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

He is a member of Canberra Legacy.

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Alan Storr. A WW2 photo of the Author

MISSING WITH NO KNOWN GRAVE

BY ALAN STORR.

PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

These volumes are dedicated to the memory of some brave young members of the Royal Australian Air Force, missing while serving on attachment with the Royal Air Force or other Air Forces during the Second World War, and have no known grave.

The project was inspired by a letter that was published in the RAAF Association magazine 'Wings' (Winter Edition 2002), written by a daughter appealing for information about her father missing in WW2 when she was two years of age.

Not only are the volumes a record of some of the unsung heroes of WW2, but I hope it will assist those who are still seeking information about the circumstances in which their loved husband, father, son, brother or family member went missing and has no known grave.

To Mark Whitmore the then Assistant Director, National Collection, Australian War Memorial, Canberra, and now Director, Collections, at the Imperial War Museum, London, and Carmel McInerny, the then Senior Curator, Published & Digitised Records at the AWM and now Manager at the National Library, I extend my grateful thanks for their ready endorsement and support of the project in January 2003 as a worthwhile digitised "add on" to the AWM Honour Roll computer record of those members concerned.

My particular thanks go to Kerri Leech, Assistant Curator, Published & Digitised Records, at AWM for her expert and ready assistance in developing and testing the necessary computer systems and providing computer short cuts designed to make the task easier and help overcome my lack of computer skills. Kerri has also maintained an oversight of and provided continuing advice on the project.

From an initial examination of the RAAF WW2 Registers of Deaths and Burials, AWM 237 (63) Airmen and AWM 237 (64) Officers, with cross checks to AWM237(62) and (65), it was established that there were 1423 RAAF members who fitted the above project criteria of 'missing with no known grave' and comprised 511 Officers and 912 Airmen. The bulk of fatalities were among those serving on attachment with the Royal Air Force.

To put the above number of fatalities in context, there were overall 11061 RAAF fatalities in WW2, of which 5944 fatalities occurred in RAAF Squadrons and Support Units, and 5117 fatalities were among RAAF members attached to the Royal Air Force or other Air Forces. It is from this latter figure of 5117 that this project identified the 1423 RAAF members missing with no known grave.

Also included in the project are a small number of Australians who enlisted directly in the Royal Air Force either before or in the early stages of the war and are on the AWM Commemorative Roll as missing with no known grave.

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With some 1500 RAAF Casualty files to be examined, much of the research of necessity has taken place at Australian National Archives, East Block Canberra.

The work has now been completed, and the information incorporated in the AWM Honour Roll computer record and is available for PDF purposes.

In addition to this digitised “add-on” to the Honour Roll, whereby the information can be accessed on the AWM website www.awm.gov.au, a printout of this same information for each member concerned is filed in alphabetical name order in Volumes 1 to 2 (Officers) and 3 to 6 (Airmen) which are held for research purposes in the AWM Research Centre. AWM Call Number R 940.544941 S886r V.1 to 6 refers.

As a volunteer at the Australian War Memorial it has been a personally rewarding work and one that it has been a privilege to undertake. I always felt that there was a story to be told, and I appreciate the opportunity given to me and the facilities provided by the War Memorial to undertake the work.

Having completed the project there are two things that stand out in my mind.

One is the variety of aircraft types being flown in various theatres of war when reported missing – from single or twin engine fighters, to multi-engine light, medium or heavy bombers as well as multi-engine transports, flying boats or patrol aircraft.

The other is the ages of these men, how young they were – many just lads really.

One can only wonder at their skill and bravery, when one can see as an example, a young RAAF lad who has completed his pilot training in Australia or Canada or Rhodesia. He then proceeded to UK, is attached to the Royal Air Force, does various Conversion and Operational Training Courses, and finds himself at the early age of 20 years and 8 months with the awesome responsibility of being Captain (Pilot) of an RAF Lancaster bomber, responsible not only for his own life but that of the six other crew members on board, taking off at night in UK mid-winter with a full load of bombs and fuel, to undertake the hazardous trip of bombing Berlin or some other daunting target, and on one of these missions the aircraft and crew did not return.

This project I trust honours and pays tribute to their memory.

Alan Storr (Volunteer), Published and Digitised Records.
Australian War Memorial, Canberra. 14 November 2004

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MISSING WITH NO KNOWN GRAVE

EXPLANATORY NOTES

VOLUME NO. SUMMARIES OF MISSING CIRCUMSTANCES
(Filed in Alphabetical Name of Member order)

1	Officers Letters A to K
2	Officers Letters L to Z
3	Airmen Letters A to E
4	Airmen Letters F to K
5	Airmen Letters L to P
6	Airmen Letters Q to Y

OTHER AIR FORCES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT

RAAF personnel serving on attachment with the Royal Air Force, Royal Canadian Air Force, Royal New Zealand Air Force, South African Air Force, Indian Air Force and US Army Air Force.

SOURCES.

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

AWM 237 (62) and (65)

AWM Roll of Honour

AWM Commemoration Roll

RAAF Casualty files held by National Archives, Canberra. Series A705.

RAAF Service Record files held by Archives, Canberra Series A9300 or A9301.

AWM 65 Honours & Awards Citations

RAAF WW2 Nominal Roll

AWM Call No. RF 358.41310941 J45r : RAF Squadrons by Wg Cdr Jefford, C.G.

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MISSING INCLUDES

- Missing in Action
- Missing in Air Operations
- Missing Lost at Sea
- Missing in Flying Accident

SUMMARIES OF MISSING CIRCUMSTANCES : This information is as recorded in the relevant RAAF Casualty File for the member concerned. This source covers over 95% of the summaries which are filed in alphabetical name order in these Volumes. In the remaining cases where no Casualty File exists, reference was then made to the members Service Record file, where there is invariably only a one line entry that the member is missing and the presumed date of death, but no information as to the missing circumstances.

RANKS OF CREW MEMBERS : These are as recorded at time aircraft was reported missing. It includes promotions which have been promulgated posthumously but back dated with effect prior to the date the member was reported missing. Rank abbreviations are as per the Honour Roll format.

MUSTERINGS OF CREW : These are shown only when recorded in the Casualty File and appear in the order as recorded in the Circumstantial report.

PARENT AIR FORCE OF CREW MEMBERS : These are shown as and when recorded in the Casualty file. If uncertain then left blank.

AIRCRAFT RADIO SIGNAL : These can comprise two components – the Squadron Code letters and the Aircraft Individual Letter, eg UV-G . the Letters UV denotes RAAF 460 Squadron and the letter G denotes G for George. In some instances the Aircraft letter is only recorded in the Casualty file, in other cases only the Squadron Identity code letters and in other cases no reference at all. The Aircraft Radio signal where shown in the Summary is as recorded in the Casualty file.

CITATIONS : These are recorded in the Summaries where applicable. They are extracted from the relevant AWM Citation file and the file reference noted as the source.

REGIONAL AFFILIATIONS : an informal scheme under which some RAF Squadrons were affiliated to towns in the UK or to cities or countries elsewhere. This was intended to provide the unit with a territorial link and give the related region a more personal stake in the war eg. 61 (City of Lincoln) Sqn RAF, 88 (Hong Kong) Sqn RAF. Whilst these affiliations were never formalised in the Unit's title, they were consistently used and are included in the summary where applicable.

ACCESS TO MATERIAL :

AWM Website : www.awm.gov.au

AWM Call Number :R 940.544941 S886r V.1 to 6.

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RAAF MEMBERS ATTACHED TO THE ROYAL AIR FORCE
IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR
AND MISSING WITH NO KNOWN GRAVE.

STATISTICS ; FATALITIES BY THEATRE OF WAR OR COUNTRY .

	FATALITIES
EUROPE (France, Germany, Holland Denmark, Belgium, Austria, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria)	316
NORWAY/SWEDEN/BALTIC	42
UNITED KINGDOM (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland)	58
NORTH SEA	227
ENGLISH CHANNEL	67
ATLANTIC OCEAN	128
IRISH SEA	34
MIDDLE EAST	63
NORTH AFRICA	74
ITALY/SICILY/SARDINIA/GIBRALTAR/MALTA	63
MEDITERRANEAN (includes Aegean/Adriatic sea)	170
INDIA/CEYLON/INDIAN OCEAN/BAY OF BENGAL	35
BURMA	64
FAR EAST (Malaya, Singapore, NEI, New Guinea)	61
CANADA	21
TOTAL FATALITIES	1423

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RAAF MEMBERS ATTACHED TO THE ROYAL AIR FORCE
IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR
AND MISSING WITH NO KNOWN GRAVE.

STATISTICS ; FATALITIES BY AIRCRAFT TYPES.

AIRCRAFT TYPE	FATALITIES
LANCASTER	276
WELLINGTON	308
LIBERATOR	108
HALIFAX	77
STIRLING	49
MANCHESTER	9
MARAUDER	24
WHITLEY	28
HAMPDEN	16
BLLENHEIM	109
HUDSON	63
BEAUFIGHTER	41
SPITFIRE	61
HURRICANE	29
MOSQUITO	16
SUNDERLAND	26
CATALINA	12
MITCHELL	13
MARYLAND	20
ANSON	10
DAKOTA	21
BALTIMORE	15
BEAUFORT	19
BOSTON	9
* OTHERA/C TYPES (under 10 fatalities)	64
TOTAL : 51 A/C TYPES	1423 FATALITIES.

*Includes Albacore, Albermarle, Beechcraft, Bisley, Bombay, Botha, Cnerlie, Defiant, DH86, Flying Fortress, Harvard, Kittyhawk, Lerwick, Martinet, Mohawk, Mustang, Oxford, Proctor, Tempest, Tomahawk, Thunderbolt, Typhoon, Ventura, Vilderbeeste, Walrus, Warwick, Whirlibomber.

RAAF MEMBERS ATTACHED TO THE ROYAL AIR FORCE
IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR
AND MISSING WITH NO KNOWN GRAVE.

STATISTICS ; FATALITIES BY MUSTERINGS.

MUSTERING	FATALITIES
PILOT	549
OBSERVER, NAVIGATOR, BOMBaimer, AIR BOMBER, NAVIGATOR WIRELESS.	361
WIRELESS OPERATOR AIR GUNNER WIRELESS OPERATOR AIR	386
AIR GUNNER	122
FLIGHT ENGINEER	4
FITTER MECHANIC	1
TOTAL FATALITIES	1423

RAAF WW2 FATALITIES BY CATEGORIES

CATEGORIES	RAAF FATALITIES	HOW ARRANGED
RAAF SQUADRONS SERVING IN RAF BOMBER COMMAND (Nos 455, 458, 460, 462, 463, 464, 466 and 467)	1509	BY SQNS IN DATE OF DEATH ORDER
RAAF FATALITIES SERVING IN UK IN 10 SQN RAAF	153	IN ALPHA NAME ORDER
<u>RAAF FATALITIES WHEN ATTACHED TO RAF SQNS</u>		
RAF SQNS 1 - 50 Vols 1 and 2	603	BY BATCHES THEN BY SQNS IN ALPHA NAME ORDER
RAF SQNS 51 – 100	525	
RAF SQNS 101 – 150	495	
RAF SQNS 151 – 200	310	
RAF SQNS 201 – 300	297	
RAF SQNS 353 – 695 Plus Other Forces	687	
RAF OPERATIONAL TRAINING UNITS	573	
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	

Alan Storr (27/11/2008)

REFERENCE SOURCES :

Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Print Outs.

