost immediately an aircraft was reported beneath us by the Rear Gunner. FO Wing identified it as a JU88. Before evasive action could be taken we were hit I felt a burst hit the armour plating on the floor of the Nav cabin. The Captain called up the crew and everyone one reported OK. The Captain then informed the Rear Gunner that he had no control over the rudders and so could not do any more corkscrew. The A/c came again underneath and we tried weaving and the rear and beam gunners opened fire. FO Wing (beam gunner) saw his tracer hit the enemy A/c. The JU fired again and hit flares and ammunition in the beam position and the nose wheel compartment - fires breaking out in both places. The Captain ordered "fix parachutes and abandon A/c". I went through the nose wheel door followed by the bomb aimer. Both beam gunners by the camera hatch. Height of baling out was approx 9,000 feet."

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

402077 Sergeant KNIGHT, Norman John

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/133/121 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial numbers:	Z9038 and DV483
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington Z9038 and DV483 were involved in a head on collision at RAF Station Luqa, Malta on the night of 8/9th March 1942. Both aircraft had been dispersed on the drome and were brought out for the night's operations.
Z9038 had been parked near the windward end of the runway and obliged to taxi up it to get to the take off end. The aircraft entered the flare path at the time DV483 was taking off without receiving permission from the control point. Downward recognition lights were not being used owing to the pool of light and consequent risk of bombing.
DV483 was almost airborne when it crashed into Z9038 taxying down the flare path and the two machines burst into flames. The mines and bombs on board both aircraft started to explode and rescue work continued in spite of the difficulty.

Crew: Z9038
RAF FO Boyd, C I L Captain (Pilot) Injured
RAF Sgt A G Thomas, (2nd Pilot) Injured
RAAF 402077 Sgt N J Knight, (Observer) Died
RAF Sgt H Williams, (Wireless Air Gunner) Injured
RAAF 407030 Sgt R M Herman, (Wireless Air Gunner) Missing
RAF FO Kirkman, J S (Air Gunner)

Sgt Knight died of his injuries in hospital on 9 March 1943. He s buried in the Pembroke Military Cemetery, Malta. The Cemetery is located just off the north-east coast road that runs from Msida through St Andrews to St Paul's Bay.
Sgt Herman has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Malta Memorial. The memorial is situated in the area of Floriana and is easily identified by the Golden Eagle which surmounts the column. It stands outside the main entrance to Valletta.
CWG records their Date of Death as 9 March 1942.

Crew : DV483
RCAF Flt Sgt S J Kozlowski, Captain (Pilot) Killed
RCAF Sgt J H B Marcotte, (2nd Pilot) Injured
RAF Sgt E Goodfellow, (Observer) Killed
RAAF 400312 Sgt H M Walker, (Wireless Air Gunner) Killed.
RAAF 404411 Sgt V F O'Hagan, (Wireless Air Gunner) Injured
RAF Sgt A Thomas, (Air Gunner) Injured

Flt Sgt Kozlowski and Sgt Walker are buried in the Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery, Malta. The Cemetery is about 2kms south-east of Rinella, a bay and hamlet opposite

Valletta across the mouth of the Grand Harbour, and on the southern outskirts of the village of Kalkara. CWG records their Date of Death as 8th March 1942.
CWG records do not disclose where Sgt Goodfellow is buried.

420964 Flight Sergeant LAING, Ronald Stanley

Source:
AWM 237 (65a) NAA : A705, 166/24/265 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	RZ 475
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington RZ475 was detailed on the night of 18th January 1944 to bomb the marshalling yards at Pontassieve, Italy. The aircraft took off at 1730 hours but failed to return to base.
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Crew:

RAF	Flt Sgt J A W Scott, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF	420964 Flt Sgt R S Laing, (Navigator)
RAF	Flt Sgt J T Hood, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF	Sgt W A Didluck, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt A J McC Millichip (Air Bomber)
RAF	Flt Sgt R C MacGillivoray, (Air Gunner)

The crashed aircraft was located approx 5 miles SSW of Melfi, Luciana. It had crashed into the southwest face of MonteVulture at approx 2300 hours on 18th January.and the crew of 6 had been killed.

Those killed are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy.

405080 Flight Sergeant MacDONALD, Roderick Daniel

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/141/705 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	ES 989
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington ES989 was detailed on the night of 7/8th September 1942 to attack Tobruk. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RCAF WO Class 1 S A G Turner, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF WO Class 11 A B Cameron (Pilot)
RCAF WO Class 11 R B Clements, (Observer)
RAAF 405080 Flt Sgt R D MacDonald, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G D Rawbone, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P McIntyre, (Air Gunner)

All the missing crew have no known grave and 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.

407950 Warrant Officer RICHARDS, Robert William

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/120 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 579
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington HF579 was detailed along with other aircraft to attack Palmi, Italy, on the night of 7/8th August 1943. The aircraft took off at 0045 hours, but failed to return to base from the mission.

Crew:
RAF FO Bone, S C H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C E Joel, (Navigator)
RAAF 407950 WO R W Richards, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R F Carpenter, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R W L Houghton, (Air Gunner)

Other aircraft of the Squadron reported seeing an aircraft go down in flames over the target area at 0340 hours, and since this unit was the only one covering the target at the time it was considered probable that it was HF579. There was no ack-ack defence at the time, but crews from other units on the target at different times reported air firing with tracer ammunition within the vicinity.

All five crew members are buried in the Salerno War Cemetery, Italy.

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

411957 Flying Officer SHEEHY, Basil James

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/122 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 723
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington HF723 took off at 2100 hours from Maircuan Landing Ground on the night of 19/20th June 1943 to bomb Messina, Sicily, Italy. The aircraft was detailed along with other aircraft at a "blitz" period of 2330 hours.

At 2343 hours an SOS was received "may be forced to land, starboard engine". A snap QDM at the time gave a position of the aircraft slightly west of the target. It appeared that the aircraft sustained trouble with the starboard engine when over the target and it was considered possibly due to enemy action. The aircraft failed to return to base.
Six aircraft searched the area the next day but no trace of a dinghy was found.

Crew:
RAAF 411957 FO Sheehy, B J Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Norrie A A , (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J S Taylor, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt J C Hesketh, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J Richards, (Air Gunner)

FO Norris and Sgt Taylor were POW's and the other three crew lost their lives.

Sgt Taylor later reported "I was informed by the Military police at Enna in Italy that FO Sheehy was admitted to hospital on 20th June, suffering a broken arm and burns, but died and was buried at Enna. The aircraft was over Sicily when it developed engine trouble when both engines cut out. The Pilot gave the abandon order when the aircraft began losing height but was under control. Norrie, Richards and Hesketh baled out at about 1500 feet before I baled out. I assume that the chutes of both Richards and Hesketh failed to open. I left the aircraft about 1000/1500 feet and the pilot was still in the aircraft. It was apparently under control but in a dive. I saw the aircraft crash and burn. Norrie was also captured and a POW."
FO Sheehy, Flt Sgt's Hesketh and Richards are buried in the Catania War Cemetery, Italy.

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

400312 Sergeant WALKER, Henry Norman

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/133/121 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial numbers:	Z9038 and DV483
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z9038 and DV483 were involved in a head on collision at RAF Station Luqa, Malta on the night of 8/9th March 1942. Both aircraft had been dispersed on the drome and were brought out for the night's operations.

Z9038 had been parked near the windward end of the runway and obliged to taxi up it to get to the take off end. The aircraft entered the flare path at the time DV483 was taking off without receiving permission from the control point. Downward recognition lights were not being used owing to the pool of light and consequent risk of bombing.

DV483 was almost airborne when it crashed into Z9038 taxying down the flare path and the two machines burst into flames. The mines and bombs on board both aircraft started to explode and rescue work continued in spite of the difficulty.

Crew: Z9038

RAF FO Boyd, C I L Captain (Pilot) Injured
RAF Sgt A G Thomas, (2nd Pilot) Injured
RAAF 402077 Sgt N J Knight, (Observer) Died
RAF Sgt H Williams, (Wireless Air Gunner) Injured
RAAF 407030 Sgt R M Herman, (Wireless Air Gunner) Missing
RAF FO Kirkman, J S (Air Gunner)

Sgt Knight died of his injuries in hospital on 9 March 1943. He s buried in the Pembroke Military Cemetery, Malta. The Cemetery is located just off the north-east coast road that runs from Msida through St Andrews to St Paul's Bay.

Sgt Herman has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Malta Memorial. The memorial is situated in the area of Floriana and is easily identified by the Golden Eagle which surmounts the column. It stands outside the main entrance to Valletta.

CWG records their Date of Death as 9 March 1942.

Crew : DV483

RCAF Flt Sgt S J Kozlowski, Captain (Pilot) Killed
RCAF Sgt J H B Marcotte, (2nd Pilot) Injured
RAF Sgt E Goodfellow, (Observer) Killed
RAAF 400312 Sgt H M Walker, (Wireless Air Gunner) Killed.
RAAF 404411 Sgt V F O'Hagan, (Wireless Air Gunner) Injured
RAF Sgt A Thomas, (Air Gunner) Injured

Flt Sgt Kozlowski and Sgt Walker are buried in the Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery, Malta. The Cemetery is about 2kms south-east of Rinella, a bay and hamlet opposite

Valletta across the mouth of the Grand Harbour, and on the southern outskirts of the village of Kalkara. CWG records their Date of Death as 8th March 1942.
CWG does not disclose where Sgt Goodfellow is buried.

424815 Flight Sergeant YOUNG, Leonard Roy

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/135 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 574
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 37 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington LP574 took off from the Tortorella landing ground at 1710 hours on the night of 22/23rd November 1944 to attack the marshalling yards at Szombathely, Hungary. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Returning crews reported enemy night fighters active in the target area and some aircraft were seen shot down.

Crew:

RAAF	422905 Flt Sgt J H Emmott, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF	424815 Flt Sgt L R Young, (Navigator)
RAF	Sgt W Carter, (Bomb Aimer)
RNZAF	Flt Sgt R C Chesterman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Flt Sgt C H Cockram (Air Gunner)

In 1947 a Missing Research and Enquiry Unit reported that the aircraft had exploded in the air presumably as a result of enemy aircraft and crashed at Kuriapuzza on 22nd November 1944. Kuriapuzza is approx 24 miles south west of Szombathely.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Budapest War Cemetery, Hungary. The cemetery is several kilometres west of the city. Take Route 10 from the city centre in the direction of Dorog.

425406 Warrant Officer FAUST, Charles

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/242 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	JB 296
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 38 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington JB296 was detailed to carry out mining operations in the Khalkis Harbour, Greece, on the 2/3rd June 1944. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after it ook aff at 2030 hours on 2nd June, and it failed to return to base.

At 2255 hours a Wellington from 38 Sqn saw a flashing light in position 34.55N 22.13E and the area was searched for 15 minutes without success. A further search was conducted on 3rd June but nothing was found of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:
RAF Flt Sgt L W Cook, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J Hamilton, (Pilot)
RAAF 425406 WO C Faust, (Navigator)
RNZAF WO J A Ashdown, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 405963 WO F J Keegan, ((Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt P M Murphy, (Wireless Operator Air)

Both Flt Sgt's Cook and Hamilton were POW's and the rest of the crew were killed.

In a later report the POW's stated "the aircraft crashed about half a mile on the Aegean side of the Khalkis bridge. We were the only two to get out. We swam around the scene for 15 minutes but saw no sign of the others, and we believed they were either killed in ditching the aircraft or drowned. At 0200 hours we were picked up by a German E or F boat." The locals stated that the aircraft was shot down and crashed in the harbour.

In 1953 the remains of the four missing crew were recovered from the wreck and they are buried in the Phaleron War Cemetery, Athens, Greece.

421225 Warrant Officer JORDAN, Henry Stan

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/184 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	NF 153
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 38 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington NF153 took off at 2030 hours on the night of 3/4th August 1944 to carry out an armed recce in the Aegean Sea. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

At 0047 hours on 4th August aircraft H of the Squadron saw from the north end of Keos Island in the Aegean sea light ack-ack fire. Immediately after he saw a ball of light in the sky height about 600 feet and falling. The light apparently spread on reaching the water approx quarter of a mile off shore. The pilot turned to make closer investigation and wen within 2 miles of the fire it went out having lasted about 1.5 minutes. While it was not definitely established that the above was an aircraft, it was considered that NF153 could have been in the locality of Keos Island at the time and that it was a possible explanation of the failure of the aircraft to return.

Crew:
RAF PO Hughes E T Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO B J Corkery, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 421226 WO K E Kerridge, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 421022 PO Keen, S (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 421225 WO H S Jordan, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt K Yearsley, (Wireless Operator Air)

A French conscript in the German Army later stated to investigators that the aircraft crashed on an island in the Aegean Sea. It was shot down by a German boat on Keos island near Greece.He found the remains of PO Hughes, WO Corkery and WO Kerridge on the island 8 days after the crash and buried them on the island. Sgt Yearsly was the sole survivor of the crash.

All the five crew who lost their lives are buried in the Phaleron War Cemetery, Athens, Greece.

405963 Warrant Officer KEEGAN, Francis Joseph

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/242 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	JB 296
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 38 SQN RAF

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Crew:
RAF Flt Sgt L W Cook, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt J Hamilton, (Pilot)
RAAF 425406 WO C Faust, (Navigator)
RNZAF WO J A Ashdown, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 405963 WO F J Keegan, ((Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt P M Murphy, (Wireless Operator Air)

Both Flt Sgt's Cook and Hamilton were POW's and the rest of the crew were killed.

In a later report the POW's stated "the aircraft crashed about half a mile on the Aegean side of the Khalkis bridge. We were the only two to get out. We swam around the scene for 15 minutes but saw no sign of the others, and we believed they were either killed in ditching the aircraft or drowned. At 0200 hours we were picked up by a German E or F boat." The locals stated that the aircraft was shot down and crashed in the harbour.

In 1953 the remains of the four missing crew were recovered from the wreck and they are buried in the Phaleron War Cemetery, Athens, Greece.

421022 Pilot Officer KEEN, Sidney

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/184 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	NF 153
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 38 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington NF153 took off at 2030 hours on the night of 3/4th August 1944 to carry out an armed recce in the Aegean Sea. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

At 0047 hours on 4th August aircraft H of the Squadron saw from the north end of Keos Island in the Aegean sea light ack-ack fire. Immediately after he saw a ball of light in the sky height about 600 feet and falling. The light apparently spread on reaching the water approx quarter of a mile off shore. The pilot turned to make closer investigation and wen within 2 miles of the fire it went out having lasted about 1.5 minutes. While it was not definitely established that the above was an aircraft, it was considered that NF153 could have been in the locality of Keos Island at the time and that it was a possible explanation of the failure of the aircraft to return.

Crew:
RAF PO Hughes E T Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO B J Corkery, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 421226 WO K E Kerridge, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 421022 PO Keen, S (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 421225 WO H S Jordan, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt K Yearsley, (Wireless Operator Air)

A French conscript in the German Army later stated to investigators that the aircraft crashed on an island in the Aegean Sea. It was shot down by a German boat on Keos island near Greece.He found the remains of PO Hughes, WO Corkery and WO Kerridge on the island 8 days after the crash and buried them on the island. Sgt Yearsly was the sole survivor of the crash.

All the five crew who lost their lives are buried in the Phaleron War Cemetery, Athens, Greece.

421226 Warrant Officer KERRIDGE, Keith Edward

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/184 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	NF 153
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 38 SQN RAF

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RAF WO B J Corkery, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 421226 WO K E Kerridge, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 421022 PO Keen, S (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 421225 WO H S Jordan, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt K Yearsley, (Wireless Operator Air)

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All the five crew who lost their lives are buried in the Phaleron War Cemetery, Athens, Greece.

404118 Sergeant SECOMB, Rowland

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/161/121 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	EZ 8776
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 38 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington EZ8776 took off at 2103 hours on the night of 22/23rd September 1941 from Luqa, Malta, detailed to carry out operations against Tripoli, Libya. The aircraft failed to return to base from the mission.

Crew:
RAAF 404118 Sgt R Secomb, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P F Bold, (2nd Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt R H Toshack (Observer)
SCAF Flt Sgt W F P Brown, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J C Sheridan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W J Poole, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was shot down near Tripoli and all the crew lost their lives.
Sgt Secomb is buried in the Tripoli War Cemetery, Libya.
The other five crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Malta Memorial. The Memorial is situated in the area of Floriana and is easily identified by the Golden Eagle which surmounts the column. It stands outside the main entrance to Valletta.

414104 Flying Officer TUCKER, Ronald Harvey Peet

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/87 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MP644
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 38 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington MP644 took off from Berca 111 landing ground at 2300 hours on 20th September 1943, detailed to carry out a night operational flight. The aircraft crashed soon after take off and all on board were killed.

A Court of Inquiry recorded their opinion of the accident as follows : "the aircraft became airborne from a very short distance along the flare path and then touched down again due to one of the following reasons :
- the cases of incendiaries had not been moved to a position nearer to the centre of gravity of the aircraft thus making it difficult to control the aircraft on take off,
- the aircraft developed nose heaviness due to either faulty trim by the pilot during cockpit drill or inherent nose heaviness on take off.

That the pilot when airborne for a short distance applied his brakes as is the usual practice and when he touched down again was unable to release the brakes without allowing the control column to go forward. This resulted in a series of bounces with brakes on.
In the final effort to become airborne the undercarriage was retracted but the wheels hit the raised roadway causing the aircraft to bounce and stall on the ground about 75 yards from the road, where the bombs exploded."

Crew:
RAF FO Bazell, H E Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Noble, R (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 414104 FO Tucker, R H P (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt C A Gough, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J S Gunn, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H J Davey, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All those killed are buried in the Benghazi War Cemetery, Libya.

402049 Flying Officer DEARMAN, Victor Leo

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/27/82 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Maryland
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 39 SQN RAF

Summary:
A Maryland of 39 Sqn RAF was detailed on 29th July 1941 to carry out a photo recce. of Western Crete. The aircraft took off at 1430 hours for an estimated flight of 4 hours, but nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.
Subsequent searches found a rubber dinghy with the body of one of the crew in it, Sg Downs, RAF.

Crew:
RAF Flt Lt Lewis, R A DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402049 FO Dearman, V L (Observer)
RAAF 400169 Sgt B E R Fitzgerald, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt H T Downs, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Alamein is a village, bypassed by the main coast road approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

400169 Sergeant FITZGERALD, Bryan Edmund Richard

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/27/82 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Maryland
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 39 SQN RAF

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RAF Flt Lt Lewis, R A DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402049 FO Dearman, V L (Observer)
RAAF 400169 Sgt B E R Fitzgerald, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt H T Downs, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Alamein is a village, bypassed by the main coast road approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

406009 Pilot Officer McDANIEL, Daniel

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5243752 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 39 SQN RAF

Summary:
PO McDaniel (Observer) died of an illness (appendicitis) at 19th General Hospital, Middle East, on 28th May 1941. He is buried in the Ismailia War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

PO McDaniel trained at 1AOS Cootamundra, 1 BAGS Evans Head and 1 ANS Parkes. He embarked for overseas on 11/2/41 and disembarked HMT 24/3/41 where he was attached to 102 MU RAF Middle East Command.
On 5/4/41 he left by Service transport for 39 Sqn RAF.

The following are extracts from his Flying Log book
1st Flight 5/4/41 : Middle East
Last Flight 10/5/41 :

10/4/41 Shandor sea patrol
26/4/41 Shandor coast patrol – Gaza- Slander.
1/5/41 Salum – Bardia – Eladem _ Martin B – Fuka.
A/c Marylands.
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400167 Sergeant ABBOTT, Lewis James

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/85/48 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1066
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington R1066 took off from RAF Luqa, Malta, at 1845 hours on the night of 5/6th December 1941, detailed to carry out operations against Naples, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.
One of the Squadrons aircraft returning from the same operation, reported seeing distress signals at a position 161 degrees about 15 miles from Licato. An ASR launch and aircraft searched the area but no trace of the missing aircraft or crew was found.

Crew:
RAF PO Hutt, D F Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Miller, I E (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Pyle, A J (Observer)
RAF Sgt W H Poole, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt T J Arsenault, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 400167 Sgt L J Abbott, (Rear Gunner)

Both PO's Hutt and Miller were POW's, and the remaining four members of the crew lost their lives. They are buried in the Salerno War Cemetery, Italy.

410614 Flight Sergeant ANDREWS, William Charles

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/3/144 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ552
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington HZ522 was detailed on 24th November 1943 to attack Turin, Italy. The aircraft took of at 1653 hours, but nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF Flt Sgt F H Haegi, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Eagles, W A (Navigator)
RAAF 410614 Flt Sgt W C Andrews, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Harthill, J C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R S Colvin, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed in the locality of La Ret Ta fraction, Bratto of Pontemoli town, and all the crew were killed.
They are buried in the Staglieno Cemetery, Genoa, Italy.

418811 Pilot Officer COLLINS, Ronald Thomas

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/345 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 195
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington LP195 took off fro Foggia Main landing ground, Italy, on 7th July 1944, detailed to attack Feuersbrunn drome near Vienna. The formation of Squadron aircraft encountered German fighters and three of the aircraft, including LP195 were shot down in close proximity to St Polten, approx 34 miles west of Vienna. All the crews in the three Squadron aircraft were killed.

Crew:
RAAF 418811 PO Collins, R T Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 418923 Flt Sgt R C Dalton, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D W Nicholls, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 415811 WO M W Marsh, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt V Charles, (Air Gunner)

The crews of the three aircraft including LP195 are buried in the Klagenfurt War Cemetery, Austria. Klagenfurt is the capital of the Austrian Province of Carpinthia.

418923 Flight Sergeant DALTON, Rae Charles

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/345 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 195
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
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RAAF 415811 WO M W Marsh, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt V Charles, (Air Gunner)

The crews of the three aircraft including LP195 are buried in the Klagenfurt War Cemetery, Austria. Klagenfurt is the capital of the Austrian Province of Carpinthia.