AWM 237 (65) RAAF WW2 Fatalities by Squadrons

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

AWM 65 () Citations held by Australian War Memorial

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

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

Veteran Affairs Nominal Roll 1939-1947 RAAF members .

Commonwealth War Graves records.

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

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

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

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

SECOND WORLD WAR OVERVIEW : ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Source : Veteran's Affairs World War 2 Nominal Roll

Note : There were **11,061** 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 PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS IN WORLD WAR 2 AND MISSING WITH
NO KNOWN GRAVE.

422360 Flying Officer ABBOTT, Bruce Andrew Stanley

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/3/394

Aircraft Type: Mosquito
Serial number: HR 632
Radio call sign: 'Q'
Unit: 248 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Mosquito 'Q' HR 632 of 248 Sqn RAF located at RAF Station, Banff, Scotland, was one of a formation of aircraft detailed to carry out an anti-shipping sweep in the Skaggerak and Kattagat on the afternoon of 12 March 1945.

The patrol had been completed without incident, and the formation was 50 nautical miles south-west of Lister (Norway), when an interception was carried out by enemy fighter aircraft.

Reports of other aircrew suggest that aircraft 'Q' HR 632 had been straggling up to this time – Position in formation No 2 in starboard section – rear squadron.

One pilot of No 333 Squadron – acting as fighter crew to the formation – saw an enemy aircraft attacking and apparently scoring hits on a Mosquito at the rear of the formation. He shot the enemy aircraft down but saw nothing further of this Mosquito HR 632.

Crew:

RAAF 414587 WO Moffatt, R W (Pilot)
RAAF 422360 FO Abbott, B A S (Navigator (W))

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

401358 Flying Officer ALBON, Robert Beckett

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/3/66

Aircraft Type: Catalina
Serial number: RP 232
Radio call sign:
Unit: 210 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Catalina RP232 took off from RAF Station, Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset, UK at approx. 7pm on 13/6/1943, to carry out a patrol in Bay of Biscay. It should have returned to Base on afternoon of 14/6/1943. Aircraft failed to return. A/c and crew lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 402258 FO Silva, Geoffrey, DFC, Pilot
RAAF 401358 FO Albon, Robert Beckett, WOAG
RAF Sgt Fosh
RAF FO W.M. Randolph
RAF Sgt Modges
RAF F/Sgt Everitt
RAF -- Brockenshire
RAF Sgt Meares
RAF Sgt Reid
RAF PO Gardiner

Nil musterings on file for RAF members.

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

421873 Pilot Officer ALCORN, James William

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/3/238

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: JB 460
Radio call sign: UL-V2
Unit: 576 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB460 'V2' of 576 Sqn RAF at RAF Station, Elsham Wolds, Barnetby, Lincolnshire, UK, was detailed to operate against Flers Constructional Works in the Pas de Calais area on the night of 24/25 June 1944. Since take off nothing further heard of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 421873 PO Alcorn, J W, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Manning, J (Flt Engineer)
RAAF 419081 Flt Sgt Begg, R K (Air/Bomber)
RAF Sgt Hays, T E (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Robey, T A (W/Operator)
RAF Sgt Cowie, J B (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Morrell, A (Air Gunner)

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

402044 Flying Officer ANDERSON, William Wallace

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/22/75

Aircraft Type: Hurricane
Serial number:
Radio call sign:
Unit: 258 Sqn RAF

Summary:

FO Anderson of 258 RAF Sqn took off from base in Hurricane A/c on 18 June 1941 and was flying in formation until anti-aircraft fire and enemy aircraft caused him to break away. It is presumed that his aircraft was damaged by enemy aircraft but the Squadron had no definite evidence on this point. The A/c which was last seen at 6.15 pm, was not seen to crash on land or over the sea. A/c believed missing in the vicinity of Boulogne, France.

Crew:

RAAF 402044 FO Anderson, W W (Pilot)

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

402148 Flying Officer ARCHER, Rodney Bainbridge DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 163/22/132

AWM65, 97

Aircraft Type: Beaufort
Serial number: AW 383
Radio call sign:
Unit: 42 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufort AW 383 of No. 42 Sqn RAF on 17 May 1942 failed to return from strike on German battleship 'Prince Eugen' off Lista, Norway.

Sgt Cain's body was washed ashore on the coast of Norway and is buried at Blomvaag Cemetery near Bergen.

No trace of the aircraft was found and it was assumed it had crashed into the sea and that the remaining crew members were lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF FO Archer, R B, DFC (Pilot)
NZ Flt Sgt Keeling, D N
RAF Sgt Cain, B
RAF Sgt Jefferies, G

Citation

Archer was awarded the DFC for an earlier strike in a Beaufort torpedo attack on enemy naval forces including the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau off the Dutch coast on 12 February 1942.

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

409643 Flying Officer ARCHIBALD, Alan Greeves

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/88/123

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: BZ 878
Radio call sign:
Unit: 53 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ 878 of 53Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, St Eval near Wadebridge, Cornwall, UK, at 1853 hours on 4 February 1944 to carry out a Leigh Light anti-sub patrol in the Atlantic. At 0400 hours on 5 February 1944, a diversion signal was sent to the aircraft but was not acknowledged and nothing further was received or heard from the aircraft and crew.

Crew:

RAF FO Browning, R Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Englert, W L (2nd Pilot)
RAF FO Langridge, F C (1st Navigator)
RAAF 409643 FO Archibald, A G (2nd Navigator)
RCAF PO Rowat, D A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Campbell, A (Wireless Operator (Air))
RCAF Sgt Reid, W F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Tomlinson, J M
RAF Sgt Gander, F W (Flt Engineer)
RAF Sgt Taylor, D F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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

406022 Squadron Leader ARMSTRONG, Hugo Throssell DFC & BAR

Sources:

NAA: A705, 163/22/150

AWM65, 102

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: BS 435
Radio call sign:
Unit: 611 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Sqn Ldr Armstrong C.O of 611 (West Lancashire) Sqn. RAF, took off from RAF Station, Biggin Hill, Kent at 11.30hrs on 5 February 1943 leading Blue section of 3 aircraft of 611 Sqn RAF for local flying. When airborne they heard a section of No. 340 Sqn being vectored on to a number of enemy aircraft off the French coast and followed them.

At about 1200hrs when flying at about 1000ft under cloud off the French coast a number of enemy aircraft appeared from the clouds and attacked the Section which at that particular time were turning and rather spread out. Blue 2 and 3 each engaged a FW190, and whilst in combat heard Sqn Ldr Armstrong call over his R/T that he had been hit and going to bale out. Blue 2 immediately gave a Mayday fix.

Blue 2 and 3 on completion of their engagements made a search of the Channel, but no trace found of Blue 1. Between 1300 and 1400hrs a Sqn search proved fruitless.

At the time Blue 1 called on his R/T he had a FW 190 on his tail. This was ultimately dispersed by a pilot of 340Sqn who saw the Spitfire smoking badly from the engine and diving gently towards the sea near the French coast from a low altitude. None of the accompanying pilots observed a parachute open in the combat area.

Crew:

RAAF 406022 Sqn Ldr Armstrong, H T, DFC and Bar.

Citations

DFC: This officer has participated in 29 operational sorties over enemy territory and has destroyed at least five enemy aircraft and damaged a further two. He has displayed courage and initiative. His judgment and skill as a leader have contributed to the successes achieved by his flight.

Bar to DFC: Since being awarded the DFC, Sqn Ldr Armstrong has participated in many sorties over enemy occupied territory, during which he has destroyed a further four enemy fighters and probably destroyed others. His great powers of leadership have contributed largely to the successes achieved by his Squadron. This officer's keenness to engage the enemy at all times and his excellent escort work have set an inspiring example to all.

Note: He was the first Australian Empire Air Scheme trainee to command an RAF Sqn in the UK, viz. 611 Sqn the West Lancashire Auxiliary fighter squadron.

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

425108 Flying Officer ARNELL, John Leonard

Source ;

NAA : A705, 166/4/137

Aircraft Type : Wellington

Serial number : HF 391

Radio Call Sign :

Unit : 612 Sqn RAF

Summary :

HF391 of 612 (County of Aberdeen) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station, Chivenor, North Devon, UK., on the night of 22/23rd June 1944 to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the English Channel area and was due to return the next morning. The aircraft failed to return with the crew missing.

Crew :

RAAF 410075 FO Minogue, J Captain (Pilot)

RAF Flt Sgt Steel, (2nd Pilot)

RAAF 425108 FO Arnell, J L (Navigator Bomb Aimer)

RAF Sgt J A Atkins, (1st Wireless Operator/Air)

RAF Sgt W H Maltby, (2nd Wireless Operator/Air)

RAF Sgt B I'Anson, (3rd Wireless Operator/Air)

It was later concluded that the missing crew were lost at sea.

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

414878 Pilot Officer ARSCOTT, Percy Richard

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/4/231

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: BZ 868
Radio call sign:
Unit: 160 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ 868 of 160 Sqn took off from RAF Station Minneriya, Ceylon at 13.30hrs on 30 April 1945, and carried out mining operations without any enemy interference.

After some 21hrs 20mts airborne and approx 1hr flying time from base, the inboard engines cut out and then picked up. Signal received from aircraft that it may have to ditch and gave position, course and speed.

Soon after at approx 5500 feet all 4 engines failed and were feathered. Pilot altered course on to 220 degrees to make for nearest point of land with crew in ditching stations. During the final glide the Wireless operator sent out an SOS and just before ditching clamped down the key. The aircraft ditched in the sea in position 07.23N and 82.41E off the East coast of Ceylon.

Of the 8 crew, 5 survivors were rescued from a dinghy by a Catalina from 321Sqn, China Bay.

After ditching, PO Arscott was seen floating in his life jacket, but had already drowned, being possibly injured when aircraft ditched.

Crew:

RCAF Sqn Ldr Joy, D G M. Died of injuries
RAAF 414878 PO Arscott, P R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner) Lost at sea
RCAF FO Robertson, J D A. Missing believed drowned
RCAF FO Freeman, R L. Injured but survived
RCAF WO Fisher, C N M
RAF F/Sgt McDonald, J L. Injured but survived
RAF F/Sgt Brown, G.P
RAF FO Newby, F L. Safe not injured

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411673 Pilot Officer ATWELL, Gerald Joseph

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/4/115

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: JF 108
Radio call sign:
Unit: 614 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax JF108 of 614(County of Glamorgan) Sqn RAF, took off from Celone at 2040hrs on 20 April 1944, in a sortie against marshalling yards at Mestre, North Italy. After take off nothing further was heard from the aircraft. A recall signal was sent to all aircraft at 21.06hrs instructing them to abandon their task and return to base owing to the deterioration in the weather. All aircraft except JF108 acknowledged the signal and returned to base.

Crew:

RAAF 411673 PO Atwell, G J, Captain (Pilot). Missing lost at sea
RAAF 414681 Flt Sgt Hibbins, L H (Air Gunner). Body washed ashore at Rodi on East coast of Italy
RNZAF Flt Sgt MacLeod, J M. Body washed ashore at Rodi
RAF Sgt McKay. Body washed ashore at Bari

Of the crew of six, the bodies of the Navigator, Engineer and Flt Sgt Hibbins (RAAF), were washed ashore, with the remaining three crew members PO Atwell (RAAF) and 2 RAF crew members were lost at sea.

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403490 Flight Lieutenant AUBERT, Charles Oscar DFM

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/4/82

AWM65, 138

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: JB 216
Radio call sign: GT-W
Unit: 156 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB216 of 156 Sqn took off from RAF Station Warboys at 16.28hrs on 16 December 1943, to carry out a bombing attack on Berlin. At 18.45hrs a fix was obtained of the aircraft over North Sea in position 52.22N 02.48E, approx 200 miles from base. No further message received from the aircraft which did not return to base. Aircraft and crew lost without trace.

Crew:

RAAF 403490 Flt Lt Aubert, C O, DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Fisher
RAAF 400999 Flt Lt Samuel, J F, DFC (Navigator)
RAF Sqn Ldr Hadley, R, DFC.
RAAF 400820 Flt Lt Poulton, N T R, DFM (Bombaimer)
RAAF 403766 FO Smith, R S, DFC (Wireless Operator)
RCAF Flt Lt Trilsbeck, T, DFC.
RAAF 406873 Flt Lt Powell, L J, DFC (Rear gunner)

Citation:

DFM: Flt Sgt Aubert has taken part in many operational sorties against the enemy's most heavily defended targets, including Kiel, Essen, Dusseldorf and Hamburg. He has set an excellent example to the Squadron by his thoroughness in preparing for an operational flight and his determination in pressing home the attack. On one occasion in January 1943, despite intense anti-aircraft fire over Essen, this airman obtained a good photograph. Throughout the course of his operational duty Flt Sgt Aubert has shown consistent courage, skill and devotion to duty.

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406038 Flying Officer BAGGS, Francis Henry

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/90/190

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: KG 537
Radio call sign:
Unit: 117 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Dakota KG537 of 117 Sqn RAF of Air Command S.E.Asia left Syhet at 0636hrs local time on 30 July 1944, for positions 25.15N, 96.40E and 25.17N 96.58E to carry out an operational supply drop mission. The last message received from the aircraft stated 'being attacked by Japanese fighters at 24.50N, 95.55E, south of Chindwin, Burma.' The aircraft failed to return to base and nothing further heard of aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt O'Reilly, B G L (Pilot)
RAAF 402801 Flt Lt McCartney, T S (Navigator)
RAAF 406038 FO Baggs, F H (Wireless Operator/ Air Gunner)
RAF WO Young, H C

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404638 Flying Officer BAIN, Donald Hunter

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/23/110

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: AM 796
Radio call sign:
Unit: 59 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hudson AM796 of 59 Sqn RAF took off on a Reefer patrol over the North Sea from its base at North Coates, Lincolnshire, UK, at 0855hrs on 2 March 1942. Since then nothing further heard of either the aircraft or any member of the crew. Missing lost over the North Sea.

Crew:

RAAF 402510 Sgt Lauder, K J (Pilot)
RAAF 404203 Sgt Rutherford, D R (Air Observer)
RAAF 404638 FO Bain, D H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 402999 Sgt Jones, W T (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

420825 Flying Officer BALCOMBE, Gordon Robertson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/5/436 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ND391
Radio call sign: HW – H
Unit: ATTD 100 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND391 of 100 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Grimsby, Lincolnshire, UK at 1717hrs on the night of 15 February 1944 to bomb Berlin, but no further news was heard from the aircraft.

Fourteen other aircraft from the Squadron were detailed for this trip and all returned safely. The general impression was that ground defences over the target were more intense and there was less fighter activity possibly due to cloud conditions. Aircraft and crew missing.

Crew:

RAF PO Tunstall, E E, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 420825 FO Balcombe, G R (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt Duguid, J (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Sharp, W C (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Garde, J M (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Parsons, R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Young, D W (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Allison, R F N (Rear Gunner)

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

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

405991 Pilot Officer BALL, Eric

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/5/660

Aircraft Type: Hurricane
Serial number: LD11
Radio call sign:
Unit: 4 Sqn RAF

Summary:

PO Ball flying Hurricane LD11 was detailed on the afternoon of 14 August 1944 for an offensive reconnaissance over enemy territory North Akyab, Burma. Ball was leading a section south of the Mayu Peninsula, Indian area, when Ball's No.2 saw him dive towards the ground, pull up to about 150 feet and then dive once more this time going into the ground. There was no fire or explosion.

The area over which the section was flying, was known to have small arms fire and it was assumed that ground fire may have caused the accident.

Wreckage of the aircraft was discovered after the war near Natchaung situated approx. 17 miles N.E. of Akyab near the junction of Kaladam and Kalabor Rivers, Burma. No trace of pilot was found.

Crew:

RAAF 405991 PO Ball, E (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400456 Pilot Officer BARBER, Bruce Bertram

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/23/81 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: V 6146
Radio call sign: UX – O
Unit: ATTD 82 SQN RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V6146 of 82 (United Provinces) Sqn RAF, was one of a formation of eight aircraft which took off on 21 October 1941 at 13.30hrs to attack a convoy off the Dutch coast. The convoy was sighted about 10 miles off IJmuiden, Holland, and was attacked at 14.35hrs. All aircraft were subject to intense anti-aircraft fire. V6146 was attacked by an ME 109 fighter and seen to crash into the sea at approx 14.40hrs. There were no survivors and the crew were lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 400456 PO Barber, B B, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Pibus, H H (Observer)
RAF Sgt Paine, E W (Wireless Air Gunner)

Those missing have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

405041 Flight Lieutenant BEACHAM, Neville Thomas George

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/5/73

Aircraft Type: Marauder
Serial number: FK 154
Radio call sign:
Unit: 14 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Marauder FK 154 of 14 Sqn RAF at approx 1000hrs on 10 March 1943 took off from Telergma for RAF Stn. Blida (Middle East) on a ferry flight. At approx 11.30hrs the aircraft was seen to come out of the cloud at 800 feet out of control and it crashed in Algiers Harbour. Cause of the accident is unknown.

9 personnel on board. 5 missing lost at sea. 4 killed and interred.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Goode, P (1st Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Clapson, R A (2nd Pilot - Buried in Algiers)
RAAF 405041 Flt Lt Beacham, N T G (Air Observer)
RAF Sgt Walkinshaw, C V (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Brown, V (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hunt, I W (Air Gunner - Buried in Algiers)
RAF FO Stewart (Intelligence Officer - Buried at sea)
RAF Flt Sgt Tatlow, F A E
RAF LAC Bullen (Fitter 11E - Buried at Sea)

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425417 Flying Officer BALLARD, George James

Source:

NAA, A705, 166/5/458

Aircraft Type: Wellington

Serial number: LP 199

Radio call sign:

Unit: 1 Ferry Control Pool RAF

Summary:

Wellington LP199 of No 1 Ferry Control Pool RAF, crashed into the sea approx half a mile east of the eastern extremity of the runway at Gibraltar.

The aircraft was approaching to land with wheels and flaps down when it appeared to stall from approx 40 feet at a point about 800 yards from the eastern end of the runway. The port wing dropped and entered the water first. No member of the crew succeeded in leaving the aircraft which sank immediately after the accident. No bodies were recovered.

Crew:

RAAF 425417 FO Ballard, G J (Pilot)

RAF FO Gee (Navigator)

RNZAF Flt Sgt Hansen, K J (Wireless operator/Air Gunner)

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437109 Flying Officer BARROW, Bruce Ernest

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/5/1009

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LL 948
Radio call sign: ZN – V
Unit: 106 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL948 of 106Sqn RAF took off from RAF Stn. Metheringham, Lincoln, UK at 1705hrs on the night of 14 March 1945 to bomb oil refineries at Lutzkendorf, about 30 miles west of Leipzig. The aircraft was one of fifteen Squadron aircraft detailed to attack the target. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft which did not return to base.

Crew member Sgt J. Hussey, (Rear Gunner) RAF, who survived the crash later reported: “the aircraft was on the return journey just south of Karlsthur not far from the Rhine, when hit by flak. The plane caught fire and flames spread rapidly with the plane breaking up. Hussey in the rear turret was able to exit the plane but believed the others did not have time to get out.”

Crew:

RAAF 437109 FO Barrow, B E, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Castle, H (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Bedford, H (Navigator)
RAAF 426544 WO Cossart, J B (Air Bomber)
RAAF 433115 Flt Sgt Locke, R K (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Armstrong, G S (Mid-upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hussey, J S (Rear gunner - survived)

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401266 Flying Officer BEAUCHAMP, Leonard Anthony Lasseter

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/23/135

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: Z 7892
Radio call sign:
Unit: 113 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z7892 of 113 Sqn RAF took off from Tezpur on 18 June 1942 leading a formation of three aircraft over enemy territory. Z7892 was lost in cloud and not seen again.

After the war the wreckage of the aircraft was found near the village of Ninglaw, which is north of Myitkina in north-east Burma. Local villagers who saw the aircraft crash state it exploded on impact and all occupants killed. No one had baled out. A search of the area failed to locate any bodies.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Harper, C W (Pilot)
RAAF 401266 FO Beauchamp, L A L (Observer)
RAAF 406040 Fl Sgt Kevan, H J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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400615 Pilot Officer BECKLEY, Ronald Charles

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/23/148

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: P8723
Radio call sign:
Unit: 602 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire P8723 of 602 Sqn RAF (City of Glasgow) took off on 22 January 1942 to patrol mine-sweepers. Fifty miles from the coast en route to the objective, Beckley reported engine trouble with smoke seen coming from exhaust. Beckley baled out at 3000 feet and was seen to climb into an inflated rubber dinghy. He was kept in sight by patrolling aircraft until dusk with fixes being given to Control who reported that rescue boats were on the way. The boats signalled that they could not find the location. Owing to the intense cold it was considered that Beckley could not survive 2 hours. He was not seen to move after entering the dinghy.

Crew:

RAAF 400615 PO Beckley, R C (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

419249 Flying Officer BELL, John Douglas Campbell

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/5/926

Aircraft Type: Anson
Serial number: DG 902
Radio call sign:
Unit: 1 (O) AFU RAF

Summary:

Anson DG 902 took off from RAF Station Wigtown, Wigtownshire, Scotland on Thursday evening 1 February 1945 on a night navigation exercise in the Irish Sea area. At about 11.30pm the aircraft reported that it was about to land at base, and was given a bearing from base wireless station. No distress signals were heard, but the aircraft never returned.

Wreckage was subsequently found in the sea 5 miles south-east of Mull of Galloway, Scotland, with no sign of crew.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt Anthony, T E (Pilot)
RAAF 419249 FO Bell, J D C (Staff Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Clayton, B N (Trainee Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Cornbloom, L (Trainee Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Arnold, G (Pupil Navigator)

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405995 Pilot Officer BELL, Maxwell Herron DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/5/194

AWM65, 281

Aircraft Type: Mustang
Serial number: FX 887
Radio call sign:
Unit: 19 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Mustang FX 887 of 19 Sqn RAF was flown by Bell on an armed recce to Arnhem-Zivalle-Lingen on 9 September 1944. Bell was flying No 3 in white section of four aircraft. At approx 1550 hours the section attacked a train south of Apeldoorn, Holland. On going down to strafe, the aircraft were hit by intense flak. After pulling out white 3 was heard to say that he was going to bale out. PO Bell was then told to head south towards a large wood and nothing more was seen of him.