405837 Flight Sergeant DAWSON, Donald Norman

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/336 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 248
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
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All of the crew lost their lives. The four RAAF members are buried in the Enfidaville War Cemetery, Tunisia. The town of Enfidaville is 100kns south of Tunis on the main coast road.
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409069 Flight Sergeant GAZE, Wharton Owen

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/88 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 570
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington HZ570 was detailed on the night of 12/13th August 1943 to attack the beaches in the Messina, Sicily area between 0030/0400 hours. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

HZ570 was seen by other aircraft on the same mission to explode in the air at approx 9000 feet over the Straits of Messina after air to air firing, and crash in flames on land near Gannae Zirri at approx 0039 hours. Tracer fire was observed by the other crews and suggest the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter. No chutes were observed.

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RAAF 406744 WO W R Walters, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 409069 Flt Sgt W O Gaze, (Navigator)
RAAF 415030 Flt Sgt J P Hall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
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415030 Flight Sergeant HALL, John Patrick

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AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/88 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 570
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

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402238 Sergeant HOLLIDAY, Maurice Sydney

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA A9301, Barcode 5522984 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Sergeant Holliday (Pilot) lost his life on air operations on 24th July 1941. He is buried in the St Eval Churchyard, Cornwall, UK. No other details are available as Archives do not hold a RAAF Casualty file.

415462 Flight Sergeant HUGHES, Francis Rodney

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/367 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 120
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington LP 120 of 40 Sqn RAF, Central Mediterranean Force, took off at 2141 hours on the night of 2nd June 1944 from Foggia, Italy, to attack Giurgiu, Roumania. The aircraft failed to return to base after the mission.

Crew:
RAAF 415462 Flt Sgt F R Hughes, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt K Shaw, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W E Samler, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt A S Millar, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 427959 Flt Sgt F R Sweeney, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Shaw who survived the crash later reported " the aircraft crashed approx 15 miles south of Pirot in Yugoslavia. The aircraft was at 13000 feet when the pilot requested a course to base and when turning there was an explosion and both engines failed. The order to bale out was given and that he and both Sgt Millar and Flt Sgt Sweeney left the aircraft. At the time both Samler and Hughes were still in the aircraft. Hughes was uninjured and the aircraft was under control. The aircraft was over rough country 40 miles west of Sofia. Shaw saw 2 parachutes on the ground next morning and assumed they belonged to both Sweeney and Millar."

The other four members of the crew have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Malta Memorial. The Memorial is situated in the area of Floriana and is easily identified by the Golden Eagle which surmounts the column. It stands outside the entrance to Valletta.

415478 Flying Officer LYON, Kenneth William

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/116 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40SQN RAF

Summary:
A Wellington aircraft of 40 Sqn RFAF crashed half a mile beyond the end of the runway at Foggia Main landing ground, Italy, immediately after take off on 17th February 1944. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt Jones (RAAF) was uninjured.

After taking off the aircraft failed to gain height and began a swing to starboard. The Captain called out that he was attempting to jettison the bombs, but this was not accomplished, as when the aircraft crashed the bombs remained aborad and later exploded whilst the aircraft was burning.

Sgt Jones was quickly rescued from the aircraft. Six bodies were also recovered from a nearby burning house. A wing of the aircraft crashed through the roof of the building and the interior of the house was drenched with petrol.

Crew:
RAAF 415478 FO Lyon, K W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt S E P Pillinger, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt K R Reader, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt D H Knight (Air Bomber)
RAAF 427511 Sgt F W Jones, (Air Gunner)

The four crew who lost their lives are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is on the outskirts of Bari, Locality Carbonara.

415811 Warrant Officer MARSH, Maxwell William

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/345 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 195
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington LP195 took off fro Foggia Main landing ground, Italy, on 7th July 1944, detailed to attack Feuersbrunn drome near Vienna. The formation of Squadron aircraft encountered German fighters and three of the aircraft, including LP195 were shot down in close proximity to St Polten, approx 34 miles west of Vienna. All the crews in the three Squadron aircraft were killed.

Crew:
RAAF 418811 PO Collins, R T Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 418923 Flt Sgt R C Dalton, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D W Nicholls, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 415811 WO M W Marsh, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt V Charles, (Air Gunner)

The crews of the three aircraft including LP195 are buried in the Klagenfurt War Cemetery, Austria. Klagenfurt is the capital of the Austrian Province of Carpinthia.

420575 Flight Sergeant MASON, Alan Firth

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/27/359 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 513
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington LN513 took off from Foggia Main base, Italy, at 0101 hours on 17th February 1944 to bomb the shipping at San Stefano.. The aircraft which was last plotted 14 miles from base at 0548 hours, height 6000 feet, did not return from the mission.

Crew:
RAAF 420575 Flt Sgt A F Mason, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Keighley, J C (Navigator)
RAAF 425536 Flt Sgt E E McGilvery, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt E S Sayer, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A Bayliss, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft had crashed into a hillside, and the aircraft burnt out and completely destroyed with all the crew killed. They are buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy. The cemetery is on the outskirts of Bari. Locality Carbonara.

425536 Flight Sergeant McGILVERY, Edwin Ernest

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/27/359 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 513
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

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413319 Flight Sergeant McILROY, Ronald Bruce

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/336 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 248
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
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Crew:
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RAAF 405837 Flt Sgt D N Dawson, (Navigator)
RAAF 415199 Flt Sgt W S Sinclair, (Wireless Air Gunner)
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RAF Sgt A G Allwright (Air Gunner)

All of the crew lost their lives. The four RAAF members are buried in the Enfidaville War Cemetery, Tunisia. The town of Enfidaville is 100kns south of Tunis on the main coast road.
Sgt Allwright has no known grave and his name is 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.

400723 Flight Lieutenant MELDRUM, Alexander John

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA A705, 166/27/96 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 109
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington HE109 took off at 1759 hours on the night of 11/12th April 1943 to attack the landing ground at St Marie du Kit. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. Other crews returning from the mission thought they saw an aircraft explode and go down over the target area at approx 2140 hours.

Crew:
RAF FO Wilkinson, H E Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400723 Flt Lt Meldrum, A J (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L P Grace, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R Milbourne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A R Graves, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P C P Kipling, (Air Gunner)

On 28th July 1943 the aircraft was found by members of an American Fighter group. Some remains and personal effects were found among the wreckage. All the crew had been killed in the crash.
Those killed are buried in the Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia. The cemetery is 60 miles west of Tunis.

416598 Flight Sergeant MORGAN, David Hugh

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/88 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 570
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington HZ570 was detailed on the night of 12/13th August 1943 to attack the beaches in the Messina, Sicily area between 0030/0400 hours. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

HZ570 was seen by other aircraft on the same mission to explode in the air at approx 9000 feet over the Straits of Messina after air to air firing, and crash in flames on land near Gannae Zirri at approx 0039 hours. Tracer fire was observed by the other crews and suggest the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter. No chutes were observed.

Crew:
RAAF 406744 WO W R Walters, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 409069 Flt Sgt W O Gaze, (Navigator)
RAAF 415030 Flt Sgt J P Hall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 416598 Flt Sgt D H Morgan, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J K Kirk, (Air Gunner)

In 1949 a search party was informed by locals that the aircraft had crashed in the village of Faro Superiore, province of Messina, Sicily, and that the Germans had buried the crew in an old gun site on the outskirts of the village. A search of the area at the time could not locate any remains. In 1956 it was reported that the bodies had been located, and the crew of five are buried in the Syracuse War Cemetery, Messina, Locality Sicily, Italy.

423383 Flying Officer ROBERTS, Guy Parker

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/354 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 797
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington LN797 took off from Foggia Main Landing ground at 1919 hours on the night of 6/7th September 1944 to bomb Bologna marshalling yards, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Other crews returning from the mission reported seeing yellow lights in the sea in position 42.55N 14.39E, and a ship was observed steaming towards the scene.

Crew:
RAAF 423383 FO Roberts, G P Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J M Dobson, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt T Morris, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF FO Quin, A J (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt V S J Belt, (Air Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Bologna War Cemetery, Italy.

404384 Pilot Officer RYDER, Robin Munro

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5262587 and 5248436
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
PO Ryder (Observer) was presumed to have lost his life on operations on 13th September 1941. He is buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrheim-Westfal. Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

Archives do not hold an RAAF Casualty file and no further information is available from the existing records.

417421 Flight Sergeant SAUERWALD Raymond George

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/398 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 128
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington LP128 took off at 2101 hours on the night of 6/7th May 1944 to bomb Bucharest, Romania. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

An aircraft was seen by other crews to crash near the Balta Gracca lake shortly after 0015 hours, following air to air firing. A ball of fire was seen in the air and a breaking of pieces near Caracal.

Crew:
RAAF 20813 Flt Sgt J D Coape-Smith, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Cormie, (Navigator)
RAAF 421285 WO R D Kilroy, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt D H Dealtry, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 417421 Flt Sgt R G Sauerwald, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Sauerwald lost his life and he is buried in the Bucharest War Cemetery, Romania. The other four crew members were POW's. Flt Sgt Coape-Smith and WO Kilroy survived the war.

Flt Sgt Coape-Smith later reported "We were attacked by a fighter and was forced to abandon aircraft. Sprained an ankle on landing, found friendly peasants who handed me over to a party of police and soldiers. Interned in POW camp Bucharest 15/5/44 to 26/8/44 and subsequently escaped from camp and made my way safely to allied lines."

WO Kilroy reported :"Attacked by JU88 three times. 2nd attack wounded me both legs. Third attack killed Flt Sgt Sauerwald and set plane on fire. I walked 2 miles to nearest village and met some peasants who took me to their home and later to Red Cross to have wounds dressed. Then taken POW and admitted Colston Hospital, Bucharest and operated on both legs. Released from captivity and reached Italy early September 1944.

415199 Flight Sergeant SINCLAIR, Walter Samuel

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/336 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 248
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

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407141 Flying Officer SUGG, Eric John

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/57/121 Commonwealth War Graves record

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9926
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington X9926 on the night of 12/13th October 1941 was detailed to carry out an operational mission from which it failed to return

Crew:
RNZAF PO Field, I M V Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P F Collis, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 407141 FO Sugg, E J (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R A Dundon (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt T L Duxbury, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H R G Chapman, (Air Gunner)

A Military Research and Enquiry team later reported "Local inhabitants of Sautin stated that a twin engine bomber crashed at 2230 hours in a field adjacent to a farm. The aircraft came down in two pieces and did not explode or catch fire. Six bodies were found at the scene with unopened parachutes."
All the crew are buried in the Dinant (Citadelle) Military Cemetery, Locality Dinant, Namur, Belgium.

411193 Flight Sergeant TURNER, Anthony StClair

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/336 Commonwealth War Graves records

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Radio call sign:	
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405433 Flight Sergeant WALKER, Rolfe Devenport

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/176/365 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9938
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington X9938 on 3rd September 1942, when returning from it's 2nd operational mission that night, crashed on landing at a landing ground.

Crew:

RAF	Sgt V N Baker, Captain (Pilot)
RAF	PO Nicholson, G K (Pilot)
RAAF	405433 Flt Sgt R D Walker, (Observer)
RAAF	405398 Sgt R J Evans, (Wireless Air Gunner) (A member of 15 O T U RAF)
RAAF	411009 Sgt A R Duncanson, (Front Gunner) (A member of 15 O T U RAF)
RAAF	402776 Sgt J Roach, (Rear Gunner)

Both Sgt Baker and Sgt Roach were injured in the crash but survived the crash. The four who lost their lives are buried in the Heliopolis War Cemetery, Egypt. Heliopolis is a major suburb of Cairo, 10kms from the main city centre and 6ms from the airport.

In later report Sgt Baker stated "Returning from our 2nd operational trip at dawn on 3/9/1942, the Navigator reported that two bombs were still in the bomb rack. I turned back to the target area and endeavoured to release them but I could not. I tried "H" type jettison and "Navs" jettison without success. I also shook the aircraft violently but the bombs still remained in the racks so we closed the bomb doors, put the fuse switch to "safe", put all the selective switches off and the drum switch to safe except for jettison. I personally checked that this had been done and then set course for the landing ground. I landed as I thought on LG 224 and we were moving down the runway our speed reduced to about 30mph, when one of the bombs exploded. I found myself hanging half in and half out of the fuselage and managed to drag myself about 50 yards away but could get no further. The crash lorry arrived and after a few moments the 2nd bomb exploded and a piece of shrapnel entered my shoulder."
Sgt Baker suffered a broken left leg, broken collar bone and shrapnel wound.

In a later report by the CO of the Unit stated " Baker is an experienced operational pilot and a good landing was made. No blame can be attached to the pilot. He carried out all the methods to drop the bombs. The initial bump on landing must have caused them to fall off."

406744 Warrant Officer WALTERS, William Roland

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/88 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 570
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
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407854 Flight Sergeant WIGLEY, Harvey John

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/178 363 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 834
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 40 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington HF834 took off from Luqa, Malta at 1630 local time on 7th December 1942 to bomb Bizerta.. The aircraft failed to return from the mission

Crew:
RAF FO Bell, A D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Marshall, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Gill, (Navigator)
RAAF 407854 Flt Sgt H J Wigley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S Heywood, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt L McDonnell, (Air Gunner)

Sgt McDonnell became a POW and he later stated " I was the sole survivor and all the others were killed in the crash."

Flt Sgt's Wigley body was washed ashore and found near a lighthouse at Lipari on 20th January 1943. The Island of Lipari is about 20 miles north of the north east corner of Sicily. He is buried in the Catania War Cemetery, Sicily, Italy.

The other four members of the crew have no known grave and there names are commemorated on the Malta Memorial. The Memorial is in the area of Floriana, and can be easily identified by the Golden Eagle which surmounts the column. The Memorail stands outside the entrance to Valletta.

401755 Sergeant ALLAN, Reginald Connell

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/87/236 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	AD 356
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 41 SQN RAF

Summary:
On 20th July 1942 Spitfire AD 356 was flying in formation with other aircraft from the Squadron carrying out a Rhubarb along the French coast at a height of 50 to 100 feet, when a large transport was observed on the coast road. The formation dived to attack at the conclusion of which AD356 was seen to make a crash landing in a cornfield. The pilot lost his life.

Crew:
RAAF 401755 Sgt R C Allan (Pilot)

PO Slack (RAF) of White Section 41 Sqn, later filed this report : "White 1 attacked a large transport on the coast road. White 2 was flying 300 yards behind on the starboard side and I was White 3, 300 yards behind White 2 on the port side of White 1. White 4 (flown by Sgt Allan) should have been on my port and behind me. When White 1 and White 2 had finished their attacks and broken away, I came in very low and opened fire.

On reaching 150 yards or closer to the target, I noticed a plane slightly in front and to the starboard side also firing. This turned out to be White 4 who was very low indeed.
I immediately ceased firing and noticed the wing of this aircraft break off about half way between the wing tip and the wing root, and then did a half orbit and saw the aircraft hit a corn field to the port of the road. It was very badly damaged and the engine began to give off flames.

At first I imagined it was one of Razzle Blue section flying to our starboard about 100 yards away, but as they were not attacking on our road I naturally thought I was safe to come in low as the two front aircraft had broken off the attack."

Sgt Allan is buried in the Ste Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, Locality Seine-Maritime, France.

404842 Flying Officer ALLEN, John James

Source:
AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/22/142 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	AR 426
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 41 Sqn RAF

Summary:
Spitfire AR426 flown by FO Allen crashed at 1345 hours on 20th June 1942 at RAF Station Holme-Upon-Spalding Moor, Yorkshire.

Two friends of Allen who watched the take off later reported "The aircraft took off and climbed to about 1000 feet, circled the drome and then flew down over the drome at about 80 to 100 feet. It then pulled up and started a climbing roll. The machine slipped badly in coming out of the roll and the aircraft lost height with one wing going down until it was out of site behind buildings. Both PO Summers and I heard the crash about 3 seconds after. Allen called to see Summers and myself. We had lunch together and Allen was his usual self in all respects. PO Summers and I took him to his machine."

Crew:
RAAF 404842 FO Allen, J J (Pilot)

FO Allen is buried in the Holme-Upon-Spalding Moor (All Saints) Churchyard, Yorkshire, UK.

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

36814 Sergeant BROWN, James Sydney

Source:

AWNM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/742 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Catalina
Serial number:	A24-90
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 42 SQN RAF

Summary:

Catalina A24-90 took off at 1635 hours local time on 14th October 1944 from Darwin on a Serenade mission to Lovely. A24-93 (Sqn Ldr Grant) took off on a similar mission at 1615 hours. A24-90 failed to return to base after the mission. A224-93 at 0008 L on 15th October 1944 after completing the mission, proceeded to clear the area prior to returning to base. At 0026 hours whilst travelling on a southerly course approx 5 miles from shore, a burst of Bofors fire was observed and after approx 15/20 seconds an object appeared to strike the water and burst into flames and clouds of dense black smoke covered the area. A24-93 turned back to ascertain the cause of the fire but due to the ack-ack defences considered it unwise to get too close. From approx 3 to 4 miles distance it was not possible to ascertain the nature of the object on the water. A24-93 then proceeded on a course to base. Sqn Ldr Grant then instructed the WOP to endeavour to contact A24-90 by R/T. This was done without success. The above two aircraft were the only aircraft on the mission, and the time over the target was briefed as 20 minutes apart.

Crew:

RAAF 16322 Flt Lt Williams, C A Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 408776 WO G A McMullin, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 401487 FO Bodie, R L L (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 411674 WO C S Billington, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427357 FO Sloman, M G (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 16954 Flt Sgt J I Vetter, (Flight Mechanic)
RAAF 9346 Flt Sgt G J Ernst, (Flight Mechanic)
RAAF 36814 Sgt J S Brown, (Fitter 11A)
RAAF 78439 Sgt D P Ryan, (Arm Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was shot down on 14th October 1944, and crashed into the bay at Macassar. Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Vetter, Sgt Brown and Sgt Ryan became POW's.

The three POW's were later executed by the Japanese on 6th February 1945, and they are buried in the Jakarta (Ancol) Netherlands Field of Honour, Indonesia. The cemetery is adjacent to the Ancol recreation centre, through visitors to the cemetery must pass.

WO Billington is buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia. Ambon Island lies close to the south west coast of Ceram in the Molucca Group of islands. The War Cemetery (known as the Australian Cemetery) is on the opposite side of the airport.

The remaining five members of the crew have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Ambon Memorial. The Memorial which is in the form of a shelter stands on the first terrace within the Ambon War Cemetery.

410949 Flight Lieutenant CARTER, Ronald Ross

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/1222 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Catalina
Serial number:	A24-365
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 42 SQN RAF

Summary:
Catalina A24-365 on a non-operational travel flight between Melville Bay and Manila to collect POW's, crashed at approx 8 degrees north and 127 degrees east off the east coast of Mindanao at approx 0300 hours on 11/10 1945. Four of the crew who were injured and survived the crash were rescued by a US navy vessel, and three lost their lives in the crash.
The trip between Melville Bay and just prior to the crash was uneventful. The last position report was sent at 101720Z. At 1011815Z it was decided to do a 2 course wind find turning to starboard for the 2nd drift. In the turn the 2nd pilot apparently stalled the aircraft at 1500 feet, and the Captain was heard to say over the inter com "watch you air speed Bill". Immediately after the plane appeared to shudder and start nosing down at a fast rate. It crashed into the sea breaking off the main plane and the rest of the aircraft rolled over upside down.
The 2nd pilot was flying at the time as the Captain was in the navigator's compartment giving instructions to the 2nd pilot when to turn and working the radar. The four who survived got into a dinghy and they paddled around the wreck of the aircraft until dawn but saw no trace of any others. They sent up distress signals and about 10 hours later were picked up by the US ship.

Crew:
RAAF 410949 Flt Lt Carter, R R Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 412800 Flt Lt Williams, W H (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 409382 PO Condie R P (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 441313 Flt Sgt E B Edwards, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 436994 Flt Sgt J R White, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 12925 WO S A Evans, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 8899 Sgt T A Hawkes, (Fitter 11A)

Flt Lt Carter, Flt Lt Williams and Flt Sgt Edwards who lost their lives in the crash have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the :Labuan Memorial, Malaysia. Labuan (part of Sabah, Malaysia) is a small island in Brunei Bay, off the coast of north-west Borneo. The Memorial is located within the Labuan War Cemetery, which lies on the Tanjong Baru road which leads from the airport to the town.

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

412800 Flight Lieutenant WILLIAMS, William Havilah

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/1222 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Catalina
Serial number:	A24-365
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 42 SQN RAF

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Crew:
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RAAF 409382 PO Condie R P (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
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400204 Flying Officer LAWSON, Harry Horwood

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5250836, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 42 SQN RAF

Summary:
FO Lawson (Pilot) lost his life in an aircraft accident on 29th November 1941. He is buried in Leuchars Cemetery, Fifeshire, Scotland.

FO Lawson trained at No 1 ITS Somers, 3 EFTS Essendon, 3 SFTS RCAF Calgary, Canada.
He was attached to No 42 Sqn RAF from 20/10/41

No other details re the aircraft accident are available as Archives do not hold a RAAF Casualty file.

420154 Flying Officer CRAIG, Norman Harold

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/293 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 43 SQN RAF

Summary:
A Spitfire flown by FO Craig was detailed on 15th November 1943 to patrol the battle lines in the Castelthorpe and Minturno area, a short distance inland from the west coast of Italy about 2 miles north of the Garigliano river.

The aircraft was flying with three others from the Squadron when two of them flown by FO Craid and Flt Sgt Prendergast entered cloud. The aircraft were told by their Section Leader to climb straight ahead and Flt Sgt Prendergast did so, but FO Craigt failedf to do so. His aircraft was contacted by R/T and he reported that he was hopelessly lost in cloud. At the time the aircraft were at a considerable height some few miles on the wrong side of the enemy lines.

FO Craig's aircraft was later located. It had crashed into the north west side of Mount Majo about 8 miles north east of Minturno, and FO Craig had been killed.

Crew:
RAAF 420154 FO Craig, N H (Pilot)

FO Craig is buried in the Minturno War Cemetery, Italy. Minturno is about 78kms north of Naples close to the coast.

401950 Flight Lieutenant HEDDERWICK, Peter John

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/24 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 43 SQN RAF

Summary:
On 8th February 1945, a Spitfire flown by Flt Lt Hedderwick leading a section of four aircraft, took off from Rimini at 1430 hours on an armed recce over the Arganda-Terraim area Intense and accurate 88m flak was experienced. The 4 aircraft bombed an MT truck but no direct hit was obtained.

They then strafed the truck and damaged it. They then strafed three MT's, leaving one in flames and damaging the other two. Shortly after leaving this target, Flt Lt Hedderwick told the formation over R/T to keep close as he might have to bale out. Glycol was seen escaping from the aircraft. Then when at about 1000 feet the aircraft was seen to turn, dive into the ground and burst into flames at 1530 hours. The other aircraft orbited the scene but no chute was observed.

Crew:
RAAF 401950 Flt Lt Hedderwick, P J (Pilot)

Flt Lt Hedderwick is buried in the Faenza War Cemetery, Italy.

412461 Warrant Officer LUKE, Cyril Spencer

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 4595206 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 43 SQN RAF

Summary:
WO Luke (Pilot) was killed when flying on air operations on 5th February 1944

Crew:
RAAF 412461 WO C S Luke, (Pilot)

WO Luke is buried in the Cassino War Cemetery, Italy.

421699 Flight Sergeant ARMITT, George

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/90 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losss of the Second World War, Page 30, Volume 1944 .

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R5729
Radio call sign:	KM – A
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5729 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 1643 hours on the night of 14/15th January 1944, to bomb Braunschweig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF	PO Curatolo L, Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt G H Williams, (Flight Engineer)
RAF	Sgt P R Hughes, (Navigator)
RCAF	Flt Sgt D S Mullin, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF	Sgt T Whiteley, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF	Sgt S H Weldon, (Air Gunner)
RAAF	421699 Flt Sgt G Armitt, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 2000 hours on 14th January 1944 near the small town of Gieboldehausen, which is 21kms ENE of Gottingen, Germany.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Niedersachsen, Germany.

40597 Flight Sergeant BELLMAN, Norman Edwin

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/274 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 308, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV155
Radio call sign:	KM – G
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster DV155 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 1959 hours on the night of 3/4th September 1943 to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 416791 FO Rundle, S T J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P Crow, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409598 Flt Sgt J Ruby, (Navigator)
RAAF 40597 Flt Sgt N E Bellman, (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 408348 Flt Sgt R T Gregory, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W E Caudell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Findley, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at Neuruppin, Germany, and six of the crew were killed with Flt Sgt Ruby a POW.
Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

WO Ruby later reported " Attacked by two fighters while trying to get out of searchlight cone. Starboard inner set alight, inter com U/S and A/c went into s steep dive out of control. Was told be engineer who was attending the pilot to bale out. Passed word back to WOP. Bomb Aimer did not have his chute on when I reached the escape hatch which he had found difficult in clearing so he let me try while he put on his chute. I was first to leave A/c No one appeared injured. Did not take me long to reach the ground. Crashed about 20 miles north of Berlin. Evaded capture for five days, but caught by two Germans when leaving freight train I was travelling on."

420858 Pilot Officer BUTT, Robert Edward

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/451 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley6 : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 123, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 538
Radio call sign:	KM – T
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ND538 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 1856 hours on the night of 22/23rd March 1944 to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 420858 PO Butt, R E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G H Butland, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Sparrow, A R (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R J Whiter, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt G Donald, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt J Shaw, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt G C Spurden, (Rear Gunner)

Later a Missing Research & Enquiry Unit reported that "the aircraft exploded in the air and crashed on 22nd March 1944 near Brauneberg on the Mosel. Brauneberg is 19 miles north east of Trier, Germany.
Four of the crew were killed and Sgt Butland, FO Sparrow and Flt Sgt Whiter were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rhsinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.

414898 Pilot Officer CANTY, Edwin Albert

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/540 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 291 Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 592
Radio call sign:	KM – Q
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LM592 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 2257 hours to bomb Wesseling, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 414898 PO Canty, E A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R E Clay, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 416810 FO Vowles, J R (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E Norris, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF FO Crook, W M (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E G Scott, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 418722 Flt Sgt L J P McCoy, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was intercepted by a night fighter over Holland when outbound, and crashed between Riethoven in Noord-Brabant and the nearby town of Valkenswaard.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Eindhoven (Woensel) General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Eindhoven is located 31kms south east of s'Hertogenbosch and 14kms south west of Helmond.

423641 Flying Officer CLUBB, Frederick John

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/708 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:	NN 697
Radio call sign:	KM – R
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster NN697 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 2203 hours on the night of 9/10th June 1944 to bomb the rail junction at Etampes, France. The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed near Morigny-Champigny in the Department of (Essonne), 2kms north east of Etampes and all on board were killed.

Crew:
RAF FO Balsdom, D E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L F Death (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423641 FO Clubb, F J (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R S L Walters, (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 419495 PO White, P B (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G J Burns, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt E L O'Neill, (Rear Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Morigny-Champigny Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France.

411996 Flight Sergeant CROAL, Edward

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/823 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Choley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 278, Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 355
Radio call sign:	KM – D
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ED355 took off from RAF Waddington on the night of 17/18th December 1942, detailed to attack Niemburg, Germany. The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter at 2022 hours onto the road between Waterloo and Harich (Friesland), some 15kms SSW of Sneek, Holland, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:
RAAF 405576 Flt Sgt J G Dening, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J A Callan, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Nias, M A (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G B Wilkinson, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt L G Powell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt W Mc B J Stark, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 411996 Flt Sgt E Croal, (Rear Gunner)

A post war report by a Missing Research and Enquiry unit stated “the aircraft crashed in a field near Woudsend on 17 December 1942, presumably by enemy aircraft. Woudsend is approx 7.5 miles north west of Lemmer, Friesland, Holland.”

Five of the crew Flt Sgt Dening, Sgt Callan, PO Nias, Sgt Powell, and Sgt Stark are buried in the Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Gelderland, Netherlands. The town of Nijmegen is located south of Arnhem and Jonkerbos Cemetery is situated in the south west part of the town.
Flt Sgt Croal and Sgt Wilkinson are buried in the Wymbritseradeel (Ijpecolsga) General Cemetery, Locality Friesland, Netherlands. Ijpecolsga, administerd by the commune of Wymbritseradeel, is situated on the Woudsend-Rijs road. Woudsend itself is 10kms south of Sneek, just west of the road to Lemmer.

405576 Flight Sergeant DENING, John Glen

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/823 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Choley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 278, Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 355
Radio call sign:	KM – D
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
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Crew:
RAAF 405576 Flt Sgt J G Dening, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J A Callan, (Flight Engineer)
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417058 Warrant Officer DOWLING, Terence Eric

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NA : A705, 166/10/197 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:	LM 306
Radio call sign:	KM – L
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LM306 took off from Dunholme Lodge at 1900 hors on the night of 18/19th March 1944, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. The aircraft when outbound at 19,500 feet was shot down and the starboard fuel tanks were set alight. Five members of the crew were POW's and 2 were killed.

Crew:
RAF Flt Lt Phillips, F M Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt H W Carter, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Gourlay, J L (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt W R Taylor, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF PO Bennett, R K (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt D Curtis, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 417058 WO T E Dowling, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Curtis and WO Dowling were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

Flt Lt Phillips had a miraculous escape from death in that he unpacked his chute as he fell, the ripcord having failed to release the canopy from its pack.

PO Bennett a POW later reported " our aircraft was flying about 60 miles west of ----- when a Halifax was identified slightly to starboard and below and behind. The Captain did a gentle turn to port to make way for the Halifax when one of the crew shouted that the Halifax had opened fire. The two starboard engines caught fire and the Captain ordered prepare to abandon. Later I heard him order abandon and the aircraft turned over on its back. I was either blown out or flung out of the aircraft. After capture at Bad Soden, the Germans showed me Dowling's cap and said that two of the crew were dead. WO Dowling might have been one of the two referred to as five were POW's."

418363 Flying Officer DUNCAN, Alan James

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/282 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page359, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 266
Radio call sign:	KM – S
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB266 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 2159 hours on the night of 28/29th July 1944 detailed to bomb Stuttgart, Germany. The aircraft crashed at 0230 hours on the 29th July 1944 at Stuttgart-Wangen, in the Gewand bottleneck approx 200 metres below the Neckar Bridge Unterturkheimer. Three of the crew were killed, 3 were POW's and one evaded capture.

Crew:
RAAF 418363 FO Duncan, A J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F R W Waters (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt W I Dransfield, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt H C Kneill, (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 7188 Flt Sgt M J Nolan, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt F E Hennessy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt G A Walker, (Rear Gunner)

The three killed FO Duncan, Flt Sgt Hennessy and Flt Sgt Walker are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern Gemany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

Sgt Waters evaded capture and the other three crew were POW's. Flt Sgt Nolan (RAAF) survived the war.

414928 Pilot Officer DUNN, Leslie William

Source:
AWMJ 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/238 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 229, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 976
Radio call sign:	KM – R
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ND976 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 2247 hours on the night of 21/22nd May 1944, detailed to attack Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF	414928 PO Dunn, L W Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt J Southern, (Flight Engineer)
RAF	Flt Sgt D V Airey, (Navigator)
RAF	Sgt C MacFadyen, (Air Bomber)
RAF	Sgt I B Thomas, (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF	Sgt R O Murphy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF	Sgt G J Young, (Rear Gunner)

A post war report by a Military Research & Enquiry team stated " the aircraft crashed in a field near Doel, Belgium. At rhe time of the crash part of the Schelde Estuary had been flooded by the Germans, and consequently the aircraft had crashed in water."

Four of the crew including PO Dunn were killed, and Flt Sgt Airey and Sgt Young were POW's, while Sgt Murphy evaded capture and returned safe to UK.

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

425298 Flight Sergeant GALLIGAN, Patrick James

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/74 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 214, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 307
Radio call sign:	KM - R
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ED307 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 2317 hours on the night of 28/29th June 1943 detailed to attack Cologne, Germany. The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0254 hours at Nuenen (Noord Brabant), 6 miles north east from the centre of Eindhoven. All the crew were killed.

Crew:
RAF Sgt C V L Hulbert, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D M Lewis, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A Tooth, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J A Sykes, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt T R Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G A Denny, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 425298 Flt Sgt P J Galligan (Rear Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Eindhoven (Woensel) General Cemetery. Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands.

408348 Flight Sergeant GREGORY, Raymond Trevor

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/274 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 308, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV155
Radio call sign:	KM – G
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster DV155 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 1959 hours on the night of 3/4th September 1943 to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 416791 FO Rundle, S T J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P Crow, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409598 Flt Sgt J Ruby, (Navigator)
RAAF 40597 Flt Sgt N E Bellman, (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 408348 Flt Sgt R T Gregory, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W E Caudell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Findley, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at Neuruppin, Germany, and six of the crew were killed with Flt Sgt Ruby a POW.
Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

WO Ruby later reported " Attacked by two fighters while trying to get out of searchlight cone. Starboard inner set alight, inter com U/S and A/c went into s steep dive out of control. Was told be engineer who was attending the pilot to bale out. Passed word back to WOP. Bomb Aimer did not have his chute on when I reached the escape hatch which he had found difficult in clearing so he let me try while he put on his chute. I was first to leave A/c No one appeared injured. Did not take me long to reach the ground. Crashed about 20 miles north of Berlin. Evaded capture for five days, but caught by two Germans when leaving freight train I was travelling on."

409992 Pilot Officer GROVES, Robert Bruce

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/368 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 321, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 859
Radio call sign:	KM - S
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ME359 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 2233 hours on the night of 7/8th July 1944 to attack 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:
RAF PO Graaff, D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L A Critchley, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Purvis, V D DFC (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt F H Gibberson, (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Hodge, J S (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 409992 PO Groves, R B (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF WO A Holland, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Equennes-Eramecourt (Somme) and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Equennes Churchyard, Locality Somme, France. Equennes is a small village and commune 30kms south west of Amiens and just over 5kms south of Poix.

417072 Flight Sergeant HARDY, Maxwell Henry

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/384 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 394, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 373
Radio call sign:	KM-V
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LM373 took off from RAF Dunhome Lodge at 1716 hours on the night of 23/24th November 1943 to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF FO Buckel, W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E Ambrose, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J Beebe, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt P M Lees, (Fitter 11A/Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt J G O'Brien, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Taylor, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 417072 Flt Sgt M H Hardy, (Rear Gunner)

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

403811 Flying Officer HELY Reginald Ross

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/101 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	N 2865
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD RAF STN SUTTON BRIDGE

Summary:
Wellington N2865 took off from RAF Central Gunnery School, Sutton Bridge, on 10th April 1943 detailed to carry out an exercise with a Spitfire with the fighter doing various quarter attacks on the bomber and the bomber taking full evasive action. During the exercise the Wellington and Spitfire collided at 1035 hours and both aircraft crashed 2 miles south west of Wyton, Cheshire.UK.

The crew of 6 on board N2865 were killed and FO E H Griffith (RAAF) the Spitfire pilot although injured successfully baled out of his aircraft.

Crew: N2865
RAF Flt Lt Stanbury, T C (Pilot)
RAAF 403811 FO Hely, R R (2nd Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt E Cooke, (Air Gunner Instructor)
RCAF FO Town, J A (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt C Harrison, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C R Archer, (Air Gunner)

Flt Lt Stanbury is buried in the Sutton Bridge (St Matthew) Churchyard, Lincolnshire.
FO Hely, FO Town and Sgt Archer are buried in the Houghton & Wyton Burial Ground, Huntingdonshire, UK.
Flt Sgt Cooke is buried in the Grimsby (Scartho Road) Cemetery, Lincolnshire, UK.
Flt Sgt Harrison is buried in the St Anne’s-on-Sea Churchyard, Lancashire, UK.

410668 Flying Officer HOURIGAN, Ivan Patrick

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/155 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 413, Volume 1944..

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 535
Radio call sign:	KM – Z
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB 535 of No 44 (Rhodesia) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station Dunholme Lodge, Lincoln, at 2044 hours on the night of 11/12th September 1944 , to attack Darmstadt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 418130 FO Lade, D.S., Captain (Pilot).
RAAF 406988 WO T Awcock., (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt T.Starke, (Flight Engineer).
RAF PO McCallam, J.A.W. DFC, (Air Bomber).
RAF Sgt M. Benjamin, (Wireless Operator Air).
RAAF 429450 Flt Sgt H.J.Conquest, (Mid Upper Gunner).
RAAF 410668 FO Hourigan, I.P., (Rear Gunner).

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at 0130 hours on 12th Sept 1944 at Roxheim, a small town 6kms south of Worms, Germany, and all the crew were killed.

FO Lade and FO Hourigan (RAAF) are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery. Germany, and following post war investigations and enquiries, it was recorded in 1950 that the remaining crew members had no known grave Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

436051 Flight Sergeant JONES, Henry Sylvester

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA 1705 166/21/232 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 500, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 373
Radio call sign:	KM – X
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PD373 took off from RAF Spilsby, Lincolnshire, at 1642 hours on the night of 4/5th December 1944, to bomb Heilbronn, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it fai8led to return to base.

The aircraft crashed near Kleiningersheim, a village west of the river Necker and some 18kms SSW from the centre of Heilbronn. It was believed that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

SAAF	Captain Hirschfield, G W Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt A D Lorrain, (Flight Engineer)
SAAF	FO Yorke, R (Navigator)
RAAF	429472 FO Murphy, D E (Air Bomber)
RAAF	436051 Flt Sgt H S Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt J Storr, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF	Sgt J Mitchell, (Rear Gunner)

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

421601 Flight Sergeant KNIGHT, Gordon Henry

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/23/58 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 519
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ND519 was detailed to attack Caen, France on the night of 6/7th June 1944. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Air Ministry later advised the wrecked aircraft was found on 27th August 1944. It had crashed near Fresney-Le-Vieux, 11 miles south of Caen, and all the crew had been killed.

Crew:
RAF Flt Lt Stratis, W A DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R F E Haly (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Greenfield, A C A (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt E P Hawkes, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 421601 Flt Sgt G H Knight (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H P Page, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO E J Roe, (Rear Gunner)

FO Greenfield, Flt Sgt Knight and PO Roe are buried in the La Deliverande War Cemetery, Douvres, Locality Calvados, France. Douvres-La-Deliverande is a village 14kms north of Caen.
The remaining four members of the crew have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

418130 Flying Officer LADE, Donald Stephen

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/155 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 413, Volume 1944..

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 535
Radio call sign:	KM – Z
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB 535 of No 44 (Rhodesia) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station Dunholme Lodge, Lincoln, at 2044 hours on the night of 11/12th September 1944 , to attack Darmstadt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 418130 FO Lade, D.S., Captain (Pilot).
RAAF 406988 WO T Awcock., (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt T.Starke, (Flight Engineer).
RAF PO McCallam, J.A.W. DFC, (Air Bomber).
RAF Sgt M. Benjamin, (Wireless Operator Air).
RAAF 429450 Flt Sgt H.J.Conquest, (Mid Upper Gunner).
RAAF 410668 FO Hourigan, I.P., (Rear Gunner).

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at 0130 hours on 12th Sept 1944 at Roxheim, a small town 6kms south of Worms, Germany, and all the crew were killed.

FO Lade and FO Hourigan (RAAF) are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery. Germany, and following post war investigations and enquiries, it was recorded in 1950 that the remaining crew members had no known grave Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

420693 Pilot Officer LYFORD, Norman Joseph

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/112 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 514
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ND514 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 1657 hours on the night of 30/31st January 1944 to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 420693 PO Lyfoird, N J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J R Tijou, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt G Owen, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R G Keen, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt H R Marrs, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J A Wainwright, (Rear Gunner)

A post war report by a Military Research & Enquiry team stated " Enquiries among local inhabitants and German documents revealed that the aircraft crashed at Giesenhorst on 30/1/1944 presumably as a result of enemy action. Giesenhorst is 14 miles north west of Berlin.
PO Lyford lost his life and is buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany. The other 5 crew members were POW's.

Sgt Marrs later reported " I last saw PO Lyford prior to my departure from the aircraft. Since then I have received no information as to his fate."
Flt Sgt Owen stated " The Germans informed me that FO Lyford had been killed."

418722 Flight Sergeant McCOY, Louis Joseph Patrick

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/540 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 291
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 592
Radio call sign:	KM – Q
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LM592 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 2257 hours to bomb Wesseling, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 414898 PO Canty, E A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R E Clay, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 416810 FO Vowles, J R (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E Norris, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF FO Crook, W M (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E G Scott, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 418722 Flt Sgt L J P McCoy, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was intercepted by a night fighter over Holland when outbound, and crashed between Riethoven in Noord-Brabant and the nearby town of Valkenswaard.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Eindhoven (Woensel) General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Eindhoven is located 31kms south east of s'Hertogenbosch and 14kms south west of Helmond.

425714 Flying Officer MERCER, Richard Walter

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA A 705, 166/27/543 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:	PD 222
Radio call sign:	KM – U
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PD222 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 1824 hours on the 14th August 1944 to attack shipping at Brest, France. The aircraft crashed at Crozon (Finistere) on the south side of the Rade at Brest, and five of the crew were killed and 2 evaded capture.

Crew:

RAF	FO Gilchrist, H G Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt J G Webb, (Flight Engineer)
RAF	Flt Sgt D J Maguire, (Navigator)
RCAF	FO McAulay, M (Air Bomber)
RAAF	425714 FO Mercer, R W (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF	Flt Sgt D G McNeilage, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF	Flt Sgt J M McLeod, (Rear Gunner)

FO Gilchrist, FO Mercer and Flt Sgt McLeod are buried in the Crozon Communal Cemetery, Locality Finistere, France.
FO McAulay and Flt Sgt Maguire are buried in the St Charles de Percy War Cemetery, Locality Calvados, France. St Charles de Percy is a village 44kms south west of Caen.

Sgt Webb and Flt Sgt McNeilage (injured) evaded capture and returned safe to UK.

Sgt Webb later stated " that FO Mercer had baled out , but when the Germans brought him to the flak post they found he had lost his life. He believed the others had been killed except McNeilage."

422619 Flight Sergeant MITCHELL, Donald Lamont

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/634 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 483, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 648
Radio call sign:	KM – K
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LM 648 took off from RAF Spilsby on the night of 11/12th November 1944 to bomb Harburg, Germany. On return from the mission LM 648 collided in the circuit area with another Lancaster of 207 Sqn RAF, and both aircraft crashed out of control.
The crews of both aircraft were killed.

Crew: LM648
RAF FO Caryer, P A C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R D Driscoll, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Grassie, C R (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt D S Arnett, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 422619 Flt Sgt D L Mitchell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Keen, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Routledge, (Rear Gunner)

FO Caryer is buried in the Newmarket Cemetery, Suffolk, UK
Sgt Driscoll is buried in the Shrewsbury General Cemetery, Shropshire, UK.
FO Grassie is buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.
Flt Sgt Arnett is buried in the Cheadle and Gatley Cemetery, Cheshire, UK.
Flt Sgt Mitchell is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK.
Sgt Keen is buried in the New Hay (St Thomas) Churchyard, Lancashire, UK.
Sgt Routledge is buried in the Penrith Cemetery, Cumberland, UK.

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429472 Flying Officer MURPHY, Desmond Eric

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA 1705 166/21/232 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 500, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 373
Radio call sign:	KM – X
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PD373 took off from RAF Spilsby, Lincolnshire, at 1642 hours on the night of 4/5th December 1944, to bomb Heilbronn, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it fai8led to return to base.

The aircraft crashed near Kleiningersheim, a village west of the river Necker and some 18kms SSW from the centre of Heilbronn. It was believed that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter. All the crew were killed.