Crew:

RAAF 405995 PO Bell, M H, DFC (Pilot)

Citation:

DFC: WO Bell is an efficient and most resolute pilot. He has taken part in many harassing attacks on the enemy and has invariably displayed a high degree of gallantry. He has destroyed four enemy aircraft.

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401409 Flying Officer BENNETT, Kenneth Jack

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/5/8

Aircraft Type: Marauder
Serial number: MK 375
Radio call sign:
Unit: 14 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Marauder MK 375 of 14 Sqn RAF took off at 0942 hours on 3 January 1943 from Shallufa in company of a second Marauder, to carry out a torpedo attack against enemy shipping in the Aegean Sea. The weather was bad and visibility poor.

Shortly after passing Kea Island, north of the Rymlades Group, and on a south west course, a small vessel was observed. This was found to be part of a convoy of five vessels escorted by several aircraft including an autogyro. The Marauders separated to launch an attack. Two messages were received from MK 375 that fighters were attacking and the other that machine was damaged and would have to force land but torpedo attack delivered before fighter engagement. No further news received from aircraft or of crew.

Lt Young (Pilot of MK 375) who became a POW later stated "Forced to make landing on sea off Seriphos Island. When he freed himself and got out of the aircraft, Bennett was sitting on top of the fuselage near his escape hatch. He stated that the Observer was still inside and climbed back to try and get him out. No sooner had he climbed back in when the aircraft sank going down nose first in a rush. Bennett never appeared again. He died in a brave attempt to rescue another member of the crew".

Crew:

South African	Lt Young, B W Pilot (POW)
RAF	Flt Sgt Meadwell, E A (2 nd Pilot - Buried Seriphos Island)
RAF	FO Foli-Brickley, J E (Air Observer)
RAAF	401409 FO Bennett, K J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RNZAF	Flt Sgt Ray, D T (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt Hunt, S (Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401410 Flying Officer BERKLEY, Robert Ernest

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/5/399

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: MP 679
Radio call sign:
Unit: 38 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington MP 679 of 38 Sqn RAF when carrying out an anti-submarine patrol at night of convoy 'Parcel' was last heard of approx 100 miles north of Benghasi.

During the patrol MP 679 was joined by another aircraft on a similar patrol. It is considered that a collision may have occurred between MP 679 and Wellington HZ 727, and that the aircraft fell into the sea on fire. Fire and smoke were observed in position 32.56N and 19.50E.

Crew:

RAAF 400775 FO Bowen, W H, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Dagleish, L G (Pilot)
RAAF 401301 FO Cleary, J A (Navigator)
RAF FO Turner, M G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 401410 FO Berkley, R E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF FO Read, R H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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409656 Flying Officer BEYER, Frederick Avery

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/5/338

Aircraft Type: Mitchell
Serial number: FR 203
Radio call sign:
Unit: 45 Group RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FR 203 on 8 November 1943 was proceeding on a ferry flight from Canada to the United Kingdom.

Whilst en route to Reykjavik, Iceland, a distress signal was received stating the aircraft was on fire approx 50 miles west of Reykjavik. A further contact was made a few moments later and air-sea rescue put into operation. Subsequent searches proved negative with no trace of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

Civilian Mr Record, G (Pilot)
Civilian Mr Davies, O G (Radio Operator)
RAAF 409656 FO Beyer, F A (Navigator)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

412886 Flying Officer BIGGS, Anthony Kent

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/5/214

Aircraft Type: Baltimore
Serial number: FA 298
Radio call sign:
Unit: 223 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Baltimore FA 298 of 223 Sqn RAF was one of a formation which bombed Trapani Mile landing ground, Sicily, on 9 July 1943 just prior to the invasion.

Approx 15 miles from the landing ground, the formation was attacked by ME109's and Macchi 200's or FW 190's from 1058 to 1105 hours. Shortly after leaving the target FA 298 was attacked by an ME109E. The port engine caught fire and the aircraft lost height under control, until about 200 feet above the sea 15 miles NW of Trapani town in Sicily, when it dived steeply into the sea at 1101 hours.

None of the crew was seen to bale out and no movement or dinghies were seen after the aircraft crashed.

Crew:

RAAF 412886 FO Biggs, A.K., Pilot.
RAF PO Jenkins, B.A., Navigator/Bombaimer
RAF Sgt W.C. Speakman, Wireless Operator/Air Gunner
RAF Flt Sgt B.D. McGrail, Air Gunner.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

423602 Flying Officer BINNIE, Keith Cedric

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/5/621 166/36/318 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LM 136
Radio call sign: UM – D2
Unit: 626 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM 136 of 626 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Wickenby, Lincolnshire, UK, at 2355 hours on 20 July 1944 to bomb Courtrai, West Belgium. The aircraft crashed in the North Sea, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF FO Wilson, W D, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Stevens, H L (Navigator)
RAAF 432602 FO Binnie, K C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Meaney, J (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Clark, D J S (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 428608 Flt Sgt Robertson, F L (Mid upper Gunner) .
RAF Sgt Woodhouse, W T (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Robertson body was washed ashore and he is buried in the Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, France. St Omer is a large town 45kms south east of Calais. Sgt Clarke is buried in the Middlekerke Communal Cemetery, Belgium. The cemetery is 9kms south west of Ostend. .

All the others have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

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405437 Pilot Officer BLACK, Charles Noola

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/5/108

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: HR 713
Radio call sign: EQ – F
Unit: 408 Sqn RCAF

Summary:

Halifax HR 713 of 408 (Goose) Sqn RCAF, took off at 1945 hours on the night of 3 April 1943 from RAF Station Leeming, to carry out bombing operations over Essen, Germany. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew after take off.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Lt Gamble, R H P (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt Jarrett, D L (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 405437 PO Black, C N (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 401712 PO McColl, K S (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hawkins, A J (Navigator Bombaimer)
RCAF FO Ray, E R (Air Gunner - An American serving in RCAF)
RAF Sgt Barker, R W (Flight Engineer)

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409519 Flying Officer BLACK, Gregory James

Source:

NAA: A9300, Barcode 3911628

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4894
Radio call sign:	GT - T
Unit:	156 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W4894 of 156 Sqn RAF of RAF Station Warboys, at 1948 hours on the night of 3 April 1943, to carry out a bombing raid on Essen, Germany. Nothing further was heard of aircraft or crew.

In the 1990's wreckage of the aircraft was found in the Waddenzee and it is believed the aircraft was shot down by a German night fighter east of Texel Island, Holland. One body that of RAF crew member Sgt S.E.Crooks was recovered and buried in Bergen Op Zoom War Cemetery.

Crew:

RAAF 416410 Sgt R.A. Byass, Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 409519 FO Black, G J., Observer.

RAAF 414102 Sgt Thurecht, N R (Bomb Aimer)

RAAF 415000 Sgt Trigwell, R S, Wireless Operator/Air Gunner

RAF Sgt Minns, G R (Flight Engineer)

RCAF Sgt Robertson, D L (Mid Upper Gunnert)

RAF Sgt Crooks, S E (Rear Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400269 Flying Officer BLACKHAM, Kenneth Leslie

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/24/224

Aircraft Type: Catalina
Serial number: AH 558
Radio call sign:
Unit: 209 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Catalina AH 559 of 209 (Hong Kong) Sqn RAF, took off from Pembroke Dock, UK, on an operational flight at 0438 hours on 22 February 1942. The aircraft crashed soon after take off at approx 0445 hours near the mouth of Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, UK.

The area was searched but no trace of the aircraft or crew found.

Crew:

Flt Lt Norton, C J, Captain (Pilot)
FO Ramshaw, J E (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 400269 FO Blackham, K L (3rd Pilot)
Flt Sgt Atkinson, C H (Air Observer)
Sgt Hartley, E J (Air Observer)
Sgt Ashworth, F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
Flt Sgt Daniel, M C (Wireless Operator/ Air Gunner)
Sgt Talbot, E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
Sgt Cross, F (Flight Engineer)
AC1 Gardner, J E (FMA under training, F/E AG)
Cpl Hacker, C (Fitter 2E under training, F/E AG)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

422388 Flying Officer BLACKMORE, Geoffrey Livingstone

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/5/381

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: DV 382
Radio call sign: UL - G2
Unit: 576 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV 382 of 576 Sqn RAF was detailed to operate against Berlin on the night of 16/17 December 1943. The aircraft left RAF Station Elsham Wolds, Barnetby, Lincolnshire, UK, at the appointed time, but nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew.

In 1947, a report from No 4 MREU, RAF (Germany) established that the aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Berlin-Lichtenberg, Map Ref N53 Z9253. Investigations were carried out in the Berlin area and at Doeberitz-Elsgrund cemetery, about 10 miles west of Berlin. Despite exhaustive searches and interrogations of local authority, it was not possible to obtain any information of actual location of crash.

Exhumations at the Doeberitz-Elsgrund cemetery located 2 members of the crew buried there viz Chapman & Russom (both RAF members), but it could not be established whether the remainder of the crew were buried there.

Crew:

RAF FO McAra, R S, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Barrett, J L (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422388 FO Blackmore, G L (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Chapman, C (Air Bomber. Body interred)
RAF Sgt Russom, E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner. Body interred)
RAAF 417917 Flt Sgt Western, M G (Air Gunner)
RAAF 417837 Flt Sgt Harris, A A (Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

415498 Pilot Officer BLAIR, Robert Alexander Walton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/18 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 284,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NA 508
Radio call sign:	KN – A
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NA508 took off from RAF Full Sutton, Yorkshire at 2315 hours on the night of 16/17th June 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415498 PO Blair, R A W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H L Moore (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 425210 PO Pratt, L G (Observer)
RAAF 423597 Flt Sgt G A Armstrong, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410370 WO J P O'Meara, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427807 FO Date, J M (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D G Tastin, (Tail Gunner)

A 1947 report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “ the Communal Police at Neumer-Amstel reported that the aircraft crashed in flames at Neumer-Amstel on the night of 16/17 June 1944. German documents confirmed that only one body was recovered that of WO O'Meara.” He is buried at the Bergen-Op-Zoom War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands.

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

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404679 Flying Officer BOHL, William Dennis

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/24/285

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HX 527
Radio call sign:
Unit: 148 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington HX 527 of 148 Sqn RAF, Middle East Force, took off from its base at 2133 hours on 31 July 1942, for night bombing operations on harbour installations at Tobruk. No further message was received from the aircraft or any information about the crew. Presumed that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 404679 FO Bohl, W D, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Vaupel, R E (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt Southgate, J (Navigator)
RAAF 401588 Sgt Holton, R G L (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Vernor, R (Rear Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400775 Flying Officer BOWEN, William Howard

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/6/382

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: MP 679
Radio call sign:
Unit: 38 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington MP 679 of 38 Sqn RAF when carrying out an anti-submarine patrol at night of convoy 'Parcel' was last heard of approx 100 miles north of Benghazi.