Crew:
SAAF Captain Hirschfield, G W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A D Lorrain, (Flight Engineer)
SAAF FO Yorke, R (Navigator)
RAAF 429472 FO Murphy, D E (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436051 Flt Sgt H S Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Storr, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Mitchell, (Rear Gunner)

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

412660 Pilot Officer NOLAN, Alan William

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/30/55 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 205, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	EE 185
Radio call sign:	KM – A
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster EE185 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 2156 hours on the night of 3/4th May 1944 to bomb a military camp at Mailly-Le-Camp, France. The aircraft was shot down and crashed at 0118 hours on 4th May at Neron (Eure-le-Loir), 18kms south east of Dreux, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF	412660 PO Nolan, A W Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt E H Charlton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF	Flt Sgt K B Milton, (Navigator)
RNZAF	FO Blake, E G (Air Bomber)
RAF	Sgt C J Boreham, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt R D Crook, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF	Sgt P Higgins, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Dreux Communal Cemetery, Locality Eure-et-Loir, France. Dreux is about 35kms north of Chartres.

416512 Pilot Officer NORTON, Hartley Graham

Source:
AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/30/55 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 345, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 433
Radio call sign:	KM – V
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ED433 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 1831 hours on the night of 3/4th October 1943 to bomb Kassel, Germany. The aircraft crashed in the Sohrewald, 10kms south east of Kassel, and 6 of the crew were killed with one a POW.

Crew:
RAAF 416512 PO Norton, H G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J H Stevens, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt S D Stait, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt F Thompson (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E E Greenfield, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W A Whalley, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R G Martin (Rear Gunner)

The six crew members killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.
Sgt Thompson (RAF) was a POW.

414956 Pilot Officer PORTER, John Henry

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/87 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 518
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ND518 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 1853 hours on the night of 22/23rd March 1944 to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 414956 PO Porter J H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G N Waugh (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Davies, N H (Navigator)
RAF Sgt C G Lander, (Air Bomber)
RAF PO J Barclay, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt W Holmes, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt H J Bowen, (Rear Gunner)

In a post war report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team it stated “the aircraft crashed in a wood near Klein Krotzenbuirg, 14kms east of Frankfurt.”
Five of the crew were killed and two Sgt’s Waugh and Lander were POW’s.
Those killed are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Germany.
Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

416791 Flying Officer RUNDLE, Samuel Thomas John

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/274 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 308, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV155
Radio call sign:	KM – G
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster DV155 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 1959 hours on the night of 3/4th September 1943 to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 416791 FO Rundle, S T J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P Crow, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409598 Flt Sgt J Ruby, (Navigator)
RAAF 40597 Flt Sgt N E Bellman, (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 408348 Flt Sgt R T Gregory, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W E Caudell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Findley, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at Neuruppin, Germany, and six of the crew were killed with Flt Sgt Ruby a POW.
Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

WO Ruby later reported " Attacked by two fighters while trying to get out of searchlight cone. Starboard inner set alight, inter com U/S and A/c went into s steep dive out of control. Was told be engineer who was attending the pilot to bale out. Passed word back to WOP. Bomb Aimer did not have his chute on when I reached the escape hatch which he had found difficult in clearing so he let me try while he put on his chute. I was first to leave A/c No one appeared injured. Did not take me long to reach the ground. Crashed about 20 miles north of Berlin. Evaded capture for five days, but caught by two Germans when leaving freight train I was travelling on."

428364 Flying Officer RYAN, John Joseph Francis

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/493 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 102, Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 442
Radio call sign:	KM –V
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ME442 took off from RAF Spilsby at 1942 hours on the night of 3/4th March 1945 to raid the Dortmund-Ems canal at a point near Ladbergen. When homebound ME442 was shot down by an enemy intruder aircraft about 0100 hours on 4th March, and the aircraft crashed among trees in Grannington Park on the Brocklesby Estate near Grimsby, Lincolnshire. All on board the aircraft were killed.

Crew:
RAAF 428364 FO Ryan, J J F Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T H Jarman, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt R R Russell, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt H J Terry, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H Birch, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Payne, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W H Rogan, (Rear Gunner)

FO Ryan and Sgt Birch are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK.
Sgt Jarman is buried in the Stretford Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.
Flt Sgt Russell is buried in the Hove New Cemetery, Sussex, UK
Flt Sgt Terry is buried in the Birmingham (Brandwood End) Cemetery, Warwickshire,
Sgt Payne is buried in the Liverpool (Kirkdale) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK
Sgt Rogan is buried in the Liverpool (Allerton) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

425232 Pilot Officer Skinner, George Alfred

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/376 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:	ND 573
Radio call sign:	KM – S
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ND 573 of 44 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Dunholme Lodge, Lincoln, at 2214 hours on the 20 April 1944 to attack the railway yards at La Chappelle. La Chappelle is located in the Department of the Seine at Oise, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 425232 PO Skinner, G A, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Farmer, A (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Freeman, W T (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Prewer, D (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Ward, T D (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Scott, J Y (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Singfield, W G (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was believed that the aircraft crashed at Morsang-Sur-Orge and that it exploded on impact. No bodies could however be located, and in 1950 the missing crew were recorded as having no known grave.
Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

415556 Flying Officer SMITH, Neil Joseph

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/573 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 291, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 552
Radio call sign:	KM – X
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN EAF

Summary:
Lancaster ND552 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 2258 hours on the night of 21/22nd June 1944 to bomb Wesseling, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base..

Crew:
RAAF 415556 FO Smith, N J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J D Barber, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Carter, T S (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt M W B Steele, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt L H Bozier, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Blackie, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R W Brett, (Rear Gunner)

It was late established that the aircraft crashed into the grounds if a coal mine between the villages of Eisden (Limburg) and Lanklaar, Belgium. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Lanklaar Communal Cemetery, Locality Dilsen-Stokkem, Limburg, Belgium.

416810 Flying Officer VOWLES, John Reuben

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/540 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 291
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 592
Radio call sign:	KM – Q
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LM592 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 2257 hours to bomb Wesseling, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 414898 PO Canty, E A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R E Clay, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 416810 FO Vowles, J R (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E Norris, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF FO Crook, W M (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E G Scott, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 418722 Flt Sgt L J P McCoy, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was intercepted by a night fighter over Holland when outbound, and crashed between Riethoven in Noord-Brabant and the nearby town of Valkenswaard.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Eindhoven (Woensel) General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Eindhoven is located 31kms south east of s'Hertogenbosch and 14kms south west of Helmond.

416469 Pilot Officer WATTS, Robert Hamilton

Source:
AWM 237 (65) AWM 65 (5262) NAA : A705, 166/43/386
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:	EE 184
Radio call sign:	KM – B
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster EE184 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 1726 hours on the night of 20/21st October 1943 to bomb Leipzig, Germany. Owing to suspected damage by flak to the fuel system, the aircraft had to ditch at 0013 hours on 21/10/1943 in position 53.17N 01.20E< approx 60 miles north east of Grimsby, a Lincolnshire fishing port.

The aircraft broke into two almost immediately after ditching and the Pilot went down with the nose. The Navigator dived off the wing presumably to help the pilot and neither were seen again. The remainder of the crew were rescued from a dinghy by a mine sweeper Loch Moidart, and all were safe and returned to the Squadron.

Crew:
RAAF 416469 PO Watts, R H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D M Pearce, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J N Connor, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R Gilmour, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Hogg, (Front Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Young, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt P C Denness, (Rear Gunner)

PO Watts lost his life in the crash and he is 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, some 40kms north west of Antwerp (Belgium).

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

419495 Pilot Officer WHITE, Peter Berchman

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/708 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:	NN 697
Radio call sign:	KM – R
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster NN697 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 2203 hours on the night of 9/10th June 1944 to bomb the rail junction at Etampes, France. The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed near Morigny-Champigny in the Department of (Essonne), 2kms north east of Etampes and all on board were killed.

Crew:
RAF FO Balsdom, D E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L F Death (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423641 FO Clubb, F J (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R S L Walters, (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 419495 PO White, P B (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G J Burns, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt E L O'Neill, (Rear Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Morigny-Champigny Communal Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France.

417145 Flying Officer YOUNG, William Archibald

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/45/59 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 314, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 699
Radio call sign:	KM – T
Unit:	ATTD 44 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ME699 took off from RAF Dunholme Lodge at 2300 hours on the night of4/5th July 1944 to bomb 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 417145 FO Young, W A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W Robinson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Wareham F E (Navigator)
RCAF FO H Braathen, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt J E Wainwright, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt T L Jackson, (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF Flt Sgt W W Rennie, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Houseman, (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed and two Sgt Robinson and Flt Sgt Wainwrights evaded capture.
Those killed are buried in the Marissel French National Cemetery, Locality Oise, France. Marissel is an eastern suburb of Beauvais a Cathedral town between Rouen and Canpiegne.

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401487 Flying Officer BODIE, Ronald Lionel Lister

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/742 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Catalina
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Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 42 SQN RAF

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RAAF 427357 FO Sloman, M G (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 16954 Flt Sgt J I Vetter, (Flight Mechanic)
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RAAF 78439 Sgt D P Ryan, (Arm Air Gunner)

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411674 Warrant Officer BILLINGTON, Charles Siel

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441313 Flight Sergeant EDWARDS, Edgar Bruce

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/1222 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Catalina
Serial number:	A24-365
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 42 SQN RAF

Summary:
Catalina A24-365 on a non-operational travel flight between Melville Bay and Manila to collect POW's, crashed at approx 8 degrees north and 127 degrees east off the east coast of Mindanao at approx 0300 hours on 11/10 1945. Four of the crew who were injured and survived the crash were rescued by a US navy vessel, and three lost their lives in the crash.
The trip between Melville Bay and just prior to the crash was uneventful. The last position report was sent at 101720Z. At 1011815Z it was decided to do a 2 course wind find turning to starboard for the 2nd drift. In the turn the 2nd pilot apparently stalled the aircraft at 1500 feet, and the Captain was heard to say over the inter com "watch you air speed Bill". Immediately after the plane appeared to shudder and start nosing down at a fast rate. It crashed into the sea breaking off the main plane and the rest of the aircraft rolled over upside down.
The 2nd pilot was flying at the time as the Captain was in the navigator's compartment giving instructions to the 2nd pilot when to turn and working the radar. The four who survived got into a dinghy and they paddled around the wreck of the aircraft until dawn but saw no trace of any others. They sent up distress signals and about 10 hours later were picked up by the US ship.
Crew:
RAAF 410949 Flt Lt Carter, R R Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 412800 Flt Lt Williams, W H (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 409382 PO Condie R P (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 441313 Flt Sgt E B Edwards, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 436994 Flt Sgt J R White, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 12925 WO S A Evans, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 8899 Sgt T A Hawkes, (Fitter 11A)

Flt Lt Carter, Flt Lt Williams and Flt Sgt Edwards who lost their lives in the crash have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the :Labuan Memorial, Malaysia. Labuan (part of Sabah, Malaysia) is a small island in Brunei Bay, off the coast of north-west Borneo. The Memorial is located within the Labuan War Cemetery, which lies on the Tanjong Baru road which leads from the airport to the town.

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9346 Flight Sergeant ERNST George Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/742 Commonwealth War Graves records

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408776 Warrant Officer McMULLIN, Gordon Alan

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78439 Sergeant RYAN, David Patrick

Source:

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427357 Flying Officer SLOMAN, Maxwell Glenbervie

Source:

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16954 Flight Sergeant VETTER, John Irwin

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RAAF 408776 WO G A McMullin, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 401487 FO Bodie, R L L (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 411674 WO C S Billington, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427357 FO Sloman, M G (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 16954 Flt Sgt J I Vetter, (Flight Mechanic)
RAAF 9346 Flt Sgt G J Ernst, (Flight Mechanic)
RAAF 36814 Sgt J S Brown, (Fitter 11A)
RAAF 78439 Sgt D P Ryan, (Arm Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was shot down on 14th October 1944, and crashed into the bay at Macassar. Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Vetter, Sgt Brown and Sgt Ryan became POW's.

The three POW's were later executed by the Japanese on 6th February 1945, and they are buried in the Jakarta (Ancol) Netherlands Field of Honour, Indonesia. The cemetery is adjacent to the Ancol recreation centre, through visitors to the cemetery must pass.

WO Billington is buried in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia. Ambon Island lies close to the south west coast of Ceram in the Molucca Group of islands. The War Cemetery (known as the Australian Cemetery) is on the opposite side of the airport.

The remaining five members of the crew have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Ambon Memorial. The Memorial which is in the form of a shelter stands on the first terrace within the Ambon War Cemetery.

425608 Flying Officer COWAN, Ian Rees, DFC

Source:
AWM 237 (65) AWM 65 (1083) NAA :A705, 166/8/937
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	PJ 911
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 46 SQN RAF

Summary:
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RAAF 435692 FO Douglas F W DFC 2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt A R Phipps, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt F R Jones, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Lt Cooper C (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO McMillan, A K (Pilot) *
RAF` Flt Sgt A M Ross, (Flight Engineer) *
RCAF Flt Lt Couldrey, G (Navigator) *
RAF Flt Sgt J M Coad, (Wireless Air Gunner) *

- Crew being screened

All on board the aircraft are buried in the Mazargues War Cemetery, Marseilles, Locality Bouches-du-Rhone, France.

Citation :
The Citation for the award of DFC to FO Cowan is as follows :
The Citation was that of a General Citation promulgated on London Gazette of 16/2/1945, Page 988.

425692 Flying Oficer DOUGLAS, Francis William, DFC

Source:
AWM 237 (65) AWM 65 (1083) NAA :A705, 166/8/937
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Citation :
The Citation for the award of DFC to FO Douglas is as follows :
This officer has completed in numerous operations against the enemy in the course of which he has displayed the utmost courage, fortitude and devotion to duty.
(Gazetted 23/3/1945).

416115 Pilot Officer FRASER, Colin Angel

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/32/135 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	X 7707
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 46 SQN RAF

Summary:
Beaufighter X7707 crashed at Kafrel Dauwar, Middle East, at 1930 hours on 18th September 1942. All five on board were killed in the aircraft accident.

A subsequent Court of Inquiry found that the cause of the crash was that both engines failed, and the stern frame separated from the fuselage when the pilot attempted to pull out of a spin and the plane crashed to the ground. The court did not attribute any blame to the pilot. It also did not consider there is any reason why 5 persons should not be carried in a Beaufighter at the same time.

Crew:
RAF FO Holme-Sumner, B D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G Naylor (Navigator/Radio)
Passengers :
RAAF 416115 PO Fraser, C A (Pilot) 46 Sqn RAF
RAF Sqn Ldr (Rev) Sutcliffe, J F (Chaplain Hdqrts Middle East)
RAF Flt Lt, Rodney, G W (A & SD 7 Sqn) The Hon G W Rodney)

Those who lost their lives are buried in the Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

420818 Fligtht Sergeant LORD, Allan

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/163 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	MM 906
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 46 SQN RAF

Summary:
Beaufighter MM906 on the night of 7/8th June 1944, was engaged in night intruder operations over Rhodes and Cosocos. The aircraft failed to return to base from the mission. The last position recorded was 32.48N 29.29E at 1908 hours when the aircraft was over the Mediterranean Sea north of Alexandria, and the plane was due back at 2330 hours.

Another aircraft on the same mission sighted what he reported to be an aircraft burning on the ground on Kos Island with a number of MT vehicles in the vicinity. It was thought that this was probably the missing aircraft MM906.

Crew:
RAAF 420818 Flt Sgt A Lord Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T L Dawes. (Navigator/Wireless)

The crew of two are buried in the Rhodes War Cemetery, Island of Rhodes, Greece..

415161 Flight Sergeant MANNERS, Alexander Edward

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/217 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	8673
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 46 SQN RAF

Summary:
Beaufighter 8673 took off on 31st August 1943 on a day non-operational exercise and return to base at 10am hours. The accident occurred 3 minutes after take off from the drome at Nicosia on an authorised flight and in perfect weather. An engine is suspected to have failed when the aircraft was at very low level, and the aircraft crashed into a hill and burnt. Three of the four on board were killed and one was injured.

Crew:
RAAF 415161 Flt Sgt A E Manners, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt C W Baldwin, (Navigator/Wireless)
Passengers.
RAF Cpl H A Buckels (Injured)
RAF LAC W S Gardiner

Those killed are buried in the Nicosia War Cemetery, Cyprus.

436249 Flight Sergeant MANNERS, Jack James

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/528 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 437
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 46 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellington LP437 took off from RAF Station Lichfield, on a non-operational training flight on 30th July 1944, and crashed near Stafford at 0410 hours. The aircraft was trying to land in bad weather and crashed at Doxey Wood farm, Thorney Fields Lane off Newport road, Staffordshire.UK approx 8 miles south west of Stafford. All on board were killed.

The aircraft was on a night bombing exercise and was diverted to Hixon from base owing to bad visibility at base. Hixon then diverted the aircraft to Seighford where an attempt was made to land.

Crew:
RAAF 424927 Flt Sgt F L Stephens, (Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 430243 Flt Sgt R K Bolger (Navigator)
RAAF 432627 Flt Sgt J H Normyle, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436249 Flt Sgt J J Manners, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 435557 Sgt E H Beatson, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 44993 Sgt H A Smyth, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, Cheshire, UK
Flt Sgt Manners was attached to No 46 Sqn RAF. The other 5 crew members were attached to 27 O T U RAF.

401183 Sergeant AUGUSTINUS, Alfred Leslie

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/89/39 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufort
Serial number:	DE 118
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 47 SQN RAF

Summary:
Beaufort DE118 on 18th November 1942 struck high ground 50 miles south of Sidi Heneish, and the torpedo on board exploded. Two of the five on board the aircraft were killed.
An investigation into the accident expressed the opinion that "the pilot was intently studying a map while the aircraft was losing height preparatory to a low flying torpedo practice, when the aircraft hit the ground."

After the aircraft came to rest the three who survived the crash managed to get out of the burning aircraft with the ammunition exploding The torpedo exploded shortly after and the two in the aircraft were killed.

Crew:
RAF Wg Cdr Sprague, R A Captain (Pilot) Killed
RAAF 401183 Sgt A L Augustinus, (Observer) Killed
RAF FO Collier, C A H, (Wireless Air Gunner) Uninjured
RCAF Sgt J C M Lake, (Wireless Air Gunner) Uninjured
RAF LAC F D Isbell (PAX) Slightly injured

The two crew members killed are buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Alamein is a village, bypassed by the main coast road. approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

402198 Sergeant BULL, Leon Emile

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 163/94/185 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellesley
Serial number:	L 2691
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 47 SQN RAF

Summary:
Wellesley L2691 crashed at 1215 hours on 27th November 1941 in a flying accident in position 09.50N 39.45E. The aircraft encountered a violent up draught while crossing mountains on a mail route. The starboard main plane was badly damaged and broke away, and the aircraft broke up in mid air. The crew of two were killed.

Crew:
RAF PO Bazeley, J P S (Pilot)
RAAF 402198 Sgt L E Bull, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The two members killed are buried in the Addis Ababa War Cemetery, Ethiopia,

407817 Sergeant BANNEAR, Ronald Kenneth

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/176/359 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	FH 427
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 48 SQN RAF

Summary:
Hudson FH427 took off from RAF Lossiemouth at 1401 hours on the 10th August 1942 detailed to carry out a "North Bert" patrol which extended northwards. FH427 was due back at 2200 hours, but nothing was heard from the aircraft, and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 400838 PO Watts, G R Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt G R Ash, (Navigator)
RAAF 407648 Sgt J E Ramsey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 407817 Sgt R K Bannear, (Wireless Air Gunner)

PO Watts remains was washed ashore near Vigra, Norway, and be is buried in the Trondheim (Stavne) Cemetery, Norway.

It was presumed that the others had lost their lives at sea and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey. UK

400838 Pilot Officer WATTS, Gordon Roy

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/176/359 Commonwealth War Graves records

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405164 Sergeant WESTON, Colin

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/177/246 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AN 730
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 48 SQN RAF

Summary:
Hudson AN730 took off from RAF Wick on 14th April 1942, and immediately after take off crashed at 0200 hours. The aircraft appeared to climb away after take off very steeply, stalled and crashed hitting the ground at right angles to the direction of take off. The right wing struck the ground first. All the crew were killed.
Standard runway lighting was in use, but no floodlighting. The weather at the time was fine.

Crew:
RAF Flt Lt Arkell, D R Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 405164 Sgt C Weston,. (Observer)
RAF PO Skull, A K (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K F Wale, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Lt Arkell was cremated at the Cheltenham Crematorium, Gloucestershire, UK.
Sgt Weston is buried in the Wick Cemetery, Caithness-Shire, Scotland.
Sgt Wale is buried in the Hove New Cemetery, Sussex, UK.
Commonwealth War Records do not reveal where PO Skull is buried.

415716 Flying Officer APPLEYARD, William David

Source:
AWM 237 (65) Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 335, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 684
Radio call sign:	EA – V
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ND684 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 2249 hours on the night of 18/19th Jult 1944 to destroy a railway junction at Revigny, France. When the aircraft was outbound, it was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Granges-sur-Aube (Marne), 3kms ESE of Anglure, France. All the crew were killed.

Crew:
RAAF 415716 FO Appleyard, W D Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Turner, H E (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt D W Blumfield, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt G W Jameson, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt G J Perry, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Matheson, E M (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R F H Viollet, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Granges-sur-Aube Churchyard, Locality Marne, France.

427055 Flying Officer BAILY, George Hanley

Source:
AWM 237 (65) Commonwealth War Graves records Micro Film 463 OAFH
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 478
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 370
Radio call sign:	EA – F
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB370 took off from Fulbeck at 1741 on the night of 4/5th November 1944 in an attempt to breach the Dortmund-Ems Canal, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off, and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF FO Talbot D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S R Crawshaw, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 427055 FO Baily, G H (Navigator)
RAAF 427533 FO Motteram, H L (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436108 Flt Sgt L G Speak, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Moroney, W J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Berry, R W (Rear Gunner)

A report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “the aircraft exploded in the air and the seven crew members lost their lives.” They are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

417440 Warrant Officer BAIRNSFATHER, Ralph McPherson

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/45/102 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 116, Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 537
Radio call sign:	EA – K
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB537 took off from RAF Fulbeck at 1745 hours on the night of 7/8th March 1945 to bomb oil facilities at Harburg, Germany. Nothing wad heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 429834 FO Stark, R W G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J F Brennan, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 419244 WO J C Yeoman, (Navigator)
RAAF 417440 WO R McP Bairnsfather, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423514 Flt Sgt A T J Lovett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R C Gilbert, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J P Dixon, (Rear Gunner)

It was believed that the aircraft crashed at 2215 hours at Sandbostel, 9kms SSW from the centre of Bremervorde, Germany. Four of the crew were killed and three WO Yeoman, Sgt Brennan and Sgt Dixon were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The Cemetery is 13kms south east from Soltau on the side of the Hamburg to Hanover road.

A later POW report by WO Yeoman stated "Attacked by night fighter. Skipper ordered Jump Jump. Flt Eng out before me. I baled out at 7000 feet. Other five still in aircraft. Aircraft was on fire complete starboard wing. Crashed in vicinity of Bremerrode. Wandered in south east direction and picked up by German sentry."

409370 Pilot Officer BARNES, Keith Ormond DFC

Source:
AWM 237 (65) awmk 65 (206) NAA : A705, 166/5/413
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 360
Radio call sign:	EA – M
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster JB360 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 1725 hours on the night of 27/28th January 1944 to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 409370 PO Barnes, K O DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G E Greenwood, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt J C Atkinson, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt D Grimley, DFC (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A Marshall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt D W McPhee, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF WO1 J T Hill (Rear Gunner)

A later report by an Missing Research and Enquiry team stated " the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter, exploded in the air and crashed in the vicinity of Ahrensdorf, which is approx 36 miles south east of Berlin. PO Barnes, Sgt Greenwood and WO1 Hill were killed and the others were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

A later P:OW report stated "when the aircraft got into difficulties over a position 30 miles south of Berlin, the Pilot PO Barnes was still at the controls. The navigator saw the Engineer assist Barnes with his chute. The aircraft then almost immediately blew up and the Germans said that Barnes was killed."

404849 Sergeant BROWNE, James Arthur Gerald

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/6/32 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losss of the Second World War, page 31, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 428
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ED428 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 0226 hours on the night of 30/31st January 1943 to bomb Hamburg, Germany. The aircraft was hit by flak and return it crashed short of the Fiskerton drome at 0715 hours when the aircraft collided with a tree at Reepham crossing, 2 miles ENE of Lincoln, UK. Six of the crew were killed and the Mid upper Gunner was injured.

Crew:
RAAF 401302 Flt Sgt E L Cole, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F S T Pittard (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Ridley, F (Navigator)
RAF 404849 Sgt J A G Browne, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403187 Flt Sgt L Grey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Phillips, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W C Wood, (Rear Gunner)

A Sqn report into the accident reported ; “The aircraft returned from its operational flight and contacted TR9 at Fiskerton for permission to land. Weather was poor with light rain and a cloud base of 600 feet. There was a searchlight canopy over the drome and all available flares were laid out and lit. The aircraft made one low circuit of the drome before its final approach. It was about 300 feet at this time, and was warned by TR9 of a slight crosswind when landing and low cloud. The aircraft came straight into the flare path on a very low approach and its port wing tip light was seen from the drome. The approach became lower and lower until finally the wing tip light was seen to rise sharply into the air and then disappear. The aircraft was found a complete wreck about half a mile short of the runway having hit a 40 feet high tree on the approach. The survivor was questioned and it would appear that the pilot had set a wrong QFE on his altimeter. The Air Bomber was heard to say immediately before the crash “Get up, you are too low”, and then a few seconds later the aircraft hit a tree. There was no evidence of engine trouble and the aircraft had plenty of fuel.”

425115 Flight Sergeant BUCHANAN, Norman William

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A7805, 166/6/238 Commonwealth war Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 271, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JA 691
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster JA691 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 2146 hours on the night of 17/18th August 1943 to bomb Peenemunde, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF FO Randall, H J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L J Henley, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt L F Freeman, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W J Stiles, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R Fowlston, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425115 Flt Sgt N W Buchanan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R W Slaughter, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0301 hours, 7kms north east of Aabenraa, Denmark.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Aabenraa Cemetery, Denmark.
Aabenraa is a town on the south east side of Jutland about 25kms north of the German border.

403717 Sergeant BUTTEL, Albert Francois

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163//////94/232 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 121, Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	L 7469
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster L7469 took off from RAF Scampton at 2313 hours on the night of 6/7th June 1942 to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF	Sqn Ldr De Mestre, P M DFC DSO Captain (Pilot)
RAAF	403717 Sgt A F Buttel, (2nd Pilot)
RAF	PO Thorndyke, R H J (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
Raf	Sgt G C Whitfield, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt D S Halliday, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt L J Jones, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF	407022 Flt Sgt M E Whitehill (Rear Gunner)

All of the crew lost their lives and it was presumed the aircraft was lost over the sea.
Sgt Buttel's body was recovered from the sea and he is buried in the Sage War Cemetery, Germany, together with Sgt Whitfield, Sgt Halliday and Flt Sgt Whitehill.
Sage is a village 24kms south of Oldenburg, a town 43kms west of Bremen.
The other three crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK

415761 Pilot Officer CARRINGTON, Henry Joseph

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/502 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page229, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 539
Radio call sign:	EA – D
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LM539 took off from RAF Fiskerton, Lincoln, at 2221 hours on the night of 21/22nd May 1944 to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 415761 PO Carrington, H J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R F Coleman, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J H E Hales, (Navigator)
RAAF 419348 Flt Sgt S A Silver, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R C Hill, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R W Berry, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt L Foulkes, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in Roosendaal-en-Nispen (Noord-Brabant), Netherlands, and 6 of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Silver was a POW.
Those killed are buried in the Roosendaal General Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands.

In a later POW report Flt Sgt Silver stated " Attacked by fighter and ordered to bale out. A/c on fire and in steep dive. Presume I was first to bale out and believe others still in aircraft. Injured in descent. Arrived farmhouse. Doctor accompanied by police. A/c crashed about 30 miles from Duisberg."

401302 Flight Sergeant COLE, Elliot Livessy

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/6/32 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losss of the Second World War, page 31, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 428
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ED428 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 0226 hours on the night of 30/31st January 1943 to bomb Hamburg, Germany. The aircraft was hit by flak and return it crashed short of the Fiskerton drome at 0715 hours when the aircraft collided with a tree at Reepham crossing, 2 miles ENE of Lincoln, UK. Six of the crew were killed and the Mid upper Gunner was injured.

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RAAF 403187 Flt Sgt L Grey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
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404799 Flight Sergeant CULLEN, John Kennedy

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/136/216 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 238, Volume 1942

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: W 4116
Radio call sign: EA -
Unit: 49 Sqn RAF

Summary:
Lancaster W 4116 of 49 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Scampton, at 1753pm on the night of 12/13th October 1942, detailed to attack a target at Wismar, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft or of the crew after take off.

Crew:

RAAF	400890 PO Laidlaw, G L (Observer)
RAAF	404642 Sgt Ross, W H (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAAF	404779 Sgt Cullen, J K (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF	FO Elliott, R F
RAF	Sgt Hodge, G
RAF	Sgt Hendrie, A R
RAF	FO Horne, J W B

In a 1949 report by the Missing Research and Enquiry Unit it stated that searches failed to reveal any trace of the aircraft or crew. The crew were recorded as missing with no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

401272 Flight Sergeant DANGERFIELD, Richard Desmond, DFM

Source:
AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/300 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 4306
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster W4306 took off from RAF Scampton at 1220 hours on 24th October 1942, detailed to bomb Milan, Italy. The aircraft was hit by flak when over the target but was able to continue flying. On the homebound journey the aircraft was again hit by flak at Le Havre and it crash landed at 2138 hours 400 yards north of the Oxford airfield, Surrey, UK.

Crew:
RAF Flt Lt Bonnett, D D DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404798 PO Myers, W H I DFM (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 401272 Flt Sgt R D Dangerfield, DFM (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R J Wallis, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403192 Flt Sgt R G Lawrence, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W A Colquhoun (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Brookes, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Lt Bonnett, PO Myers, Flt Sgt Dangerfield, Sgt Wallis and Flt Sgt Lawrence were killed in the crash and are buried in the Littlehampton Cemetery, Sussex, UK
Both Sgt Colquhoun and Sgt Brookes were injured and Sgt Brookes died of his injuries on 30/10/1942. He is buried in the Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery, London,.UK.

403238 Sergeant DOBSON, Reginald Patrick

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/103/234 Commonwealth war Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 196, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	L 7567
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster L7567 took off from RAF Scampton at 2111 hours on the night of 28/29th August 1942 to bomb Nurnberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF	FO Lowrie, J Captain (Pilot)
RAF	WO J Allen (Flight Engineer)
RAF	Sgt G H M Gordon, (Navigator)
RAAF	403238 Sgt R P Dobson, (Air Bomber)
RAF	Sgt E F Berrett, (Wireless Air Guner)
RCAF	Flt Sgt N R Mitchell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF	405259 Sgt W D Peirce, (Rear Gunner)

A report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated :' the aircraft crashed near Maasbracht approx 35 miles south east of Eindhoven. Five of the crew were killed and WO Allen and Sgt Gordon were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the Mook War Cemetery, Locality Limburg, Netherlands. The cemetery is about 8.5 miles south of Nijmegen, Netherlands.

In a POW report Sgt Gordon stated " The aircraft was attacked about 2300 hours on 28th August over the village of Venlo in Holland. We were attacked from dead astern and the fighter's burst was the first indication we had that he was there. Dobson was not hit but came beside me to help with Berrett who was badly wounded. The aircraft got out of control and was losing height rapidly. The order to abandon was given but it was difficult to move about. I don't think Dobson made it. The machine exploded when it hit the ground and must have killed those inside."

419383 Flying Officer ELLIS, Derek Atkinson

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/70 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 483, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 369
Radio call sign:	EA – A
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB369 took off from RAF Fulbeck at 1627 hours on the night of 11/12th November 1944 to bomb Harburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF Sqn Ldr Gorton, H Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Illingworth, G E (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt F E Jones, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt W G Hannon, (Navigator)
RAF PO Francis, L T (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419383 FO Ellis, D A (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Tingle, F (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO John, F E (Rear Gunner)

A post war report by a Missing Research & Enquiry Team stated “the wreck of the aircraft was located in sand dunes on the banks of the River Elbe in Hamburg.”

The remains of Sqn Ldr Gorton, Sgt Jones, PO Francis and PO Tingle were recovered and they are buried in the Hamburg Cemetery, Germany.
The other four crew members including FO Ellis have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

429454 Flying Officer FISCHER, Arthur Benjamin

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/442 Commonwealth War Graves recordsW R W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 151, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 308
Radio call sign:	EA – F
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ME308 took off from RAF Fulbeck at 0629 hours on 4 April 1945 to bomb military barracks at Nordhausen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 429454 FO Fischer, A B Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D G Parbery, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt H R Sproston, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G H Simmonds, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt F F Sinclair, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt F Wright, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt T B Moore, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Nordhausen and all the crew were killed.
FO Fischer is buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.
Sgt Simmonds is buried in the Venray War Cemetery, Locality Limburg, Netherlands.
The remaining five crew have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

405244 Sergeant GREGORY-COLEMAN, William Patrick Joseph

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/668 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 205
Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5752
Radio call sign:	EA – D
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5752 took off from RAF Scampton at 0116 hours on the night of 6/7th September 1942 to bomb Duisberg, Germany. The aircraft was hit by flak which knocked out 2 engines, and on return from the mission the aircraft crashed into a field near Blunt's Wood at the back of Great Martlesham Heath, Suffolk, UK Prior to the crash the Captain ordered 4 of the crew to bale out in the vicinity of Orford. Of the three on board two were injured in the crash and one was killed by shrapnel from the flak

Crew:

RAF`	PO Jeffreys, G S Captain (Pilot) Injured
RAAF	405244 Sgt W P J Gregory-Coleman, (2nd Pilot) Killed
RAF	Sgt J C H Morgan, (Navigator) Baled out
RAF	Sgt O D Blaha (Air Bomber) Baled out
RAF	Sgt P Maloney (Wireless Air Gunner) Injured
RAF	Sgt J Harrison (Mid Upper Gunner) Baled out
RCAF	Sgt W L Vander-Dasson (Rear Gunner) Baled out

When the starboard outer engine was put out of action by the flak over the target, Sgt Gregvory-Coleman, 2nd Pilot was killed by shrapnel, and the Captain was slightly injured. The Captain jettisoned the bombs and turned for home. Over the Dutch coast the starboard inner failed and the aircraft steadily lost height but reached the English coast at a height of 2000 feet. The Captain ordered the crew to bale out with the exception of the Wireless Operator and the 2nd Pilot who had died from his injuries. The aircraft was circling he drome at Martlesham prior to landing when the port inner failed, height 1000 feet and the Captain was compelled to crash land near Great Bealings north of the Martlesham drome. The Captain and the WOP escaped from the aircraft which was destroyed by fire with the exception of the tail unit."

Sgt Gregory-Coleman is buried in the Ipswich Cemetery, Suffolk, UK.

403187 Flight Sergeant GREY, Llewellyn

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/6/32 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losss of the Second World War, page 31, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 428
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ED428 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 0226 hours on the night of 30/31st January 1943 to bomb Hamburg, Germany. The aircraft was hit by flak and return it crashed short of the Fiskerton drome at 0715 hours when the aircraft collided with a tree at Reepham crossing, 2 miles ENE of Lincoln, UK. Six of the crew were killed and the Mid upper Gunner was injured.

Crew:

RAAF	401302 Flt Sgt E L Cole, Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt F S T Pittard (Flight Engineer)
RAF	FO Ridley, F (Navigator)
RAF	404849 Sgt J A G Browne, (Air Bomber)
RAAF	403187 Flt Sgt L Grey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt E Phillips, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF	Sgt W C Wood, (Rear Gunner)

A Sqn report into the accident reported ; “The aircraft returned from its operational flight and contacted TR9 at Fiskerton for permission to land. Weather was poor with light rain and a cloud base of 600 feet. There was a searchlight canopy over the drome and all available flares were laid out and lit. The aircraft made one low circuit of the drome before its final approach. It was about 300 feet at this time, and was warned by TR9 of a slight crosswind when landing and low cloud. The aircraft came straight into the flare path on a very low approach and its port wing tip light was seen from the drome. The approach became lower and lower until finally the wing tip light was seen to rise sharply into the air and then disappear. The aircraft was found a complete wreck about half a mile short of the runway having hit a 40 feet high tree on the approach. The survivor was questioned and it would appear that the pilot had set a wrong QFE on his altimeter. The Air Bomber was heard to say immediately before the crash “Get up, you are too low”, and then a few seconds later the aircraft hit a tree. There was no evidence of engine trouble and the aircraft had plenty of fuel.”

425439 Flight Sergeant HERD, Mervyn James

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/264 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 142, Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 676
Radio call sign:	EA – M
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ND676 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 1955 hours on the night of 26/27th March 1944 to bomb Essen, Germany. The aircraft was badly damaged by a night fighter whose fire killed the Wireless Operator and slightly wounded the Navigator.

The aircraft crash landed at Coltishall airfield, Norfolk, after 5 of the crew had baled out over Swanton Morley on the Captain's orders. The damage to the aircraft was severe and it was a total write off.

Crew:
RAF FO Shinn, A W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt N C Pettit (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J Hague, (Navigator)
RCAF Sgt V C Cully, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425439 Flt Sgt M J Herd, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A B Dickenj (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Armstrong, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Herd is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK

403812 Sergeant HOBAN, Walter John

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/123/333 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 219
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Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5890
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5890 took off from RAF Scampton, Lincoln, at 2017 hours on the night of 16/17th September 1942 to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF Sqn Ldr Barnard, H W MID Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Thomas, O D (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt K A Bouffler, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt A B Brooks, DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Moody, D B (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403812 Sgt W J Hoban, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt A L Caron, (Air 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.

410335 Warrant Officer HOLMES, Lestre Bertram

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/409 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 336, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 231
Radio call sign:	EA – H
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB231 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 2240 hours on the night of 18/19th July 1944, detailed to destroy a railway junction at Revigny, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF FO Lacy, C DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt I Shingles, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 410335 WO L B Holmes, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt V Gallagher, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 426393 Flt Sgt D J Ryan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W G Barlow, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt J C Wellein, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter when outbound, and crashed at St-Ouen-en-Domprot (Marne), France. Five of the crew were killed and two Sgt Barlow and Flt Sgt Wellein were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the St-Ouen-en-Domprot Churchyard, Locality Marne, some 20kms south west of Vitry-le-Francois, France.

402354 Sergeant HOLT, Mervyn Harry

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NA : A705, 163/123/209 Commonwealth war Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 30, Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AE 240
Radio call sign:	EA – P
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Hampden AE240 took off from RAF Scampton at 1443 hours on the 12th February 1942, detailed to attack the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau in the English Channel. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and the aircraft and crew disappeared without trace. The Squadron lost 4 aircraft on this mission.

Crew:
RAAF 402354 Sgt M H Holt, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C L Lee,
RAF PO Way, S W A
RAF Sgt L C Toghill,

The names of the missing crew are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

423760 Flight Sergeant KING, Bede James Veitch

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 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 545
Radio call sign:	EA - O
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster JB545 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 1627 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.

Crew:
RAF PO Ratcliffe, G L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A E Marsland, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt E Holloway, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W R Day, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W T Rees, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt R Losa, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 423760 Flt Sgt B J V King, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter at 1832 hours when the aircraft was outbound. JB545 crashed at Sonnega (Friesland), and all the crew were killed.
Those killed are buried in the Weststellingwerf (Wolvega) General Cemetery, Locality Friesland, Netherlands. Wolvega is a small town 42kms SSE of Leeuwarden on the main road to Meppel.

403192 Flight Sergeant LAWRENCE, Raymond George

Source:
AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/300 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 4306
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster W4306 took off from RAF Scampton at 1220 hours on 24th October 1942, detailed to bomb Milan, Italy. The aircraft was hit by flak when over the target but was able to continue flying. On the homebound journey the aircraft was again hit by flak at Le Havre and it crash landed at 2138 hours 400 yards north of the Oxford airfield, Surrey, UK.

Crew:
RAF Flt Lt Bonnett, D D DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404798 PO Myers, W H I DFM (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 401272 Flt Sgt R D Dangerfield, DFM (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R J Wallis, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403192 Flt Sgt R G Lawrence, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W A Colquhoun (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Brookes, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Lt Bonnett, PO Myers, Flt Sgt Dangerfield, Sgt Wallis and Flt Sgt Lawrence were killed in the crash and are buried in the Littlehampton Cemetery, Sussex, UK
Both Sgt Colquhoun and Sgt Brookes were injured and Sgt Brookes died of his injuries on 30/10/1942. He is buried in the Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery, London,.UK.

425175 Flight Sergeant LIST, Stephen McCarthy

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/219 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 373
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 305
Radio call sign:	EA – A
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster JB305 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 1701 hours on the night of 3/4th November 1943 to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF Flt Lt Carfoot, N H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J S Mason, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt H D Church (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt S G Putnam, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H L Wood, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W H Marson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 415175 Flt Sgt S McC List, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the target area. Four of the crew were killed, and Sgt's Mason, Church and Flt Sgt Putnam 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.

A POW report by Sgt Church stated "I Can not say whether List is alive or not. He reported himself free from his turret before I left the aircraft."

Mason stated "I know that List was preparing to jump when I left the aircraft."

423514 Flight Sergeant LOVETT, Angus Thomas

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/45/102 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 116, Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 537
Radio call sign:	EA – K
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB537 took off from RAF Fulbeck at 1745 hours on the night of 7/8th March 1945 to bomb oil facilities at Harburg, Germany. Nothing wad heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 429834 FO Stark, R W G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J F Brennan, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 419244 WO J C Yeoman, (Navigator)
RAAF 417440 WO R McP Bairnsfather, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423514 Flt Sgt A T J Lovett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R C Gilbert, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J P Dixon, (Rear Gunner)

It was believed that the aircraft crashed at 2215 hours at Sandbostel, 9kms SSW from the centre of Bremervorde, Germany. Four of the crew were killed and three WO Yeoman, Sgt Brennan and Sgt Dixon were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Becklingen War Cemetery, Locality Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany. The Cemetery is 13kms south east from Soltau on the side of the Hamburg to Hanover road.

A later POW report by WO Yeoman stated "Attacked by night fighter. Skipper ordered Jump Jump. Flt Eng out before me. I baled out at 7000 feet. Other five still in aircraft. Aircraft was on fire complete starboard wing. Crashed in vicinity of Bremerrode. Wandered in south east direction and picked up by German sentry."

425178 Flying Officer MAC FAYDEN, Duncan

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/475 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 269
Volume 1944 Micro Film 463 OAFH

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 533
Radio call sign:	EA – M
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ND533 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 2136 hours on the night of 9/10th June 1944 detailed to bomb the railway junction at Etampes, France Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF FO Bell, B E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S C Holmes, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 425178 FO MacFayden, D (Navigator)
RAF FO Hemmings, P D (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J Holden, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Clark, H D (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Reed, J J (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed 2kms north of Rosay-sur-Lieure (Eure), and 9kms north of Ecouis, France. Six of the crew were killed and FO Hemmings became a POW.

Five of the crew are buried in the Bayeaux War Cemetery, Locality Calvados, France. The town of Bayeux is in Normandy, 24kms north west of Caen.

Sgt Holmes is buried in the Marissel French national Cemetery, Beauvais. Marrisel is an eastern suburb of Beauvais, a cathedral town between Rouen and Compeigne, France.