During the patrol MP 679 was joined by another aircraft on a similar patrol. It is considered that a collision may have occurred between MP 679 and Wellington HZ 727, and that the aircraft fell into the sea on fire. Fire and smoke were observed in position 32.56N and 19.50E.

Crew:

RAAF 400775 FO Bowen, W H, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Dagleish, L G (Pilot)
RAAF 401301 FO Cleary, J A (Navigator)
RAF FO Turner, M G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 401410 FO Berkley, R E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF FO Read, R H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407543 Flight Lieutenant BOWES, Roderick Russell Herbert DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 163.24/276

AWM65, 377

Aircraft Type: Hurricane
Serial number: BN 880
Radio call sign:
Unit: 79 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On 21 May 1943, Bowen flying Hurricane BN 880 of No.79 (Madras Presidency) Sqn. RAF., was leading a flight of six aircraft which were scrambled from Hay in India to intercept a raid coming up from the south. Interception was made and the ensuing combat took place over the drome. After the combat and the expenditure of ammunition, the six aircraft took evasive action to ground level. It is assumed that the pilot ran into another formation of enemy fighters which was carrying out a sweep down the coast from the north.

The scene of the crash was Kalarmarchars on Maiskhal Island in the Bay of Bengal. Bowes aircraft was shot down and he was originally reported as missing. His body was subsequently located and buried in an RAF cemetery near a small town called Ramu. In 1950, the Imperial War Graves Commission UK, advised that it appeared that when the Army authorities concentrated the burials at Ramu to Chittagong cemetery, due to the rampant nature of the jungle in the area it was not possible to locate the grave of Flt Lt Bowes in order to concentrate his remains to a British War cemetery. He is recorded as missing with no known grave.

Crew:

RAAF 407543 Flt Lt Bowes, R R H, DFC (Pilot)

Citation:

DFC: This officer has completed a very large number of sorties, invariably displaying skill and leadership of a high order. On one occasion he led a formation which attacked and destroyed three launches at Kyaukpyu. On another occasion during an engagement against a number of enemy aircraft Flying Officer Bowes shot down two of them. This officer, who is a skilful and determined pilot, has destroyed four enemy aircraft.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407488 Flying Officer BOWMAN, Alan Peter MID

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/6/500

Aircraft Type: Boston
Serial number: W 8306
Radio call sign:
Unit: 114 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Boston W 8306 of 114 (Hong Kong) Sqn RAF, Central Mediterranean Force, took off at 2104 hours on the night of 15 April 1944, to carry out a reconnaissance of shipping between Civitavecchia and Piombino on the west coast of Italy. The aircraft failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 407476 Flt Lt Wickes, D W (Pilot)
RAAF 407249 Flt Lt Napier, K M (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 407488 FO Bowman, A P, MID (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Poulson, S J W (Air Gunner)

In 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Malta Memorial, Malta.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404623 Flight Lieutenant BOYLSON, William Wrixon DFC & BAR

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/24/300 Micro Film No 463, OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command losses of
the Second World War, Page 300, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Mosquito
Serial number: KB 329
Radio call sign: XD -
Unit: ATTD 139 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito KB 329 of No 139 (Jamaica) Sqn RAF, took off at 2324 hours on the night of
24/25th June 1944 from RAF Station Upwood, Huntingdonshire, UK in company with
nine other aircraft of the Squadron to carry out an attack on Berlin. The aircraft was not
seen or heard from after take off and failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404623 Flt Lt Boylson, W W, DFC & Bar, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sqn Ldr Wilson, G H DSO, DFC (Navigator)

Both Flt Lt Boylson and Sqn Ldr Wilson have no known grave. Their names are
commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

Citation: The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Boylson is as follows :

This officer has completed a large number of operational sorties in heavy bomber aircraft
and throughout he has displayed a high standard of efficiency and courage. He is an
excellent operational pilot who has repeatedly accomplished his missions successfully,
pressing home his attacks on targets in Germany and Italy in the face of heavy
opposition. His personal example has been responsible for the high efficiency maintained
by his crew. (London Gazette 9/2/1943 P702). He was awarded a bar to his DFC in 1943
and was killed in action on 25 June 1944.

See Page 59 'The Distinguished Flying Cross to Australians' by Michael Maton.

Bar to DFC: The Citation of Bar to the DFC awarded to Flt Lt Boylson is as follows :

This officer has successfully completed operations over a long period. He is a most
determined captain of aircraft who has set a high standard of courage and devotion to
duty that is outstanding. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Flight
Lieutenant Boylson has participated in numerous sorties (London Gazette 11 June 1943
page 2678).

See Page 399 'The Distinguished Flying Cross to Australians' by Michael Maton.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411736 Flying Officer BRADLEY, Basil George Sheridan

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/6/281

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: AM 710
Radio call sign:
Unit: 608 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hudson AM 710 of 608 Sqn RAF took off from its base in Sicily at 0252 hours on 14 September 1943 to conduct a U-Boat hunt. After takeoff the aircraft made two circuits of the drome. On the second circuit the ACP stated that he saw a 'vapour trail' from the starboard engine. Thinking the aircraft would land immediately the ACP gave it a green. The aircraft then left the circuit area on a course of 290 degrees at an approx height of 1000-1500 feet and was not seen again.

At approx 0310 hours a pilot of 235 Sqn stated that he saw flames on the surface of the water in position 3802N 1222E, approx four miles from the coast of Sicily. No trace of wreckage or the crew was found.

Crew:

RAAF 411736 FO Bradley, B G S (Pilot)
RAAF 412679 Flt Sgt Pettitt, E N (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 412721 Flt Sgt Sheldon, L T (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF FO Cherer (Navigator)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403211 Flying Officer BRAINE, Hope

Sources:

NAA: A705, A9300, Bar Code 5381224

AWM65, 3039

NAA : A705, 166/9/27

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HX -
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	221 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington HX - of 221 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Luqa, Malta, at 1830Z hours on 7 February 1943 to illuminate a convoy 60 miles east of Sardinia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Waite, G F C

RAAF 403211 FO Braine, H (Pilot)

RAF Sgt Hunt, A

RAF Sgt Spencer, F

RAF Sgt Hamilton, D P

RAAF 407602 Sgt Ding, E JU (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)

Sgt Hunt's body was washed ashore on the south coast of Sardinia, and he is buried in the British Military cemetery, at Cagliari, Sardinia. It was later recorded that the remaining missing crew members had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

408000 Pilot Officer BRIGGS, George Maxwell

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/24/244

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: BP 282
Radio call sign:
Unit: 601 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire BP 282 of 601 (County of London) Sqn RAF, was scrambled at 1030 hours on 10 May 1942 at Luqa, Malta, and failed to return. It was last seen chasing a Junkers 86 out to sea and was thought to have crashed into the sea off the Grand Harbour, Valletta, Malta. Believed aircraft hit by anti-aircraft fire.

Crew:

RAAF 408000 PO Briggs, G M (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406023 Pilot Officer BRINE, William Edward

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/24/145

Aircraft Type: Maryland
Serial number: AH 283
Radio call sign:
Unit: 39 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Maryland AH 283 of 39 Sqn RAF was detailed to carry out a strategical and photographic reconnaissance of Gazala, Acroma, Trig-el-Abd to Bardia. The aircraft took off from Fuka satellite at 1030 hours on 15 June 1941. When near Gambut at 2000 feet it was attacked by three ME 109's and subsequently crashed.

Crew:

RAAF 406023 PO Brine, W E (Pilot)
RAAF 402086 Sgt Hines, R M (Baled out and became POW)
RAAF PO Malloch, R A (Baled out and became POW)
RAF Sgt Gordon, D C

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402849 Pilot Officer BROAD, Edgar George

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/24/207

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: X 9742
Radio call sign: BL -
Unit: 40 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington X 9742 of 40 Sqn RAF took off from Alconbury, Huntingdon, UK, at 1645 hours of 14 January 1942 for bombing operations against Hamburg, Germany. It was last heard from at 1853 hours, when it sent an SOS reporting engine failure and position 5312N 0302E, calculated as over the North Sea. Searches failed to locate the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 402849 PO Broad, E G, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Fenwick
RAF Sgt Russell
RAF Sgt Priestly
RAF Sgt Timmons
RAF Sgt Thomas

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404867 Pilot Officer BROWN, Arthur Hugh Steyning

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/93/545

Aircraft Type: Whitley
Serial number: V 29133
Radio call sign:
Unit: 51 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Whitley V 29133 of 51 Sqn RAF took off at 1000 hours on 16 October 1942, for an anti-submarine patrol in the Bay of Biscay. At 1516 hours a signal was received from the aircraft reporting it was being attacked by enemy fighters. No further communication was received and the aircraft and crew assumed lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 404867 PO Brown, A H S, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Benn, R J (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt Fielding, R S (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Kerr, J V (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Jones, P M (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Gillies, A A (Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

416018 Pilot Officer BROWN, Leo Frederick Joseph

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/6/186

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: EE 127
Radio call sign: - Y
Unit: 156 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster EE 127 of 156 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Warboys, Huntingdonshire at 2313 hours on 24 June 1943 to carry out a bombing raid on Elberfeld, Germany. No messages were received from the aircraft which failed to return to Base.

Crew:

RAAF 416018 PO Brown, L F J, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Newell, A V (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Malpass, J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Bradley, I H (Flight Engineer)
RCAF PO Worthington, R F (Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt. Gilbert, R (Mid Upper Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Easton, C (Air Gunner Rear)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404932 Flying Officer BROWN, Roye Wilmott

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/24/237

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: W 5664
Radio call sign: - H
Unit: 103 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington W 5664 of 103 Sqn RAF took off at 2113 hours from RAF Station Elsham Wolds, Barnetby, Lincolnshire, on 12 April 1942, to bomb Essen, Germany. No message was received from the aircraft after take off which failed to return to base from the mission.

Aircraft from the squadron which attacked the target reported they encountered the usual amount of flak and searchlight activity over enemy territory.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Gillespie, R, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404932 FO Brown, R W (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt White, F (Air Observer)
RAF Sgt Fairhurst, E E (1st Wireless Telegraphist/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Moseley, C (2nd Wireless Telegraphist/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Campbell, D (Rear Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

414903 Pilot Officer BROWN, Vivian William

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/6/544

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ND 695
Radio call sign:
Unit: 630 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND 695 of 630 Sqn RAF took off from East Kirkby airfield near Spilsby, Lincolnshire, at 2238 hours on 22 May 1944 to attack a target at Brunswick, Germany. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 414903 PO Brown, V W, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Haig, D B (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 415187 WO Sinclair, K A (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Connor, T W (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Saxby, W J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Binne, J (Air Gunner)
RAAF 434558 Flt Sgt Taylor, W I (Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

422400 Flying Officer BRUCE, Kenneth Rupert

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/6/1025

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: MZ 959
Radio call sign:
Unit: 644 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ 959 of 644 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Tarrant Rushton, near Blandford, Dorset, UK, on 24 March 1945, to carry out a daylight operational flight. The aircraft failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422630 FO McConville, H M (Pilot)
RAAF 422400 FO Bruce, K R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF WO Locke
RAF Flt Sgt Munro
RAF Flt Sgt Harris
RAF Flt Sgt Smith

Flt Sgt Munro in a later report stated 'All the crew except Bruce turned up within two days. Bruce left the aircraft just before McConville. All member of crew were fired at while coming down. No member of crew has any information re. Bruce. All members of crew except Bruce now safe in UK.'