FO Hemmings (age 20 years) who was a POW died on 18/10/11944 in the notorious Buchenwald Concentration Camp. He has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK

405162 Sergeant McKENNA, Terence Francis Breen

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/87/224. Commonwealth War Graves records Micro Film 463 OAFH, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 128, Volume 1942

Aircraft Type: Manchester
Serial number: L 7387
Radio call sign: EA -
Unit: ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Manchester L7387 took off from RAF Scampton, Lincolnshire, at 1000 hours on 20 June 1942, to carry out a search in the North Sea in an area 53.40N to 53.50N and 01.40E to 3deg east. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 403876 Sgt J.O.O'Brien. (Captain Pilot)
RAF Sgt C E Goldring, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 405262 Sgt T F B McKenna, (Navigator)
RAAF 401359 Sgt K.Allen, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 402539 Sgt H.W.Price. Wireless Operator/Air Gunner.
RAF Sgt C A Garos (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt N J.Rogers.(Air Gunner)

The bodies of Sgts McKenna and Price, (RAAF), were washed ashore.
Sgt McKenna is buried in the Kviberg Cemetery, Sweden.
Sgt Price is buried on the Island of Schiermonnikoog, (Vredenhof), Netherlands.

The remaining crew members were presumed to have lost their lives at sea and have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

421666 Flying Officer McMONAGLE, Lance Raymond

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/613 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 443
Volume 1944 Micro Film No 463 OAFH

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 429
Radio call sign:	EA – S
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB429 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 1717 hours on the night of 6/7th October 1944 detailed to bomb Bremen, Germany Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.
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Crew:

RAF	FO Beatson, C Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt D Harrison, (Flight Engineer)
RAF	FO Bourton, E (Navigator)
RAF	FO King, J C (Air Bomber)
RAAF	421666 FO McMonagle, L R (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt A Stephens, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF	FO Murray, J W (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 2011 hours at Leuchtrenburg Larnhorst on the east side of Aumund-Hammersbech, Germany.
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 side of the road from Hamburg to Hannover.

421750 Warrant Officer MILLER, Frederick Charles

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/716 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 38 Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 586
Radio call sign:	EA – V
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB586 took off from RAF Fulbeck at 1658 hours on the night of 7/8th January 1945 detailed to bomb Munich, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base
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Crew:

RAF	FO Bolter, A J Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt J Court, (Flight Engineer)
AF	Sgt T E Walker, (Navigator)
RAF	Sgt J T Anderson (Air Bomber)
RAAF	421750 WO F C Miller, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF	Sgt C L Atkins, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF	Sgt A F Butcher, (Mid Upper Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Villeneuvre-St-Georges Old Communal Cemetery, Locality Val-de-Marne, France.
The cemetery is situated in the south east from the centre of Paris on the Paris-Melun road.

427533 Flying Office MOTTERAM, Harry Lawrence

Source:
AWM 237 (65) Commonwealth War Graves records Micro Film 463 OAFH
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 478
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 370
Radio call sign:	EA – F
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB370 took off from Fulbeck at 1741 on the night of 4/5th November 1944 in an attempt to breach the Dortmund-Ems Canal, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off, and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF FO Talbot D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S R Crawshaw, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 427055 FO Baily, G H (Navigator)
RAAF 427533 FO Motteram, H L (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436108 Flt Sgt L G Speak, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Moroney, W J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Berry, R W (Rear Gunner)

All the seven crew members lost their lives and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

432423 Flying Officer MURRAY, John William

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/613 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 443
Volume 1944 Micro Film No 463 OAFH

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 429
Radio call sign:	EA – S
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB429 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 1717 hours on the night of 6/7th October 1944 detailed to bomb Bremen, Germany Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.
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Crew:

RAF	FO Beatson, C Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt D Harrison, (Flight Engineer)
RAF	FO Bourton, E (Navigator)
RAF	FO King, J C (Air Bomber)
RAAF	421666 FO McMonagle, L R (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt A Stephens, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF	FO Murray, J W (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 2011 hours at Leuchtrenburg Larnhorst on the east side of Aumund-Hammersbech, Germany.
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 side of the road from Hamburg to Hannover.

404798 Pilot Officer MYERS, William Henry Ingham, DFM

Source:
AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/300 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 4306
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster W4306 took off from RAF Scampton at 1220 hours on 24th October 1942, detailed to bomb Milan, Italy. The aircraft was hit by flak when over the target but was able to continue flying. On the homebound journey the aircraft was again hit by flak at Le Havre and it crash landed at 2138 hours 400 yards north of the Oxford airfield, Surrey, UK.

Crew:
RAF Flt Lt Bonnett, D D DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404798 PO Myers, W H I DFM (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 401272 Flt Sgt R D Dangerfield, DFM (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R J Wallis, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403192 Flt Sgt R G Lawrence, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W A Colquhoun (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Brookes, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Lt Bonnett, PO Myers, Flt Sgt Dangerfield, Sgt Wallis and Flt Sgt Lawrence were killed in the crash and are buried in the Littlehampton Cemetery, Sussex, UK
Both Sgt Colquhoun and Sgt Brookes were injured and Sgt Brookes died of his injuries on 30/10/1942. He is buried in the Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery, London,.UK.

407725 Sergeant NEWBERY, Kent

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/147/281 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 196 Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5897
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5897 took off from RAF Scampton at 2104 hours on the night of 28/29th August 1942 detailed to bomb Nuremberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF Flt Sgt E G Burton, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 407725 Sgt K Newbery, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 407354 Sgt G A Swan, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J D Osbaldeston, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E C Ibbotson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J Breivis (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt L J Capton (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated “The aircraft crashed near Kalchreuth between 1 and 2 am on 29/8/1942.”
All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

427017 Flight Sergeant O'DEA, Ronald Patrick

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/124 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 400 Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 362
Radio call sign:	EA – D
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster JB362 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 1731 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 WO R Brunt, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Bronsky, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt F E Ashman, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J G Burrows, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R W Norley, DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E D Wilson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 427017 Flt Sgt R P O'Dea, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Gransee approx 25 miles south east of Neustrelitz, Germany

Six of the crew lost their lives and Sgt Burrows was a POW.
Those who died are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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426381 Flight Sergeant PARKER, Edwin Earle

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/214 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 365
Volume 1943. Microfilm No 463 OAFH

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 413
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster JB413 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 1818 hours on the night of 22/23rd October 1943 detailed to bomb Kassel, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF	PO Taverner, P A Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt W Kemp, (Flight Engineer)
RAF	Sgt I Spence, (Navigator)
RCAF	Flt Sgt R K Drinnan, (Air Bomber)
RCAF	Sgt R H Norman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF	Sgt N S Dunbabin, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF	426381 Flt Sgt E E Parker, (Rear Gunner)

It was believed that the aircraft crashed at Wunstorf, Germany.
PO Taverner and Flt Sgt parker lost their lives when the aircraft crashed, and the remainder of the crew were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

In a POW report Sgt Norman stated "During the whole period of the action Parker did not speak from his position in the aircraft. A few minutes later the Captain ordered abandon, and he repeatedly called Parker a number of time but got no reply. From my position in the plane I could not determine what condition Parker was in."

Sgt Dunbabin stated "During the incident we received no word from Parker which was highly unusual under the circumstances. I am unable to say whether he was killed or wounded. Informed by the Germans that Parker had been killed."

Sgt Spence stated "I believe Parker was killed but have no proof. When our aircraft was hit we called him up on the I/C but there was no answer, and unfortunately we did not have time to go and see what was wrong."

405259 Sergeant PEIRCE, William Dudley

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/103/234 Commonwealth war Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 196, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	L 7567
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster L7567 took off from RAF Scampton at 2111 hours on the night of 28/29th August 1942 to bomb Nurnberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RNZAF FO Lowrie, J Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO J Allen (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt G H M Gordon, (Navigator)
RAAF 403238 Sgt R P Dobson, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E F Berrett, (Wireless Air Guner)
RCAF Flt Sgt N R Mitchell, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 405259 Sgt W D Peirce, (Rear Gunner)

A report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated :' the aircraft crashed near Maasbracht approx 35 miles south east of Eindhoven. Five of the crew were killed and WO Allen and Sgt Gordon were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the Mook War Cemetery, Locality Limburg, Netherlands. The cemetery is about 8.5 miles south of Nijmegen, Netherlands.

In a POW report Sgt Gordon stated " The aircraft was attacked about 2300 hours on 28th August over the village of Venlo in Holland. We were attacked from dead astern and the fighter's burst was the first indication we had that he was there. Dobson was not hit but came beside me to help with Berrett who was badly wounded. The aircraft got out of control and was losing height rapidly. The order to abandon was given but it was difficult to move about. I don't think Dobson made it. The machine exploded when it hit the ground and must have killed those inside."

402539 Sergeant PRICE, Harrington Warren

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/87/224. Commonwealth War Graves records Micro Film 463 OAFH, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 128, Volume 1942

Aircraft Type: Manchester
Serial number: L 7387
Radio call sign: EA -
Unit: ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Manchester L7387 took off from RAF Scampton, Lincolnshire, at 1000 hours on 20 June 1942, to carry out a search in the North Sea in an area 53.40N to 53.50N and 01.40E to 3deg east. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 403876 Sgt J.O.O'Brien. (Captain Pilot)
RAF Sgt C E Goldring, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 405262 Sgt T F B McKenna, (Navigator)
RAAF 401359 Sgt K.Allen, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 402539 Sgt H.W.Price. Wireless Operator/Air Gunner.
RAF Sgt C A Garos (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt N J.Rogers.(Air Gunner)

The bodies of Sgts McKenna and Price, (RAAF), were washed ashore.
Sgt McKenna is buried in the Kviberg Cemetery, Sweden.
Sgt Price is buried on the Island of Schiermonnikoog, (Vredenhof), Netherlands.

The remaining crew members were presumed to have lost their lives at sea and have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

402979 Sergeant REYNOLDS, Robert George

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/156/169 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 202
Volume 1942 Microfilm No 463 OAFH

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5763
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5763 took off from RAF Scampton at 2314 hours on the night of 2/3rd September 1942 detailed to bomb Karlsruhe, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base
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Crew:
RAF Flt Sgt R G Lewis, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T W Hayes, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 404577 Sgt J H Pearson (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E Bradshaw (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D W Cane, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 402979 Sgt R G Reynolds, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W S Collins, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0215 hours at Abee (Liege), 12kms south east of Huy (Belgium).

Flt Sgt Lewis, Sgt Reynolds and Sgt Collins lost their lives. 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.
Of the remaining crew 3 were POW's and Sgt Bradshaw evaded capture.

In a POW report Sgt Pearson stated " The aircraft was flying at 10,000 feet over the Maas River. We were attacked by a night fighter and the starboard wing and Starboard engines shot out. The aircraft was out of control and the starboard engines and tanks were on fire. The Captain gave the preparatory and the final order to abandon and this was acknowledged. I baled out at 7000 feet. I walked from 0200-0500 hours dark, and spent daylight in woods and walked towards Paris. I was taken in by Belgians on a farm, and then handed over to Police and a German field party."

421081 Pilot Officer RICHARDSON, Roy Joseph

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/185 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 400 Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 235
Radio call sign:	EA – C
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster JB235 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 1728 hours on the night of 26/27 November detailed to bomb Berlin. When returning to base after the mission, it undershot when approaching to land and crashed some 2.5 miles from the drome. At the time it was dark with ground fog and visibility 450 yards. The fog dispersal apparatus was in operation. Five of the crew were killed and two were injured.

Crew:
RAAF 421081 PO Richardson, R J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H G Boswell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt H Carr, (Navigator)
RCAF PO Lowe, H (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt L H Cartwright, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C G Winterborn, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt M O Mahoney, (Air Gunner)

PO Richardson is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK.
Sgt Boswell is buried in the Manchester Southern Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.
Sgt Carr is buried in the Stockton-on-Tees (Oxbridge Lane) Cemetery, Durham, UK
PO Lowe is buried in the Biddulph (S Lawrence) Churchyard, Staffordshire, UK.
Sgt Cartwright is buried in the Bournemouth East Cemetery, Hampshire, UK.

24612 Pilot Officer ROGERS, Ormond Boy

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/227 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:	ND 536
Radio call sign:	EA – F
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ND536 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 1905 hours on the night of 22/23rd 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 R Greig, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W F Edwards, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt K Anderson, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt L J Phillips, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt C Peacock, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 24612 PO Rogers, O B (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Whiteley, (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed and exploded at Ronnenburg presumably due to enemy action. Ronnenburg is 21 miles north west of Kaiser Slaughtern, 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.

407036 Pilot Officer ROLLINS, James Leslie

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/47 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 96
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 590
Radio call sign:	EA – L
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ED590 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 2117 hours on the night of 8/9th April 1943 detailed to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF FO Southern, D J N DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C K Tiley, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Lapping, J B (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G S Pring, (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Munro, A L (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Chatterton, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 407036 PO Rollins, J L (Air 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.

426393 Flight Sergeant RYAN, Douglas James

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/409 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 336, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 231
Radio call sign:	EA – H
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB231 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 2240 hours on the night of 18/19th July 1944, detailed to destroy a railway junction at Revigny, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF FO Lacy, C DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt I Shingles, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 410335 WO L B Holmes, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt V Gallagher, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 426393 Flt Sgt D J Ryan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W G Barlow, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt J C Wellein, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter when outbound, and crashed at St-Ouen-en-Domprot (Marne), France. Five of the crew were killed and two Sgt Barlow and Flt Sgt Wellein were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the St-Ouen-en-Domprot Churchyard, Locality Marne, some 20kms south west of Vitry-le-Francois, France.

424066 Flight Sergeant SHAW, William Oliver

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/589 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 468, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 385
Radio call sign:	EA – V
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB 385 took off from RAF Fulbeck at 1616 hours on the night of 2/3rd November 1944 detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF FO Harford, P E G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J B Mitchell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt S C Bennett, (Naviagtor)
RAF Flt Sgt A McG Findlay, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424066 Flt Sgt W O Shaw, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H Roxby, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J A Rix (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft caught fire in the air and crashed at Golzheim presumably as a result of enemy action. Golzheim is a village 18 miles south west of Cologne, 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.

436108 Flight Sergeant SPEAK, Leslie George

Source:
AWM 237 (65) Commonwealth War Graves records Micro Film 463 OAFH
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 478
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 370
Radio call sign:	EA – F
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB370 took off from Fulbeck at 1741 on the night of 4/5th November 1944 in an attempt to breach the Dortmund-Ems Canal, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off, and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF FO Talbot D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S R Crawshaw, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 427055 FO Baily, G H (Navigator)
RAAF 427533 FO Motteram, H L (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436108 Flt Sgt L G Speak, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Moroney, W J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Berry, R W (Rear Gunner)

All the seven crew members lost their lives and they are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

429834 Flying Officer STARK, Roussell William Galloway

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/45/102 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 116, Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 537
Radio call sign:	EA – K
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PB537 took off from RAF Fulbeck at 1745 hours on the night of 7/8th March 1945 to bomb oil facilities at Harburg, Germany. Nothing wad heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 429834 FO Stark, R W G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J F Brennan, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 419244 WO J C Yeoman, (Navigator)
RAAF 417440 WO R McP Bairnsfather, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 423514 Flt Sgt A T J Lovett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R C Gilbert, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J P Dixon, (Rear Gunner)

It was believed that the aircraft crashed at 2215 hours at Sandbostel, 9kms SSW from the centre of Bremervorde, Germany. Four of the crew were killed and three WO Yeoman, Sgt Brennan and Sgt Dixon were POW's.

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

421096 Warrant Officer STIBBARD, John Hamilton

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/596 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 321, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LL 976
Radio call sign:	EA – A
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LL976 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 2221 hours on the night of 7/8th July 1944 detailed to bomb a flying bomb storage depot at St-Le_d'Esserent, France. The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter at approx 2130 hours about 1km south east of Beauvoir-en-Lyons in the Department of Seine-Maritime, 10kms WNW from Gornay-en-Bray. All the crew were killed.

Crew:
RAF FO Baker C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J M Moss, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 421096 WO J H Stibbard, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt H H Hewitt, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W Higgins, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt E W Everett, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R E Nineham, (Rear Gunner)

The crew are buried in the Marissel French National Cemetery, Locality Oise, France. Marissel is an eastern suburb of Beauvais, a Cathedral town between Rouen and Compiegne, France.

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423925 Flight Sergeant STUART, Ian Douglas

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/38/554 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:	JB 714
Radio call sign:	EA – K
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster JB714 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 2139 hours on the night of 9/10th June 1944 to bomb the rail junction at Etampes, France. JB714 collided with another aircraft over Morigny-Champigny in the Department of (Essonne), 3kms north east of Etampes. JB714 exploded in mid air and all the crews in both aircraft were killed.

Crew:
RAF PO Smiley, T S Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt B F Webb, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423925 Flt Sgt I D Stuart, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt L A Hinch, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D A Sanderson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L J C Rainbow, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D V Blaikie, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Morigny-Champigny Cemetery, Locality Essonne, France.

407354 Sergeant SWAN, Gilbert Aitken

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/147/281 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :: RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 196 Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5897
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5897 took off from RAF Scampton at 2104 hours on the night of 28/29th August 1942 detailed to bomb Nuremberg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF Flt Sgt E G Burton, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 407725 Sgt K Newbery, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 407354 Sgt G A Swan, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J D Osbaldeston, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E C Ibbotson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J Breivis (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt L J Capton (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated "The aircraft crashed near Kalchreuth between 1 and 2 am on 29/8/1942."
All the crew lost their lives and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, Locality Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48kms south of Munich.

420406 Flight Sergeant TAYLOR, Colin William

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/112 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:	LM 337
Radio call sign:	EA – V
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LM337 took off from RAF Fiskerton at 2031 hours on the night of 15/16th August 1943 to bomb Milan, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF PO Gospel, L W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R James, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt C H Witheridge, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt S J V Philo, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt H Hedge, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 420406 Flt Sgt C W Taylor, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A E Huntingford, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft when homebound was hit by flak and crashed at 0245 hours near Cheronvilliers (Eure), 5kms SSE of Rugles, France.
Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Witheridge and Philo who evaded capture returned safe to England.
The five killed are buried in the Cheronvilliers Churchyard, Locality Eure, France.
Cheronvillkiers is a village approx 5kms south of Rugles a small town on the road N830.

In a later report Sgt Philo stated " after a sudden lurching of the aircraft near Chartres at 17,000 feet, the Captain ordered bale out, I heard the Rear Gunner and Flt Sgt Taylor acknowledge the order, and I then baled out. losing consciousness during the descent. I have no information about the fate of the others."

407022 Flight Sergeant WHITEHILL,Maxwell Elliott

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163//////94/232 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 121, Volume 1942

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	L 7469
Radio call sign:	EA -
Unit:	ATTD 49 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster L7469 took off from RAF Scampton at 2313 hours on the night of 6/7th June 1942 to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF Sqn Ldr De Mestre, P M DFC DSO Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 403717 Sgt A F Buttel, (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Thorndyke, R H J (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
Raf Sgt G C Whitfield, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D S Halliday, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L J Jones, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 407022 Flt Sgt M E Whitehill (Rear Gunner)

All of the crew lost their lives and it was presumed the aircraft was lost over the sea.
Sgt Buttel's body was recovered from the sea and he is buried in the Sage War Cemetery, Germany, together with Sgt Whitfield, Sgt Halliday and Flt Sgt Whitehill.
Sage is a village 24kms south of Oldenburg, a town 43kms west of Bremen.
The other three crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK

1466 Flight Lieutenant BARNES, Peter Robert Blackmore

Source :
AWM Roll of Honour, NAA : A705, 163/55/90 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type : Hudson
Serial number : A16-49
Radio Call Sign :
Unit : 8 SQN (FAR EAST)

Summary :
Hudson A16-49 left Kota Bharu, Malaya, about 1415 hours on the 14th February 1941, for instrument flying training. The aircraft was last seen over Kualasemarnk at 0720 hours flying north. The flight was scheduled to finish at 1530 hours. The aircraft was reported overdue and extensive but unsuccessful searches were carried out.

The aircraft crashed between the Islands of Perhentian and Great Redang, Malaya, on 14th February 1941.Four Malayans said an aircraft had crashed into the sea on the afternoon of 14th February. Certain portions of the aircraft were retrieved and returned to Kota Bharu A Court of Inquiry found that the cause of the accident was due to the aircraft stalling and subsequently spinning into the sea and that the occupants were missing and were presumed lost.

The aircraft had crashed into the sea approx 3 miles north west of Pulau Redang off the North East coast of Malaya into 20 fathams of water. The recovery of the anti-icing tank from the Hudson was consistent with the aircraft striking the water with considerable force. .

Crew :
RAAF 1466 Flt Lt Barnes, P R B Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 672 FO Ryan K F (Pilot)
RAAF 406380 Sgt A J A Butler, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 3650 Cpl A R Campbell, (
RAAF 3658 Cpl R S Rose (

All the missing crew have no known grave, and their names are commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Singapore.

404571 Flight Sergeant ADDISON, Thomas William Sheridan

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/85/80 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 178 Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5746
Radio call sign:	VN – Q
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5746 took off from RAF Swinberby at 0213 hours on the night of 11/12th August 1942 detailed to bomb Le Havre, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 402993 PO Gray D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W P Taylor (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 404571 Flt Sgt T W S Addison, (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt J M Lowe, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A A Waldie, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403199 Sgt G B McCloy, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J Bogard, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Ste-Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, Locality Seine-Maritime, France.

402338 Sergeant AUSTIN, Lewis Herbert

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/89/32 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5782
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5782 took off from RAF Swinberby at 1820 hours on the night of 9/10th November 1942 detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany. On its return from the mission R5782 crashed at RAF Bradwell Bay at 2254 hours on 9th November 1942.

The circumstance are as follows :
When over the target area R5782 found a clear layer between the cloud from 6/7000 feet with fairly heavy icing in the cloud above the layer. At the point of bombing the aircraft was hit by flak on the port wing tip spraying the port side with shrapnel. A 2nd burst hit the aircraft in the same quarter and the aircraft shuddered violently. The Pilot was hit by a small piece of shrapnel in the arm and the I/C was cut off.
The aircraft was flying left wing low and the aileron trim and rudder bias U/S. The Navigator was badly wounded and the Wireless Air Gunner had been killed. The wireless receiver, TR9, DR compass, Lorenz and IFF were all U/S, and the GEE blew up.
The aircraft proceeded homebound to the south of England. The aircraft found a drome beneath a searchlight cone and circled round flashing the downward recognition signal and got the green light to land. The hydraulics were U/S and the emergency system was used to lower the undercarriage. At about 200 feet there was ground fog and the flare path disappeared except the two flares at the start of the runway, but not much indication of height. On seeing the start of the runway the throttles were opened up, control column pulled back, the wheels hit the ground and collapsed taking most of the shock. The aircraft skidded along the runway to the right and the petrol and ignition immediately switched off."
The WAG was killed, the Navigator was wounded and five were uninjured.

Crew:

RNZAF	FO Calbert, R O Captain (Pilot)
RCAF	PO Power, D A (Flight Engineer) (Pilot)
RAF	Flt Sgt J Medland, (Navigator) Wounded
RAF	Sgt D M Wilson, (Air Bomber)
RAAF	402338 Sgt L H Austin, (Wireless Air Gunner) Killed
RAF	Sgt A W G Connors, (Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt G Cruikshanks, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Austin is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK.

16249 Pilot Officer BANKS, Malcolm James

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/54/300 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 334
Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	EE 189
Radio call sign:	VN – S
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster EE189 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1931hours 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 16249 PO Banks, M J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W T Smith (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt I N F Cameron, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt H W F Cooke, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt L C Jordan (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF Flt Sgt R C Tonkin, (Air Gunner)
RAFR Sgt A H Simpkin, (Air Gunner)

A report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated " the aircraft crashed at approx 10pm near the village of Gross Forste, 12 miles south east of Hanover. Six of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Tonkin was a POW.

A later report by Flt Sgt Tonkin stated "the only information I can give is that the Germans informed me that Banks was discovered in the crashed aircraft and was not alive. Also the five others had lost their lives."

The six crew members are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Hanover, Niedersachsen, Germany.

403104 Flying Officer BEATTY, Argyle Donald

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/29/129 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Manchester
Serial number:	L 7471 VN -
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Manchester L7471 took off from RAF Swinberby at 2315 hours on the night of 6/7th June 1942 detailed to bomb Emden, Germany. A fix was given to the aircraft at 0140 hours on 7th June but thereafter nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 403104 FO Beatty, A D Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 403856 PO Burton, R G (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Allen, F W R (Navigator)
RAAF 404646 Sgt R G Buchanan, ((1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 402615 Sgt A F Scanlan, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 402472 Sgt A C Tebbett, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 400342 Sgt R F Davies, (Air Gunner)

Five of the crew were POW's and PO Burton who lost his life has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK. FO Beatty as a POW died on 10th September 1942 from meningitis following on the injury he received when the aircraft crashed.. He 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.

Sgt Buchanan later reported "The starboard engine gave trouble immediately after leaving the target. It took some time to feather the engine and we were down very low when this was accomplished. The aircraft would not maintain height on one engine and we finally crashed in the sea about 30/40 miles from Emden. The 2nd Pilot did not have time to get out and he went down with the plane. FO Beatty had a fractured skull, the Navigator a fractured hip and the others scratches and bruises. We were captured an hour later in the dinghy by a German seaplane."

Sgt Scanlan stated "The starboard engine cut out at about 1000 feet and it refused to feather. The aircraft dropped to sea level and then climbed to 300 feet but the strain was too great on the port engine and we ditched. We crashed into the sea nose first. I am pretty sure we were not hit by enemy aircraft."

17354 Flying Officer BERRIMAN, Vincent Gerald

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/1065 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:	NG 342
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster NG342 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1442 hours on the 9th April 1945 detailed to bomb Hamburg, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 17354 FO Berriman, V G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E Ford, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt G E R Westacott, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt J P Newbiggen, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E H Walker, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt A W Jones, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt N L G Felton, (Rear Gunner)

A report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “the aircraft crashed and exploded at the village of Wollingst on 9/4/45 presumably a a result of enemy action. Wollingst is 28 miles north of Bremen, Germany.

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

424956 Flight Sergeant BOUTCHER, William Edward

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/901 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 44, Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 234
Radio call sign:	VN – K
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LM234 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1555 hours on the night of 14/15th January 1945, detailed to bomb the synthetic oil plant at Leuna, Germany. . Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 426979 FO Nicol, A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D F Kirby, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Young, A M (Navigator)
RAAF 424956 Flt Sgt W E Boutcher, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418769 Flt Sgt H L Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L F Duffy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W F McClelland, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed in the heart of Forst Retchmannsdorf, 14kms south west from Saalfield, Germany. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Duffy and McClelland were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

Sgt McClelland later reported "the aircraft crashed on a hill and caught fire. Duffy and I were the only ones to extricate ourselves from the wreckage. The Germans informed me that all the others were killed."

409287 Flight Sergeant BROCK, John Alexander

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/187 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 204, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 712
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ED712 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 2305 hours on the night of 24/25th June 1943 detailed to bomb Wuppertal, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 409287 Flt Sgt J A Brock, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 26228 Sgt T W Page, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R H Cookson, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt L L Seal, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt B Veall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF WO Class 11 W Pearson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt T G Wilkinson, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry Team report stated “the aircraft crashed and exploded on impact in a field near the village of Houverath, which is approx 28 miles south of Cologne, Germany.” All of the crew were killed.

Flt Sgt Brock, Sgt Page, Sgt Cookson and WO!! Pearson are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery< Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrheinj-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.
The other three crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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423076 Flight Sergeant BURGESS, Malcolm Robert

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/565 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 255, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 874
Radio call sign:	VN – R
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ND87 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 0251 hours on the night of 5/6th June 1944 detailed to bomb coastal battery defences at St Pierre Du Mont, France. . Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 422326 PO Ward, R G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D P Mangan, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt K O Smith, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R Haine, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt G F Livingstone (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S K Reading, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 423076 Flt Sgt M R Burgess, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed with the exception of Sgt Reading who evaded capture and returned safe to UK.
PO Ward, Flt Sgt Haine and Flt Sgt Burgess are buried in the Bayeux War Cemetery, Locality Calvados, France. The town of Bayeux in Normandy is 24kms north west of Caen.
Sgt's Mangan, Smith and Flt Sgt Livingstone have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK

In a later report Sgt Reading stated "the aircraft was shot down over the target by light flak. The abandon order was given. I landed south of the target. I have no information re the others. I was injured and taken prisoner by the Germans, and sent to hospital for treatment. The hospital was evacuated and we were taken to Gaumont to find that the Germans had also evacuated the town. After an argument with the guards the British and American prisoners went their own way. The French hid us in the town until it was captured by the Americans."

403161 Sergeant CARNLEY, James William

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/95/375 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 26, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: R 5909
Radio call sign: VN -
Unit: ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R 5909 of 50 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, Swinderby, Lincolnshire, at 2302 hours on 22 September 1942 to attack Wismar, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:
RAF Flt Sgt Dickenson, G K Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Trottier, W H (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 400981 Sgt Gotts, R A (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 403161 Sgt Carnley, J W (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Wade, H J (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAAF 401258 Sgt Watson, C F Air Gunner)
RAAF 407873 Sgt Phillips, H A (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was established that the aircraft had exploded in the air and crashed in the Baltic Sea off the Isle of Lolland, Denmark, and south of Nysted. The bodies of Sgt Carnley and Sgt Watson (RAAF) were washed ashore on the Isle of Lolland and are buried in the Svino Churchard Cemetery, Denmark. Svino is a small village in southern Zealand overlooking Dydso Fjord, some 90kms SSW of Copenhagen.

It was recorded in 1949 that the remaining crew members had lost their lives at sea and have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

39456 Flight Lieutenant COSGROVE, Robert James

Source:
AWM 237 (65) Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	50 Sqn RAF

Summary:
On the 14th April 1940, Flt Lt Cosgrove was buried at sea. He has no known grave, and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.
He is the son of the Hon Robert Cosgrove, MHA, Premier of Tasmania, and Dame G A Cosgrove, DBE, of West Hobart Tasmania.

403644 Sergeant CUMBERLAND, Russell Lloyd

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/1118/511 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:	R 5691
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R 5691 of 50 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Skellingthorpe, Lincolnshire, at 1232 hours on 24 October 1942 for a daytime attack on Milan, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF	403644 Sgt R.L.Cumberland, Captain (Pilot).
RAF	Sgt W.Scott, Flight Engineer.
RAAF	403532 Sgt J.T.Philpot, Navigator.
RAAF	404420 Sgt S.A.Gregg, Wireless Operator/Air Gunner.
RAF	Sgt J.J.Glendinning, Wireless Operator/Air Gunner.
RAF	Sgt F.Adey, Air Gunner.
RAF	Sgt J.St B,Fern Air Gunner.

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was established that the aircraft was shot down and crashed in the sea in the vicinity of Meuvaines near Caen, France, and close to the French coast.

The remains of Sgt Cumberland (RAAF), Sgt Philpott (RAAF), and Sgt Glendinning (RAF) are buried in the Caen War Cemetery, and that of Sgt Adley (RAF) in the Saint Marie Cemetery, Le Havre.
In 1949 it was recorded that the remaining three missing crew members including that of Sgt Gregg (RAAF) had lost their lives at sea .Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

419033 Flight Sergeant CURREY, George Donald

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/17/704 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 381, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NE 135
Radio call sign:	VN – F
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster NE135 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe 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:
RAAF 422517 FO Haynes, D L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt E I Tennant, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt G C Rensbery, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt P H Clucas, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419033 Flt Sgt G D Currey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430943 Flt Sgt J L Shortal (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 437909 Flt Sgt W I Warrington, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed near Bas-Oha (Liege) on the north bank of the Meuse, 3kms west of Huy on the opposite bank, and all the crew were killed.

The crew are buried in the Bas-Oha Communal Cemetery, Locality Wanze, Liege, Belgium. The village of Bas-Oha is located north west of the town of Huy off the motorway E42.

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405175 Pilot Officer DENNIS, Ernest Arthur

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/130 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 240, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 753
Radio call sign:	VN – M
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ED753 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 2149 hours on the night of 25/26th July1943 detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 405175 PO Dennis, E A Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 408293 FO Every, E D P (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Rogerson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Young, R F(Navigator)
RAF Sgt R Toulson, (Air Bomber)
RAF WO L T Beck, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt A G Tanner, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt G L Hill, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at 0055 hours on 26th July 1943 near Wijchen (Gelderland), 6kms WSW Nijmegan, Holland. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Rogerson, PO Young and FO Every 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.

The then Flt Lt Every later reported "In the first attack by fighters at 21,000 feet, the port motors were set on fire then most of the aircraft in the second attack. I was in the WOP position whilst waiting for the Nav to go when the aircraft went into a steep forward dive which threw me to the floor. I became unconscious and came to falling through the air. I pulled the chute and landed safe. No news re the others but since learnt that the Nav and self were only ones alive. The aircraft crashed near the German/Dutch border south east of Nijmegan. Received help from civilians and told to go to Rotterdam. I walked for 7 days and then captured by Dutch police in Herovarden, a small village on the Rhine.

422459 Flight Sergeant DUNCOMBE, David Garnet

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/200 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:	DV 384
Radio call sign:	VN – V
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster DV384 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1859 hours on the night of 22/23rd Marfch 1944 detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RCAF FO Dobbyn, J L DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt E J Cave, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt N Jennings, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J R Jackson, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G G Ridyard, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 422459 Flt Sgt D G Duncombe, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R L Mason, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed near the village of Obermelbecke, 3kms NNE of Grevenbruck, 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.

419988 Flying Officer FAIRBAIRN, Charles Ridley DFC

Source:
AWM 237 (65) Micro Film 463 OAFH AWM 65 (2040) NAA : A705, 166/13/392 Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 57, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 346
Radio call sign:	VN – V
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PD346 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1638 hours on the night of 1/2nd February 1945 detailed to bomb Siegen, Germany Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF	419988 FO Fairbairn, C R DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt J Pannett, (Flight Engineer)
RAF	FO Locock, J S E (Navigator)
RAAF	424471 WO B S Smith, (Air Bomber)
RAAF	424293 FO Fitzhardinge, A B (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Flt Sgt N G Jones, (Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt C E Atkins, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed into wooded hillside near Ehrenstein approx 30 miles south east of Siegen. Five of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Jones and Sgt Atkins were POW's.

Those killed are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.
In a later report Sgt Atkins stated : "the aircraft crashed 30 miles south east of Siegen. Met the Mid Upper Gunner at the reception centre. The other five crew were killed."

Citation :
The Citation for the award of DFC to FO Fairbairn is as follows :
PO Fairbairn has completed many sorties including attacks against such distant targets as Bruz, Politz, Nuremburg and Trondheim. Throughout his operational career he has shown brilliant leadership and cool courage in the face of danger. In December 1944, ten minutes before reaching the target, his aircraft was involved in a collision as a result of which one engine was wrecked. Dangerous vibrations were set up throughout the aircraft. Despite this, FO Fairbairn pressed home his attack successfully in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire which damaged two gun turrets. By superb airmanship he flew his damaged aircraft back to this country and executed a safe landing. FO Fairbairn's outstanding skill, determination and devotion to duty have always merited the highest praise."

424293 Flying Officer FITZHARDINGE, Allan Berkeley

Source:
AWM 237 (65) Micro Film 463 OAFH NAA : A705, 166/13/392
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 57, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 346
Radio call sign:	VN – V
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PD346 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1638 hours on the night of 1/2nd February 1945 detailed to bomb Siegen, Germany Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 419988 FO Fairbairn, C R DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Pannett, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Locock, J S E (Navigator)
RAAF 424471 WO B S Smith, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424293 FO Fitzhardinge, A B (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt N G Jones, (Air Gunner)
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402299 Pilot Officer GRAY, David

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/85/80 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 178 Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5746
Radio call sign:	VN – Q
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5746 took off from RAF Swinberby at 0213 hours on the night of 11/12th August 1942 detailed to bomb Le Havre, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 402993 PO Gray D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W P Taylor (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 404571 Flt Sgt T W S Addison, (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt J M Lowe, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A A Waldie, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403199 Sgt G B McCloy, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J Bogard, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Ste-Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, Locality Seine-Maritime, France.

404903 Sergeant HARDY, Niel Malcolm

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/498 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 135 Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	L 7289
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster L728 took off from RAF Swinberby at 2320 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 Sgt J C Roy, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 12419 Sgt J S Peters, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 406318 Sgt R L Hugall (Navigator)
RAAF 402622 Sgt L C Thompson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404903 Sgt N M Hardy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403194 Sgt J W Lindsay, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 403813 Sgt E G Johnson, (Air Gunner)

Captured German documents revealed that the aircraft was shot down at 0200 hours on 26 June 1942 and crashed near Bremen.

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

400517 Flying Officer HARRISON, George William Marshall

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/35/215 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 222, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5689
Radio call sign:	VN – N
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5689 took off from RAF Swinberby at 1915 hours on the night of 18/19th September 1942 detailed to carry out a gardening operation. R5689 crashed at 1.30am at Thurlby, Lincolnshire when both port engines failed as the aircraft was returning from the mission and preparing to land.
Four of the crew were killed and the others survived the crash.

Crew:
RAF Sgt E J Morley, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S C Garrett, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 400517 FO Harrison, G W M (Observer)
RAF Sgt H Male, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J W Dalby, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Fraser, (Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J R Gibbons, (Air Gunner)

FO Harrison is buried in the Thurlby (St Germain) Churchyard, Lincolnshire
Sgt Male is buried in the Halesowen Cemetery, Worcestershire.UK.
Sgt Garrett is buried in the Bournemouth East Cemetery, Hampshire, UK
Flt Sgt Gibbons is buried in the Newark-upon-Trent Cemetery, Nottinghampshire.

422517 Flying Officer HAYNES, Douglas Leslie

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/17/704 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 381, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NE 135
Radio call sign:	VN – F
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster NE135 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe 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:
RAAF 422517 FO Haynes, D L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt E I Tennant, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt G C Rensbery, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt P H Clucas, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419033 Flt Sgt G D Currey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430943 Flt Sgt J L Shortal (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 437909 Flt Sgt W I Warrington, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed near Bas-Oha (Liege) on the north bank of the Meuse, 3kms west of Huy on the opposite bank, and all the crew were killed.

The crew are buried in the Bas-Oha Communal Cemetery, Locality Wanze, Liege, Belgium. The village of Bas-Oha is located north west of the town of Huy off the motorway E42.

412442 Pilot Officer HECKENDORF, John Llewellyn

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/414 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 431 Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 217
Radio call sign:	VN – C
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster DV2 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1658 hours on the night of 20/21st December 1943, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 412442 PO Heckendorf, J L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Henderson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Dale, K T (Navigator)
RAF FO Rutherford, R L (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A D Hope, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt D S Hall, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 408379 Flt Sgt R C Turner, (Rear Gunner)

A later Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated " the aircraft crashed approx 1 miles east of Kelsterbach, presumably as a result of enemy action. Kelsterbach is approx 5 miles south of Frankfurt. Five of the crew were killed and FO Rutherford and Sgt Hope were POW's.
The five 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.

In a later report FO Rutherford stated "the aircraft exploded and almost immediately after the bale out order was given. I was blown out of the aircraft and landed safely by chute. I later met the WOP but know nothing re the fate of the rest of the crew."
Sgt Hope stated " I believe the Captain was killed. I did not see him leave the aircraft which exploded with a full load on board."

403586 Pilot Officer HEINRICH, Esmond Peter

Source:
AWM 237 (65) Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 21, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 471
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ED471 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe on the night of 17/18th January, 1943, detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 403586 PO Heinrich, E P Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L J Bond, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Harvie, R (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J Eatswood, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt A G Thomas, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt I Fraser, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF WO 11 J A Moore, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Kiel War Cemetery, Locality Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. Kiel lies 83kms north of Hamburg.

404820 Sergeant HERON, Royal George

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/177/206 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 23, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AE 381
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Hampden AE381 crashed at 2038 hours on the night of 21st January 1942 during a non operational night cross country training exercise. The aircraft crashed at a place known as Cluther Rocks on Kinder Scout in the Derbyshire Peak District, following an attempt to land at Ringwood. The weather was extremely poor at the time.
The aircraft was completely destroyed and all the crew were killed.
Crew:
RAAF 404820 Sgt R G Heron, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 407487 Sgt W C Williams, (Observer)
RAF Sgt W Tromans, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S A Peters, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Heron is buried in the Manchester Southern Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.
Sgt Williams is buried in the South Shields (Harton) Cemetery, Durham, UK.
Sgt Tromans is buried in the Cradley Hath (St Luke) Churchyard, Staffordshire, UK.
Sgt Peters is buried in the West Wickham (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, Kent, UK.

406318 Sergeant HUGALL, Robert Leslie

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/498 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 135 Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	L 7289
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster L728 took off from RAF Swinberby at 2320 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 Sgt J C Roy, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 12419 Sgt J S Peters, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 406318 Sgt R L Hugall (Navigator)
RAAF 402622 Sgt L C Thompson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404903 Sgt N M Hardy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403194 Sgt J W Lindsay, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 403813 Sgt E G Johnson, (Air Gunner)

Captured German documents revealed that the aircraft was shot down at 0200 hours on 26 June 1942 and crashed near Bremen.

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

403813 Sergeant JOHNSON, Edgar Griffiths

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/498 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 135 Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	L 7289
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster L728 took off from RAF Swinberby at 2320 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 Sgt J C Roy, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 12419 Sgt J S Peters, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 406318 Sgt R L Hugall (Navigator)
RAAF 402622 Sgt L C Thompson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404903 Sgt N M Hardy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403194 Sgt J W Lindsay, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 403813 Sgt E G Johnson, (Air Gunner)

Captured German documents revealed that the aircraft was shot down at 0200 hours on 26 June 1942 and crashed near Bremen.

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

403054 Pilot Officer JONES, Godfrey Rees

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/129/230 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 184, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5735
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5735 took off from RAF Swinderby at 0057 hours on the night of 15/16th August 1942 to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 403054 PO Jones,G R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R C M White, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 400861 Sgt F E Letherbridge, (Observer)
RAF Sgt N Tomlin, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403171 Sgt A J Pankhurst (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J McMillan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt H A Chislett, (Rear Gunner)

Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Letherbridge and Sgt McMillan 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.

In a POW report Sgt Letherbridge stated : "The aircraft was hit by enemy action at 0300 hours on 16th August and went into a spin. I have no clear recollection of what happened after putting on my chute and have no information re. the others."

421598 Flight Sergeant JOYCE, Brian Martin

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/169 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:	DV 363
Radio call sign:	VN – K
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster DV363 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 2231 hours on the night of 7/8th July 1944 detailed to bomb a flying bomb depot 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 Sgt D A Davies, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D G Marsden, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt D Marrows, (Navigator)
RAAF 421598 Flt Sgt B M Joyce, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P H Bowen, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt G Peace, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt G F McLaurin, (Rear Gunner)

A post war report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated "the aircraft crashed at 2am on the 8th July 1944 in a wood, approx 3 miles north east of Serifontaine, 31 miles south east of Rouen, France. All the crew were killed."

Those killed are buried in the St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Locality Seine-Maritime, France.

404406 Flight Sergeant KENNEDY, Cameron Duff

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/163/456 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Sdecond World War, Page 167, Volume1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5728
Radio call sign:	VN – L
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5728 took off from RAF Swinderby at 0001 hours on the night of29/30th July 1942 to bomb Saarbruchen, Germany. Nothingwas heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return.

Crew:
RCAF Flt Sgt L Forster, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D J Ware, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Curran, R H (Observer)
RAAF 401264 Sgt A Wyles, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403451 Sgt C J Stallard, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404406 Flt Sgt C D Kennedy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C H Bowes, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down at 0330 hours by a night fighter at Braine-Le-Compte, Hainaut, Belgium, 6 miles north east of Soignies, Belgium, and all the crew were killed. One engine fell on a school commandeered by the Wehrmacht killing six soldiers and injuring two.

All the crew are buried in the Braine-Le-Compte Cemetery, Haiunaut, Belgium

429153 Pilot Officer LEVY, Allan Neil

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/741 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:	ME 441
Radio call sign:	VN – W
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ME441 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 2353 hours on the night of 220/21st March 1945 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 429153 PO Levy, A N Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L Henshaw, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt E G Friend, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D Swingler, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt S Chapman, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt T L Hill, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt P C Hopper, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at Asbach, 20 miles east of Bonn, Germany. Six of the crew were killed and Sgt Friend who successfully baled out and evaded capture, returned to his unit safe on 25th March 1945.