A report in 1949 stated 'all efforts to establish the fate of Bruce proved unsuccessful.'

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

414988 Flying Officer BUCHAN-HEPBURN, Ronald Henry

Source:

NAA: Service record A9300, Barcode 5376306. Nil casualty file held by Archives.

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: BZ 915
Radio call sign:
Unit: 224 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ 915 of 224 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station St.Eval, Cornwall, in the early hours of 7 June 1944. The aircraft was detailed to patrol the coast of Ushant, France but failed to return to base. The last signal received from the aircraft at 0207 hours stated that they were attacking the enemy, the position of the aircraft then was off the French coast near Ushant. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft.

Crew:

RAAF 414988 FO Buchan-Hepburn, R H, Captain, (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Fairs, G H J (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 420386 PO Hogan, P W (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 422822 Flt Sgt Whitby, J D (Navigator)
RAAF 422512 Flt Sgt Hands, B A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 408388 Flt Sgt Dickenson, M E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 422464 Flt Sgt Earl, H J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 418506 Flt Sgt Kennedy, A A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Barnes, L J (Wireless Operator Mechanic/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Collins, A (Flight Engineer)

In a 1949 report it was stated that all efforts to find any trace of the aircraft or crew were unsuccessful and the crew had been recorded as missing lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

418054 Flying Officer BUCKLEY, Allan Edward

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/6/501

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: BZ 945
Radio call sign:
Unit: 53 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ 945 of 53 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station St.Eval, near Wadsbridge, Cornwall, UK, at 2152 hours on 16 April 1944, to carry out a Leigh Light anti-submarine patrol over the Atlantic in the Bay of Biscay area. At 0405 hours on 17 April 1944, the aircraft signalled that it was investigating a possible U Boat. Since then nothing further heard of the aircraft or crew which were presumed lost at sea.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Burton, F M, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF FO Hagan, E J (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 418054 FO Buckley, A E (1st Navigator)
RAF FO Edwards, K L (2nd Navigator)
RAF FO Abbott, B H (Wireless Operator/Air)
RCAF Sgt Hallett, W A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt McKinnon, T R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Newell, C R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Pierce, R L M (Wireless Operator M/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Reilly, L C M (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Critchlow, A D Passenger (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

422402 Pilot Officer BURCHER, William Edward

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/6/883

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: PB 637
Radio call sign: PM – L
Unit: 103 Sqn RAF.

Summary:

Lancaster PB 637 of 103 Sqn RAF took off at 1607 hours from RAF Station Elsham Wolds, Barnetby, Lincolnshire, UK, to lay mines in enemy waters in the Baltic on the night of 6th/7th January, 1945. No message was received from the aircraft and the aircraft failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Pearton, C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Fell, D (Flight Engineer)
RAF WO Abrams, S E (Navigator)
RAAF 410895 PO Hutcheson, H J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 422402 PO Burcher, W E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Williams, G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Palmer, C H (Rear Gunner)

In 1950 it was recorded that the crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407284 Flying Officer BURGAN, Geoffrey Shuttleworth DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 163/24/193

AWM65, 510

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: Z 7896
Radio call sign:
Unit: 11 Sqn RAF

Summary:

ON 9 April 1942, FO Burgan was navigator on Blenheim aircraft Z 7896 of 11 Sqn RAF, which was one of a formation of four Blenheims on a mission from Ceylon to attack a Japanese invasion fleet, 175 miles east of Trincomalee. None of the aircraft returned from this mission and no further information ever obtained. Aircraft and crew lost at sea.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Adcock, C H (Pilot)
RAAF 407284 PO Burgan, G S, DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 407152 Sgt Gray, H C W (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)

Citation:

DFC: PO Burgan: This officer has shown outstanding keenness and ability during the campaign in the Western Desert. On one occasion he was shot down and taken prisoner but, displaying great daring and initiative, he succeeded in escaping and brought back much valuable information.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402343 Pilot Officer BURNEY, Henry George

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/24/256

Aircraft Type: Kittyhawk
Serial number: AK 772
Radio call sign:
Unit: 112 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Kittyhawk AK 772 took off from Gambut Satellite No.1, in a formation of four aircraft at 1420 hours on 30 May 1942, to bomb and strafe enemy motor transport at Map Ref 359412 (Derna map 1/500,000).

Over the target heavy Breda ack-ack was encountered as the formation swept down to strafe. Some must have hit AK 772 as it was seen to crash in flames. Burney was not seen to leave the aircraft, and is listed as missing with no known grave.

Crew:

RAAF 402343 PO Burney, H G (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407097 Flight Lieutenant BURNLEY, Bernard DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/6/166

AWM65, 521

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: Z 7912
Radio call sign:
Unit: 11 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z 7912 of 11 Sqn RAF, led a formation of two other aircraft on 1 June 1943 to bomb Kalemyo, Burma. During the bombing run at approx 0901 hours the starboard propeller of Z 7912 was seen to fall off by the pilots in the other aircraft in formation, who followed the aircraft down to the Manipur river. The pilot of No 2 in the formation called Z 7912 on the R/T and Z 7912 replied that he was going to follow Manipur River. The aircraft was seen to jettison bombs and gradually lose height after turning away.

The pilot of No 2 aircraft later saw wreckage of what was assumed to be an aircraft in the Manipur River 26 miles north east of Haka approx 22.42N, 94.00E, with fire still issuing from only the wing tip above the water. Signs of a crash landing were seen on a sand pit but no sign of the crew.

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at Kabani Sakan at 22.48N 93.58E, with no graves or bodies located after a search.

Crew:

RAF Wing Cdr Pennington-Leigh, A W (Pilot)
RAAF 400369 Flt Lt Ingram, R J, DFC (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 407097 Flt Lt Burnley, B, DFC (Wireless Operator/ Air Gunner)

Citation:

DFC: Flt Lt Burnley took part as air gunner in operational sorties in the Western Desert, Ceylon and Burma. He also completed the duties of Squadron Gunnery Leader with diligence and efficiency. His steadiness and reliability made him a source of confidence to the whole Squadron and, on several occasions, when attacked by fighters, his directions made it possible for his pilot to avoid the enemy and lead the formation to attack the enemy target. His work was outstanding for steadiness and consistent keenness and he invariably displayed courage and devotion to duty.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411739 Pilot Officer BURROWS, Wilfred Gordon

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/6/21

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: W 4372
Radio call sign: PH – G
Unit: 12 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W 4372 of 12 Sqn RAF took off at 1634 hours on 17 January 1943 from RAF Station Wickenby, UK, to bomb Berlin. No further news received of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RNZAF Sgt Withell, E B Captain, (Pilot)
RAAF 411739 PO Burrows, W G (Navigator)
RAAF 411595 PO Mullinger, R B (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 401528 Flt Sgt Neale, A F (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Hunter, J B (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Mitchell, A (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Richardson, L H (Rear Gunner)

The body of Sgt Mitchell, RAF was washed ashore at Nymindégab, on the south west coast of Denmark, and buried at Esbjerg, Denmark.

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400408 Flying Officer BURT, Alan Gladstone

Source:

NAA: A705

Aircraft Type: Manchester

Serial number: L 7296

Radio call sign:

Unit: 61 Sqn RAF

Summary:

FO Burt was a member of an eight man crew of Manchester L 7296 of 61 Sqn RAF which departed base at 1852 hours on 31 January 1942, for a bombing raid on Brest. Two fixes were requested from the aircraft on the return journey. The second request was in the form of an SOS and a fix placed the aircraft fifty miles due south of Southampton. Searches next morning to locate the aircraft and crew were unsuccessful. It is assumed that the crew lost their lives at sea.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Page, H C S, DFC
RAF PO Atkinson, D C
RAF Sqn Ldr Borrough, T N C
RAAF 400408 FO Burt, A G (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt Turner, H E
RAF Sgt Dann, L W
RAF Sgt Evans, T A
RAF Sgt Jones, R S

The body of Flt Lt Page was recovered from the sea and buried at Scilly Isles.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

8393 Pilot Officer BUSHELL, George

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/6/342

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HZ 748
Radio call sign:
Unit: 40 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington HZ 748 of 40 Sqn RAF, Central Mediterranean Force, failed to return from a raid on Turin, Italy, on the night of 24/25th November, 1943. The weather conditions were adverse and a message was received at 0014 hours stating that the crew were baling out. The aircraft was at this time believed to be near Elmas, Sardinia. No further message was received.

Crew:

RAF PO Gosling, T (Pilot)
RAAF 8393 PO Bushell, G (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Chalmers, G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Crosse, D (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Cooper, D L (Air Gunner)

The bodies of Gosling and Chalmers were recovered and interred in Caligari Military cemetery, Sardinia. The remaining three crew members believed lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406138 Flying Officer CAIN, Alexander John

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/25/98

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: C 7510
Radio call sign:
Unit: 45 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Six Blenheim aircraft of 45 Sqn RAF including C 7510, took off on 19 November 1941 to carry out a cloud cover bombing raid on Sidi Rezegh aerodrome. Two aircraft including C 7510 failed to return. Four others reported unable to reach target on account of lack of cloud cover.

Crew:

RAAF 407329 PO Magor, E A (Pilot)
RAAF 406167 Sgt Macliver, T S (Air Observer)
RAAF 406138 FO Cain, A J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1946 it was recorded that no trace of the missing crew could be found, and that the search had been abandoned.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

422408 Pilot Officer CALDWELL, David Kenneth

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/7/680

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: EW 299
Radio call sign:
Unit: 547 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator EW 299 of 547 Sqn RAF took off at 1604 hours on 27 October 1944 from RAF Station Leuchars, Fife, Scotland, to carry out an anti-submarine patrol close to the Norwegian coast from the Bergen area to the Skagerrak. The aircraft was due to return at 0345 hours on 28 October 1944 and failed to do so. No signals or messages were received from the aircraft. Assumed that aircraft and crew lost at sea.

Crew:

RAF FO Lewcock, P F, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF FO Montgomery, T K (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Tindall, G H (Navigator Bombaimer)
RCAF FO Cooper, R M (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt Neal, F A (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF WO Steed, J W (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF WO White, H C (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 422408 PO Caldwell, D K (Wireless Operator/Air)
RCAF WO Shaw, R W (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF FO Buist, F M (Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400112 Flight Lieutenant CAMERON, Phillip Greig

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/7/840

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: RM 640
Radio call sign:
Unit: 682 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire RM 640 of 682 Sqn RAF, was detailed on 9 February 1945 to carry out a high level photographic reconnaissance sortie of Augsburg, Germany. The aircraft was airborne at 1230 hours with Base weather conditions good, but forward aerodromes were covered by low cloud making refuelling difficult if required.