Sgt Swingler is buried in the Hotton War Cemetery, Luxembourg.
The other five who lost their lives are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Locality Kleve, Nordrhein-Wsestfalen, Germany. The cemetery is 5kms south west of Kleve.

In a later report Sgt Friend stated “the aircraft was on its return journey when hi by flak. The bale out order was given. At the time the plane was on its correct homeward course and had nearly reached allied lines. I landed near the bank of the Rhine between Remagen and Rheinbruhl, respectively 12 and 20 miles south east of Bonn.”

403194 Sergeant LINDSAY, James Willam

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/498 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 135 Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	L 7289
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster L728 took off from RAF Swinberby at 2320 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 Sgt J C Roy, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 12419 Sgt J S Peters, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 406318 Sgt R L Hugall (Navigator)
RAAF 402622 Sgt L C Thompson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404903 Sgt N M Hardy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403194 Sgt J W Lindsay, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 403813 Sgt E G Johnson, (Air Gunner)

Captured German documents revealed that the aircraft was shot down at 0200 hours on 26 June 1942 and crashed near Bremen.

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

428892 Flight Sergeant MACRAE, Ian Francis

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA :A705, 166/26/712 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:	NG 302
Radio call sign:	VN – R
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster NG302 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1612 hours on the night of 17/18th December 1944 detailed to bomb Munich, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF FO Beer, L W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A J Frisby, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt J Capon, (Navigator)
RCAF PO MacLeod, M J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 428892 Flt Sgt I F MacRae, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt W E Horton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C E Dunlop, (Rear Gunner)

An RAA Regiment, Royal Artillery, BLA contacted a Royal Artillery Unit near the scene of the crash and obtained the following written report "the aircraft was apparently flying at about 8000 feet and without either IFF switched on or giving the colours of the period. The aircraft was engaged by AA artillery and hit. Then seconds after the aircraft dived into the ground and immediately exploded. It was estimated that the aircraft was carrying at least one 4000lb bomb or larger." All of the crew were killed in the crash.

Five of them FO Beer, Sgt Frisby, Sgt Capon, Flt Sgt MacRae and Sgt Horton are buried in the Schoonselhof Cemetery, Antwerp, Belgium.
PO MacLeod and Sgt Dunlop have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

401388 Flight Sergeant McCARTHY, John Herbert

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/26/34 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 40, Volume 1943

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 484
Radio call sign:	VN – Q
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ED484 took off from RAF Skellngthorpe at 1910 hours on the night of 13/14th February 1943 detailed to bomb the submarine base at Lorient, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF Flt Lt Davies E A Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D R Bishop, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Steward, M J (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt W J Hogg, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 401388 Flt Sgt J H McCarthy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt K J Hodgson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt L H Peterson, (Rear Gunner)
RAF WO J H Bailey, Pax.

The bodies of three of the crew Flt Lt Davies, Flt Sg Hogg and Flt Sgt Peterson were washed ashore. It was presumed that the aircraft had crashed in the sea and no trace of the aircraft or the others in the crew was found.

Flt Davies and Flt Sgt Hogg are buried in the Gavres Communal Cemetery, Locality Morbihan, France. Gavres is a village and commune 12kms south west of the town of Hennebont.
Flt Sgt Peterson is buried in the Concarneau Communal Cemetery, Locality Finistere, France. Concarneau is 20 miles north west of Guidel.

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

403199 Sergeant McCLOY, Geoffrey Browning

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/85/80 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 178 Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5746
Radio call sign:	VN – Q
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5746 took off from RAF Swinberby at 0213 hours on the night of 11/12th August 1942 detailed to bomb Le Havre, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 402993 PO Gray D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W P Taylor (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 404571 Flt Sgt T W S Addison, (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt J M Lowe, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A A Waldie, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403199 Sgt G B McCloy, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J Bogard, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Ste-Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, Locality Seine-Maritime, France.

429607 Flight Sergeant McCRAY, David William

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/713 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 676
Radio call sign:	VN – W
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LM676 took off from RAF Skellngthorpe at 1615 hours on the night of 17/18th December 1044 detailed to bomb Munich, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF PO Amey, R E DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F Livesey, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 429607 Flt Sgt D W McCray, (Navigator)
RAF FO Kennedy, D R (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt G W Lane, DFM (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt M J Cook, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Shackleton, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at 2200 hours on the 17th December 1944 at Freimann Barracks, Munich. Five of the crew were killed and two PO Amey and Sgt Livesey were POW's.
The five 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.
PO Amey was wounded and he died of his wounds in hospital on 31st December 1944.He also is buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery

A report by Sgt Livesey stated "The aircraft crashed near the target and both he and Amey were blown out by the explosion."

433544 Flight Sergeant MITCHELL, Kenneth Stanley Malcolm

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/491 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 301, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ME 798
Radio call sign:	VN – Z
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ME798 took off from RAF Skellngthorpe at 2236 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:
RAF PO Wood, K I Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S C Orrell, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt E A Johnson, (Navigator)
RAAF 433544 Flt Sgt K S M Mitchell, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G Taylor, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt P B McRann, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF PO Facey-Crowther, L P (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft was attacked by a night fighter and crashed near Hardinval (Somme) 3kms north of Doullens, France.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the St Pierre Cemetery, Amiens, France.

424434 Flight Sergeant MOONEY, James Martin

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/267 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 146. Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 394
Radio call sign:	VN – R
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LM394 took off from RAF Skellngthorpe 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:
RNZAF Flt Lt Robinson, M U Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A R Moran, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt V A Sanderson, (Navigator)
RCAF FO Lavery, T W (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A Horsfield, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt R H F Ogborne, (Front Gunner)
RAF Sgt J B D'Arcy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 424434 Flt Sgt J M Mooney, (Rear Gunner)

According to German documents the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter exploded in the air and crashed in a wood approx 1500 metres north of Beilstein, which is about 21kms south west of Coblenz.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Locality Niedersachsen, Germany.

415088 Pilot Officer NELSON, Wallace Cyril

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/29/54 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 319, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 415
Radio call sign:	VN – N
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ED415 took off from RAF Skellngthorpe at 1907 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 415088 PO Nelson, W C Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J B Atkinson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt V A Darkin, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J E Shepherd, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R E Morley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W A Heal, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt L McN Jeffery, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter at 2255 hours and crashed on the west side of the Rhine at Ruckheim, 10kms west of Ludwigshafen.
All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery, L:oaclity Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Durnbach is a village 16kms east of Bad Tolz, a town 48km south of Munich.

426979 Flying Officer NICOL, Alexander Hunter

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/901 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 44, Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 234
Radio call sign:	VN – K
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LM234 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1555 hours on the night of 14/15th January 1945, detailed to bomb the synthetic oil plant at Leuna, Germany. . Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 426979 FO Nicol, A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D F Kirby, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Young, A M (Navigator)
RAAF 424956 Flt Sgt W E Boutcher, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418769 Flt Sgt H L Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L F Duffy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W F McClelland, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed in the heart of Forst Retchmannsdorf, 14kms south west from Saalfield, Germany. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Duffy and McClelland were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

Sgt McClelland later reported "the aircraft crashed on a hill and caught fire. Duffy and I were the only ones to extricate ourselves from the wreckage. The Germans informed me that all the others were killed."

26228 Sergeant PAGE, Thomas William

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/187 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 204, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 712
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ED712 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 2305 hours on the night of 24/25th June 1943 detailed to bomb Wuppertal, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 409287 Flt Sgt J A Brock, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 26228 Sgt T W Page, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt R H Cookson, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt L L Seal, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt B Veall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF WO Class 11 W Pearson, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt T G Wilkinson, (Rear Gunner)

A Missing Research & Enquiry Team report stated “the aircraft crashed and exploded on impact in a field near the village of Houverath, which is approx 28 miles south of Cologne, Germany.” All of the crew were killed.

Flt Sgt Brock, Sgt Page, Sgt Cookson and WO!! Pearson are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery< Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrheinj-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms south of Wesel.
The other three crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

403171 Sergeant PANKHURST, Alfred Joseph

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/129/230 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 184, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5735
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5735 took off from RAF Swinderby at 0057 hours on the night of 15/16th August 1942 to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 403054 PO Jones,G R Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R C M White, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 400861 Sgt F E Letherbridge, (Observer)
RAF Sgt N Tomlin, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403171 Sgt A J Pankhurst (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J McMillan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt H A Chislett, (Rear Gunner)

Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Letherbridge and Sgt McMillan 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.

In a POW report Sgt Letherbridge stated : "The aircraft was hit by enemy action at 0300 hours on 16th August and went into a spin. I have no clear recollection of what happened after putting on my chute and have no information re. the others."

12419 Sergeant PETERS, Jasper S

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/498 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 135 Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	L 7289
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster L728 took off from RAF Swinberby at 2320 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 Sgt J C Roy, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 12419 Sgt J S Peters, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 406318 Sgt R L Hugall (Navigator)
RAAF 402622 Sgt L C Thompson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404903 Sgt N M Hardy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403194 Sgt J W Lindsay, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 403813 Sgt E G Johnson, (Air Gunner)

Captured German documents revealed that the aircraft was shot down at 0200 hours on 26 June 1942 and crashed near Bremen.

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

403532 Sergeant PHILPOT, James Temple

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1163/1118/511 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 249, Volume 1942.

Aircraft :	Lancaster
Serial No :	R 5691
Call Sign :	VN -
Unit :	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R 5691 of 50 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Skellingthorpe, Lincolnshire, at 1232 hours on 24 October 1942 for a daytime attack on Milan, Italy. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF	403644 Sgt R.L.Cumberland, Captain (Pilot).
RAF	Sgt W.Scott, Flight Engineer.
RAAF	403532 Sgt J.T.Philpot, Navigator.
RAAF	404420 Sgt S.A.Gregg, Wireless Operator/Air Gunner.
RAF	Sgt J.J.Glendinning, Wireless Operator/Air Gunner.
RAF	Sgt F.Adey, Air Gunner.
RAF	Sgt J.St B,Fern Air Gunner.

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was established that the aircraft was shot down and crashed in the sea in the vicinity of Meuvaines near Caen, France, and close to the French coast.

The remains of Sgt Cumberland (RAAF), Sgt Philpott (RAAF), and Sgt Glendinning (RAF) are buried in the Caen War Cemetery, and that of Sgt Adley (RAF) in the Saint Marie Cemetery, Le Havre.
In 1949 it was recorded that the remaining three missing crew members including that of Sgt Gregg (RAAF) had lost their lives at sea .Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

430943 Fligth Sergeant SHORTAL, John Lourdes

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/17/704 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 381, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NE 135
Radio call sign:	VN – F
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster NE135 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe 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:
RAAF 422517 FO Haynes, D L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt E I Tennant, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt G C Rensbery, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt P H Clucas, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419033 Flt Sgt G D Currey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430943 Flt Sgt J L Shortal (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 437909 Flt Sgt W I Warrington, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed near Bas-Oha (Liege) on the north bank of the Meuse, 3kms west of Huy on the opposite bank, and all the crew were killed.

The crew are buried in the Bas-Oha Communal Cemetery, Locality Wanze, Liege, Belgium. The village of Bas-Oha is located north west of the town of Huy off the motorway E42.

424471 Warrant Officer SMITH, Barry Sydney

Source:
AWM 237 (65) Micro Film 463 OAFH NAA : A705, 166/13/392
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 57, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 346
Radio call sign:	VN – V
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster PD346 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1638 hours on the night of 1/2nd February 1945 detailed to bomb Siegen, Germany Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 419988 FO Fairbairn, C R DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Pannett, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Locock, J S E (Navigator)
RAAF 424471 WO B S Smith, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424293 FO Fitzhardinge, A B (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt N G Jones, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C E Atkins, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed into wooded hillside near Ehrenstein approx 30 miles south east of Siegen. Five of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Jones and Sgt Atkins were POW's.

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

In a later report Sgt Atkins stated : "the aircraft crashed 30 miles south east of Siegen. Met the Mid Upper Gunner at the reception centre. The other five crew were killed."

403451 Sergeant STALLARD, Cyril John

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/163/456 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Sdecond World War, Page 167, Volume1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5728
Radio call sign:	VN – L
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5728 took off from RAF Swinderby at 0001 hours on the night of29/30th July 1942 to bomb Saarbruchen, Germany. Nothingwas heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return.

Crew:
RCAF Flt Sgt L Forster, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D J Ware, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Curran, R H (Observer)
RAAF 401264 Sgt A Wyles, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403451 Sgt C J Stallard, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404406 Flt Sgt C D Kennedy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C H Bowes, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down at 0330 hours by a night fighter at Braine-Le-Compte, Hainaut, Belgium, 6 miles north east of Soignies, Belgium, and all the crew were killed. One engine fell on a school commandeered by the Wehrmacht killing six soldiers and injuring two.

409859 Pilot Officer STEPHENSON, Cyril Edward

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/510 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 205, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 480
Radio call sign:	VN – U
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LM480 took off from RAF Skellngthorpe at 2207 hours on the night of 3/4th May 1944 detailed to bomb a military camp at Mailly-le-Camp, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF Flt Lt Blackman, T H DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 409859 PO Stephenson, C E (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Walton, C R E (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Jones, D G (Navigator)
RAF PO Godfrey, S J (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt S C Wilkins, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt H G Ridd, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W D Dixon, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down after clearing the target area and crashed at St Mesmin a village on the railway.between Romilly-sur-Seine and Troyes.

Six of the crew were killed and two, Flt Lt Blackman and PO Godfrey survived the crash and evaded capture.
Those killed are buried in the St Mesmin New Communal Cemetery, Locality Aube, France. St Mesmin is a village 18kms north west of Troyes on the Paris to Troyes road.

Both evasions failed. Flt Lt Blackman was picked up and later incarcerated in the notorious Buchenwald Concentration Camp.
PO Godfrey was assisted and passed on to a Resistance group, where the Wehmacht attacked their camp on the 24th June. Godfrey has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

402622 Sergeant THOMPSON, Lawrence Chase

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/498 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 135 Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	L 7289
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster L728 took off from RAF Swinberby at 2320 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 Sgt J C Roy, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 12419 Sgt J S Peters, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 406318 Sgt R L Hugall (Navigator)
RAAF 402622 Sgt L C Thompson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404903 Sgt N M Hardy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403194 Sgt J W Lindsay, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 403813 Sgt E G Johnson, (Air Gunner)

Captured German documents revealed that the aircraft was shot down at 0200 hours on 26 June 1942 and crashed near Bremen.

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

408379 Flight Sergeant TURNER, Robert Campbell

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/414 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 431 Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	DV 217
Radio call sign:	VN – C
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster DV2 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1658 hours on the night of 20/21st December 1943, detailed to bomb Frankfurt, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 412442 PO Heckendorf, J L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Henderson, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Dale, K T (Navigator)
RAF FO Rutherford, R L (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A D Hope, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt D S Hall, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 408379 Flt Sgt R C Turner, (Rear Gunner)

A later Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated " the aircraft crashed approx 1 miles east of Kelsterbach, presumably as a result of enemy action. Kelsterbach is approx 5 miles south of Frankfurt. Five of the crew were killed and FO Rutherford and Sgt Hope were POW's.
The five 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.

In a later report FO Rutherford stated "the aircraft exploded and almost immediately after the bale out order was given. I was blown out of the aircraft and landed safely by chute. I later met the WOP but know nothing re the fate of the rest of the crew."
Sgt Hope stated " I believe the Captain was killed. I did not see him leave the aircraft which exploded with a full load on board."

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422326 Pilot Officer WARD, Roland Gilbert

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/565 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 255, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 874
Radio call sign:	VN – R
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster ND87 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 0251 hours on the night of 5/6th June 1944 detailed to bomb coastal battery defences at St Pierre Du Mont, France. . Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 422326 PO Ward, R G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D P Mangan, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt K O Smith, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt R Haine, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt G F Livingstone (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S K Reading, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 423076 Flt Sgt M R Burgess, (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were killed with the exception of Sgt Reading who evaded capture and returned safe to UK.
PO Ward, Flt Sgt Haine and Flt Sgt Burgess are buried in the Bayeux War Cemetery, Locality Calvados, France. The town of Bayeux in Normandy is 24kms north west of Caen.
Sgt's Mangan, Smith and Flt Sgt Livingstone have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK

In a later report Sgt Reading stated "the aircraft was shot down over the target by light flak. The abandon order was given. I landed south of the target. I have no information re the others. I was injured and taken prisoner by the Germans, and sent to hospital for treatment. The hospital was evacuated and we were taken to Gaumont to find that the Germans had also evacuated the town. After an argument with the guards the British and American prisoners went their own way. The French hid us in the town until it was captured by the Americans."

437909 Flight Sergeant WARRINGTON, William Ivon

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/17/704 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 381, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NE 135
Radio call sign:	VN – F
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster NE135 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe 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:
RAAF 422517 FO Haynes, D L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt E I Tennant, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt G C Rensbery, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt P H Clucas, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419033 Flt Sgt G D Currey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430943 Flt Sgt J L Shortal (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 437909 Flt Sgt W I Warrington, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at Bas-Oha (Liege) on the north bank of the Meuse, 3kms west of Huy on the opposite bank, and all the crew were killed.

The crew are buried in the Bas-Oha Communal Cemetery, Locality Wanze, Liege, Belgium. The village of Bas-Oha is located north west of the town of Huy off the motorway E42.

401258 Sergeant WATSON, Charles Francis

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/95/375 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 26, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: R 5909
Radio call sign: VN -
Unit: ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R 5909 of 50 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, Swinderby, Lincolnshire, at 2302 hours on 22 September 1942 to attack Wismar, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:
RAF Flt Sgt Dickenson, G K Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Trottier, W H (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 400981 Sgt Gotts, R A (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 403161 Sgt Carnley, J W (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Wade, H J (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAAF 401258 Sgt Watson, C F Air Gunner)
RAAF 407873 Sgt Phillips, H A (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was established that the aircraft had exploded in the air and crashed in the Baltic Sea off the Isle of Lolland, Denmark, and south of Nysted. The bodies of Sgt Carnley and Sgt Watson (RAAF) were washed ashore on the Isle of Lolland and are buried in the Svino Churchard Cemetery, Denmark. Svino is a small village in southern Zealand overlooking Dydso Fjord, some 90kms SSW of Copenhagen.

It was recorded in 1949 that the remaining crew members had lost their lives at sea and have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

403206 Sergeant WILLIAMS, David Alexander

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/178/523 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 84, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Manchester
Serial number:	L 7516
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster L7516 took off from RAF Skellngthorpe at 2142 hours on the night of 29/30th April 1942 detailed to carry out gardening in the Forgetmenot region. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAF Flt Sgt S Willett, S DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt S E Packard, (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Hannah, N (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt H J McDonald, (1st Wireless Operator)
RAAF 406602 Sgt C A Miners, (2nd Wireless Operator)
RAAF 403206 Sgt D A Williams, (Front Gunner)
RAF Sgt C J Scott, (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed on a sandbank off Rantum, Sylt. Two of the crew Sgt Williams and Sgt Scott were killed and the remaining crew were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the Kiel War Cemetery, Locality Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. Kiel lies 83kms north of Hambug.

A later report from their POW comrades stated "Attacked 29th April. Scotty in Rear Turret and Dave Front Turret. Both went out fighting gallantly. They were killed long before we eventually crashed. German Officers assured us they were given a proper funeral. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their parents."

407487 Sergeant WILLIAMS, Walter Chantler

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/177/206 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 23, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AE 381
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Hampden AE381 crashed at 2038 hours on the night of 21st January 1942 during a non operational night cross country training exercise. The aircraft crashed at a place known as Cluther Rocks on Kinder Scout in the Derbyshire Peak District, following an attempt to land at Ringwood. The weather was extremely poor at the time.
The aircraft was completely destroyed and all the crew were killed.

Crew:
RAAF 404820 Sgt R G Heron, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 407487 Sgt W C Williams, (Observer)
RAF Sgt W Tromans, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S A Peters, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Heron is buried in the Manchester Southern Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.
Sgt Williams is buried in the South Shields (Harton) Cemetery, Durham, UK.
Sgt Tromans is buried in the Cradley Hath (St Luke) Churchyard, Staffordshire, UK.
Sgt Peters is buried in the West Wickham (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, Kent, UK.

418769 Flight Sergeant WILSON, Henry Leslie

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/901 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 44, Volume 1945

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 234
Radio call sign:	VN – K
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster LM234 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe at 1555 hours on the night of 14/15th January 1945, detailed to bomb the synthetic oil plant at Leuna, Germany. . Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:
RAAF 426979 FO Nicol, A H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D F Kirby, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Young, A M (Navigator)
RAAF 424956 Flt Sgt W E Boutcher, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 418769 Flt Sgt H L Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L F Duffy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt W F McClelland, (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed in the heart of Forst Retchmannsdorf, 14kms south west from Saalfield, Germany. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt's Duffy and McClelland were POW's.
Those killed are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

Sgt McClelland later reported "the aircraft crashed on a hill and caught fire. Duffy and I were the only ones to extricate ourselves from the wreckage. The Germans informed me that all the others were killed."

401264 Sergeant WYLES, Allan

Source:
AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/163/456 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Sdecond World War, Page 167, Volume1942.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5728
Radio call sign:	VN – L
Unit:	ATTD 50 SQN RAF

Summary:
Lancaster R5728 took off from RAF Swinderby at 0001 hours on the night of29/30th July 1942 to bomb Saarbruchen, Germany. Nothingwas heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return.

Crew:
RCAF Flt Sgt L Forster, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D J Ware, (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Curran, R H (Observer)
RAAF 401264 Sgt A Wyles, (1st Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403451 Sgt C J Stallard, (2nd Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404406 Flt Sgt C D Kennedy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt C H Bowes, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down at 0330 hours by a night fighter at Braine-Le-Compte, Hainaut, Belgium, 6 miles north east of Soignies, Belgium, and all the crew were killed. One engine fell on a school commandeered by the Wehrmacht killing six soldiers and injuring two.