Actual flying conditions to/from the target were good, and the aircraft was dead on track when the pilot was compelled to bale out over the sea in position 45.15N 13.03E in the Gulf of Venice. The pilot in conversation with the Controller of No 287 Wing at 1510 hours was perfectly happy and flying back to base. At 1511 hours he reported his engine had gone haywire and he was baling out. His flying time to that point was 2 hrs 40 mts which ruled out petrol shortage.

The Air Sea rescue was delayed due to inclement weather, but an oil patch was seen and a new dinghy, but no particular significance was attached to the sighting as three other aircraft went down in the same vicinity that afternoon.

Crew:

RAAF 400112 Flt Lt Cameron, P G (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

32180 Pilot Officer CAMPBELL, Allan Frederick

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/7/529

AWM65, 562

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: FK 563
Radio call sign:
Unit: 215 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Dakota FK 563 of 215 Sqn RAF, India, was one of 18 aircraft which left Sylhet in formation at 0600 hours on 1 June 1944 to drop supplies in Burma. In company with five other aircraft FK 563 was to drop at position 25.10N 96.26E. It was last seen in the vicinity of Myitkyina, Burma, dropping supplies on the target at 0845 hours. It was raining at the time and weather conditions on the whole route extremely bad. It was assumed that the pilot tried to return under the cloud base. All other aircraft returned safely but nothing further was heard of FK 563 or its crew.

Crew:

RAAF 32180 PO Campbell, A F (Pilot)
RCAF FO Tackaberry, H G (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Squires, E (Wireless Operator/Air)
RCAF WO McWilliams, C P (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner - of 117 Sqn RAF)
RAF Flt Sgt Jones, D R (Air Gunner)
Also 2 passengers

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

422411 Pilot Officer CAMPBELL, Clarence

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/6/928

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: LK 197
Radio call sign:
Unit: 196 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling LK 197 of 196 Sqn RAF took off at 22.24 hours on the night of 30/31 March 1945 from RAF Station, Shepherd Grove, Stanton, near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, UK., to drop supplies in Norway of 10 containers and 4 packages. The aircraft had enough fuel for 10hrs 30mts flying. Nothing further heard from aircraft or of crew.

Crew:

RAAF 422411 PO Campbell, C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Linney, K W (Navigator)
RAAF 422092 WO Allman, G G (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Matthews, F W (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Brenner, F C (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Lloyd, E (Air Gunner)

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401101 Flying Officer CAMPBELL, Hugh John Munro

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/7/22

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: MA 929
Radio call sign:
Unit: 31 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Dakota MA 929 of 31 Sqn RAF, at Palam India, took off from Dinjun en route to Fort Hertz, Burma, at 1330 hours on 31 January 1943. The aircraft failed to arrive at its destination, and has not been located. It was last seen by a Hudson pilot at 1400 hours, flying at 7000 feet near Kamku and heading for Fort Hertz.

Crew:

RAAF 401101 FO Campbell, H J M (1st Pilot)
RAF Sgt Nicholls, J O (2nd Pilot)
RCAF Sgt Sasoubon, J F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 407107 WO Phelps, K R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF AC1 Williamson, T G (Fitter 11E)
RAF Flt Lt Baugh, M C (Passenger)

FO Campbell has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400025 Flying Officer CAMPBELL, Robert Balmain

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/25/80

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: N 6038
Radio call sign:
Unit: 15 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling N 6038 of 15 Sqn RAF left its base at 1805 hours on 23 July 1941 to bomb a target in enemy territory. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft.

Crew:

RAAF 400025 FO Campbell, R B, Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF PO Lewis, D A
RAF Sgt Mitchell, J
RAF Flt Sgt Cockburn, W
RAF PO Warner, J H S
RAF Sgt Whitcher, A R N
RAF Sgt Friend, G T

In 1950 it was established that the body of the RNZAF member of the crew (PO Lewis) was washed ashore on the island of Amrum, and buried in the Kiel British War cemetery. It was assumed that the aircraft came down in the North Sea and that the remaining six crew members were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400237 Flying Officer CARROLL, Wilfred John

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/25/104.

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: W 5584
Radio call sign:
Unit: 148 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington W 5584 of 148 Sqn RAF, took off at night on 19 January 1942 to bomb Salamis, Greece, and failed to return. An Italian broadcast on 21 January 1942 stated that an aircraft had been shot down over Elefsis on 19 January 1942.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Abbott, M E, DFC (Pilot)
RAF Sgt James, I T (Pilot)
RAAF 400237 FO Carroll, W J (Observer)
RAF Sgt Sellers, J A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt McGrath, H F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
PO Scarb, J B (Air Gunner)

A report on interrogations of local residents after the war and investigations carried out in Elefsis and Salamis areas state that an aircraft was shot down and crashed into the sea 2 miles south of Elefsis on 19 January 1942. It also stated that the Germans made a search of the area and could find no trace of the aircraft or crew. Elefsis is on the coast approx 10 miles North West of Athens, whilst Salamis is six miles south west of Elefsis on the island of Kuluri. It was assumed that the aircraft crashed in the sea near Elefsis and that the crew were lost at sea.

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412912 Pilot Officer CARTER, John Whitfield

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/7/461

Aircraft Type: Typhoon
Serial number: JE 535
Radio call sign:
Unit: 437 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Typhoon JE 535 of 437 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Manston on 1 April 1944 and failed to return from a shipping patrol from Dunkirk to Flushing about 3 miles offshore. The weather was overcast and there was some hesitation about conducting the mission, but PO Carter asked to go and seemed quite confident about it.

At 2220 hours, PO Carter took off from Base with instructions to return to base immediately if he found the weather unsuitable. At approx 2325 hours Ops B phoned to say that Carter was OK and just setting course for home. By this time the weather had deteriorated and aircraft advised by radio to return to base. A searchlight canopy was put up over the drome and all emergency steps taken, but nothing further was heard of the aircraft. Searches were made next day of the area, but no trace of the missing aircraft or pilot found.

Crew:

RAAF 412912 PO Carter, J W (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

412393 Flight Lieutenant CARY, Sydney Leslie

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/7/738

Aircraft Type: Sunderland
Serial number: JM 673
Radio call sign:
Unit: 230 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Sunderland JM 673 of 230 Sqn RAF took off from Koggala at 0645 hours on 28 November 1944 for an anti submarine patrol off the East coast of Ceylon. The aircraft was due to return at 2000 hours on 28 November.

Due to weather conditions in the area making the patrol impracticable, the aircraft was called by W/T at 1241 hours and from then on continuously until 2257 hours, but without result, with no answer being received from the aircraft. No signals were received from the aircraft from time of take off, and no trace of the aircraft or crew found from subsequent searches.

Crew:

RAAF 406456 Sqn Ldr Ingham, K V, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Gilbert, A B (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Bennett, J W (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 412393 Flt Lt Cary, S L (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Williams, E R J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Bonner, A J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Underwood, D W (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF PO Walliker, R F (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Crawford, D N (Fitter Mech/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Juffs, R F (Air Gunner)

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425488 Pilot Officer CHAPMAN, Henry Holmes

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/7/670

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: HX 158
Radio call sign:
Unit: 58 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax HX 158 of 58 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, Outer Hebrides at 1910 hours on 16 October 1944 on a night training flare dropping non-operational exercise in an area 5910N and 0610W. When seen in the area at 2030 hours it was exercising normally. Radar plots showed the aircraft approaching the airfield from the north and passing over the airfield at 2/3000 feet. At 2113 hours when the aircraft was 18 miles south of the airfield, the radar plot suddenly faded.

A naval vessel reported an aircraft had crashed into the sea about 10 miles south east of Shiant Island towards the Isle of Skye. The vessel proceeded immediately to the spot and located the wreckage.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Young, C D (Pilot)
USAAF 1st Lt Hendrickson, C D (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 425488 PO Chapman, H H (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Box, D T (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Mockridge, F (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Harbottle, A G T (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF PO Jones, W (Wireless Operator/Air)
RNZAF WO Edmiston, D J (Wireless Operator/Air)

Searches the next day recovered the body of Flt Lt Young and further wreckage, but no trace of the rest of the crew.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411629 Pilot Officer CHAPMAN, Neil Proctor

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/7/272

Aircraft Type: Sunderland
Serial number: DW 106
Radio call sign:
Unit: 270 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Sunderland DW 106 of 270 Sqn RAF took off at 2345 hours on 18 December 1943 in transit flight from RAF Station Pembroke Dock, failed to arrive at Gibraltar.

It was reported that a distress IFF signal was picked up 30 miles off Cape St Vincent by Sunderland EK 589 which was following DW 106. this being the only information re possible location of the missing aircraft. A thorough search of the area failed to locate the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Wood, J E, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF FO Hanna, N E (Pilot)
RAAF 411629 PO Chapman, N P (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt. Brown, F E J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF FO Jay, E J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt McPhee, P (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF PO Crimp, R R T (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Botting, K P (F E/Air Gunner)
RAAF 409883 Flt Sgt Barber, C A M (Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

417050 Pilot Officer CHARLICK, Dean Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/607 166/13/291 Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 387, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LM 674
Radio call sign: CF – U
Unit: 625 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster IM 674 of 625 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Kelstern, near Louth, Lincolnshire, UK, on 16 August 1944 to carry out a bombing attack on Stettin, Germany. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew after take off, and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 417050 PO Charlick, D G (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Slade, J A (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 417824 Flt Sgt Farrer, A W (Air Bomber)
RAAF 426336 Flt Sgt Geddes, F J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 409004 WO Moore, J F (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Cletheroe (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 427847 Flt Sgt Collard, G G (Rear Gunner)

In a 1948/49 report on investigations carried out in an area surrounding Ueckermunde, it was established that the aircraft was lost on 16 August 1944 presumably as a result of enemy action. Ueckermunde is located on the coast of Stettiner Haff, 23 miles North West of Stettin.

The bodies of Collard, Geddes, Moore and Farrer were washed ashore and are interred in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany. PO Charlick and the two remaining RAF members of the crew. have no known grave and their names are commemorated n the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

410039 Flight Lieutenant CHITTY, Walter Evan

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/7/293

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LL 733
Radio call sign: - S
Unit: 514 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL 733 of 514 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, UK, at 0613 hours on 30 July 1944, detailed for bombing operations on Caen, France.

It was carrying 18 x 500lb GP bombs and 1710 gallons of petrol which allowed for approx 7.30 hours of flying time, with an anticipated flying time of approx 3 hours. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 410039 Flt Lt Chitty, W E, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF FO Bonnell, W S (Air Bomber)
RAF WO Ding, L A (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Richardson, J E (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Jenner, E W (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Wells, G C (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Guy, C M (Flight Engineer)

The body of one member of the crew (name not recorded on file) was recovered from the sea, and it was presumed that the remainder of the crew were lost at sea.

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403797 Pilot Officer CLARK, Kenneth

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/26/245

Aircraft Type: Hurricane
Serial number: AZ 2328
Radio call sign:
Unit: 208 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hurricane AZ 2328 of 208 Sqn RAF was shot down in the El Alamein – Daba area, Middle East, by a German ME 109 on 28 July 1942.

Crew:

RAAF 403797 PO Clark, K (Pilot)

The remains of the pilot could not be located and was considered lost in the minefields when further search after the war was abandoned.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402310 Flying Officer CLARK, Theodore Marcus

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/26/166

Aircraft Type: Wellington

Serial number: V 417

Radio call sign:

Unit: Royal Air Force Station Port Reath UK ATTD

Summary:

Wellington V 417 took off at night on 9/10th January 1942 from Gibraltar in transit on delivery flight to the Middle East, and failed to arrive at Malta. No communication was established with the aircraft and it is assumed that the crew lost their lives at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 404452 FO Corser A H C, Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 402310 FO Clark, T M (Pilot)

RAF PO Marchington

RAF Sgt Taylerson

RAF Sgt Bayliss

RAF Sgt Ledlie

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

423651 Pilot Officer CLARKE, Arthur Henry

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/7/745

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: PB 765
Radio call sign: EM – B
Unit: 207 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB 765 of 207 Sqn RAF took off from Spilsby at 1637 hours on 4 December 1944 on a day/night operation of the target Heidelberg, Germany. The aircraft failed to return.

Later investigation in 1947/48 established that the aircraft crashed in marshy terrain in a small forest about 2 miles north of Holtzweier on 4 December 1944. Holtzweier is situated about 36 miles south-west of Strasbourg, France.

Crew:

RAAF FO Wall, G L
RAAF 423651 PO Clarke, A H (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF PO Wulff, W H
Sgt Dunn, E F
PO Hill, R E
RAF Sgt Sharp, E
RAF Sgt Turner, W F

FO Wall and PO Wulff survived the crash and became POW's as did other crew members Dunn and Hill. The remains of Sgt Sharp and Sgt Turner were interred in Holtzweier Cemetery, but the body of PO Clarke was not located.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

427294 Flight Lieutenant CLARKE, Robert Mayo DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/7/789
AWM65, 707

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: PB 173
Radio call sign:
Unit: 635 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB 173 of 635 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Downham Market, Norfolk at 1902 hours on 7 January 1945 to attack Munich. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft which failed to return to base.

A 1948 report based on an inspection of German documents and investigations carried out at the Germering cemetery, confirmed that the aircraft was shot down and crashed at Unterphaffenhofen on 7 January 1945. Unterphaffenhofen is located a short distance South-west of Germering which is situated approx 10 miles west of Munich.

The report adds that the aircraft exploded in the air and that the remains of only 2 RAF members of the crew, PO Wiggins and Flt Sgt Watson were recovered.

Crew:

RAAF 427294 Flt Lt Clarke, R M, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Pethard, W T
RAAF 410980 PO Hendy, G K (Navigator bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt.Mountain, C D (Wireless Operator)
RAF PO Wiggins, A A (Mid Upper Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Watson, J H (Rear Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Robertson, T (Flight Engineer)

Citation:

DFC: Acting Flight Lieutenant Clarke, as pilot, has completed numerous operations against the enemy, in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty.

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421979 Flying Officer CLARKE, Thomas Kenneth

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/7/621

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LM 222
Radio call sign: VN – Y
Unit: 50 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM 222 of 50 Sqn RAF was detailed to attack Koenigsberg in East Prussia on the night of 29/30 August 1944. It took off at 2026 hours on 29 August 1944 from RAF Station Skellingthorpe, Lincoln, UK, but no further information was received from the aircraft which failed to return to base.

In 1949, it was reported that from information extracted from German documents that LM 222 crashed on 30 August 1944, in the vicinity of Gut Tarpienen, approximately 12 miles north east of Neuhausen near Konigsberg, East Prussia. The report further states that the remains of one RAF member of the crew, together with one unknown were interred in the New Cemetery, Neuhausen.

Owing to circumstances outside British control, it was not possible to visit the scene of the crash for the purpose of obtaining details of the burial place of crew members, as at the time East Prussia was part of Soviet occupied territory. All crew members were recorded as having no known grave.

Crew:

RAAF 421979 FO Clarke, T K, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Flude, F W (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Lawrence, G (Navigator)
RAF FO McLean, A G (Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt Thomas, G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Cassin, J P (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Harris, P G (Rear Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400012 Flying Officer CLAYTON, Lawrence Samuel

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/7/6

Aircraft Type: Sunderland
Serial number: N 9209
Radio call sign:
Unit: 230 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Sunderland N 9209 of 230 Sqn RAF was detailed to carry out a ten hour anti-submarine patrol in protection of a convoy between Alexandria and Port Said. The aircraft left Alexandria at 1600 hours on 1 January 1943. Messages were received from the aircraft until 1730 hours and at 2045 hours it was reported in the vicinity of Port Said.

Nothing further was heard from the aircraft from 0230 hours to 0830 hours on 2 January 1943. Wreckage was discovered off Port Said and at 1100 hours the remains of the Captain identified but could not be recovered from the sea.

The cause of the accident is not known, but it is assumed that the aircraft dived to investigate a suspicious spot, and failing to pull out in time crashed into the sea.

Crew:

RAAF 402506 FO Holcombe, R H, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 406457 FO Meaton, R W (Pilot)
RAAF 400012 FO Clayton, L S (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Webber, L J (Observer)
RAF Sgt Darge, W G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Daniels, A G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Dean, M (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Cpl Barnard, J (Fitter 2E/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Butcher, V F (Air Gunner)
RAF Cpl Nicholas, E A F (Fitter 2E/Air Gunner)
RAF LAC Savidge, J (Fitter MA/Air Gunner)
RAF LAC Purkiss, W L (Radio Mechanic)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401301 Flying Officer CLEARY, Jack Alexander

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/7/287

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: MP 679
Radio call sign:
Unit: 38 Sqn RAF.

Summary:

Wellington MP 679 of 38 Sqn RAF when carrying out an anti-submarine patrol at night of convoy 'Parcel' was last heard of approx 100 miles north of Benghazi.

During the patrol MP 679 was joined by another aircraft on a similar patrol. It is considered that a collision may have occurred between MP 679 and Wellington HZ 727, and that the aircraft fell into the sea on fire. Fire and smoke were observed in position 32.56N and 19.50E.

Crew:

RAAF 400775 FO Bowen, W H, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Dagleish, L G (Pilot)
RAAF 401301 FO Cleary, J A (Navigator)
RAF FO Turner, M G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 401410 FO Berkley, R E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF FO Read, R H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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411483 Flying Officer CLERKE, Frederick John

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/7/187

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: FW 667
Radio call sign:
Unit: 500 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hudson FW 667 of No.500 (County of Kent) Sqn RAF, took off at 2015 hours from Bone on 2 September 1943 on a night operational cross over anti-submarine patrol, and was expected to return to base at 0200 hours on 3 September 1943.

As the aircraft had not landed by 0220 hours an endeavour was made to obtain wireless contact but without success. Aircraft in the area on escort duty were diverted to search, and air sea rescue sweeps were carried out at dawn, but with nil result. Aircraft and crew missing lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 411483 FO Clerke, F J (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Colby, C (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Sullivan, R C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Salisbury (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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401104 Pilot Officer COHEN, Joseph

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/240

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: FL 939
Radio call sign:
Unit: 160 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator FL 939 of 160 Sqn RAF, took off from Sigiriya at 0237 hours on 22 September 1943 with instructions to carry out a photographic reconnaissance of the Northern Island in the Nicobar Group including Car Nicobar.

The aircraft failed to return and intelligence services passed on information on 25th September to the effect that the Japanese had broadcast a statement indicating that a Liberator had been shot down by Japanese Naval aircraft. The Japanese lost one aircraft in the engagement.

No signal was sent by the Liberator although the crew were briefed to do so on sighting enemy aircraft. It is possible that they were intercepted either from Sabang or Port Blair or from a landing strip at Car Nicobar Island. It is probable that the occurrence took place between 0652/FG and 0725/FG hours.

Crew:

RAAF 401104 PO Cohen, J, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Pallett, T R (2nd Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Somerville, F (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Bloss, F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Owen, A J N (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Deeny, H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Naylor, F E (Wireless Operator Maintenance/Air Gunner)
RCAF WO Munson, L A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

409665 Pilot Officer COLEMAN, Alan Joseph

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/316

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: JB 232
Radio call sign: OF – U
Unit: 97 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB 232 of No. 97 (Strait Settlements) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station, Bourn, Cambridge, UK., at 1720 hours on the night of 3rd/4th December 1943 to carry out a raid on Leipzig, Germany. The aircraft did not return to base and crew reported as missing.

Crew:

RAAF 409665 PO Coleman, A J, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Moore, D (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Lock, L G (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt Turner, V N (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Matthews, I C (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Jones, C R (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Marchant, J E (Rear Gunner)

In 1946 captured German documents revealed that the aircraft had crashed between Leipzig and Mockern.

A 1949 report stated that German graves list recorded PO Coleman as buried in Leipzig Cemetery, East Germany, Grave No 11, Rowe E, Plot X3.

In a 1950 letter to Coleman's father it was stated that owing to circumstances outside British control it has not been possible to visit and confirm his son's burial place which is situated in the Russian controlled zone of Occupation, Germany, and that it was unwise to accept German wartime information without verification. All members of the crew were recorded as having no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406772 Pilot Officer COLLINS, John Cyril

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/38/271 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: JA 681
Radio call sign: GT -
Unit: ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA 681 of 156 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Warboys, Huntingdonshire, UK, at 1948 hours on 3 September 1943, to carry out a bombing attack on Berlin. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 412714 FO Shanahan, M O, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T Hoyle, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409485 Flt Lt Stafford, H M (Navigator)
RAF 413552 PO Denyer, N H (Air Bomber)
RAAF 406772 PO Collins, J C (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Wilson, G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 411243 PO Dodds, D L (Rear Gunner)

All the crew are missing and have no known graves. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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432125 Flying Officer COMER, George Allen

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/793

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: LK 283
Radio call sign: NF – J
Unit: 138 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling LK 283 of 138 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Tempsford, near Sandy, Bedfordshire, UK, at 2114 hours on 30 December 1944 with a number of other aircraft from 138 Squadron on a special mission.

The aircraft was detailed to drop containers and supplies in Norway, 5kms south of Beinseter which is 12kms east of Flaa.

After take off, no signal of any sort was received from the aircraft and no indication of what happened as the aircraft did not return to base. It was assumed that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

Crew:

RNZAF FO McGregor, R W, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 432125 FO Comer, G A (Navigator)
RAF WO Harris, G (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Kenningham, D A (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Perkins, D J (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Ward, R E (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Harrison, G (Flight Engineer)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

412056 Flying Officer CONDON, John James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/8/652, 166/18/470 Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 434, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 470
Radio call sign: QR – W
Unit: ATTD 61 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 470 took off from RAF Skellingthorpe during the night of 23rd/24th September 1944 to bomb Munster, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

A 1947 report from a Missing Research & Enquiry Unit, stated that the aircraft crashed into the middle of the river Waal (which is a continuation of the Rhine river), near Bommel on 23 September 1944. Bommel is situated approx 7 miles south of Arnhem, Holland.

Crew:

RAAF 426346 FO Hornibrook, A K, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T Roberts, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412056 FO Condon, J J (Navigator)
RAF FO Heather D C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R S Meachan (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T Brown, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J G Miller (Rear Gunner)

All the crew were recorded as missing with no known grave, except one survivor, the rear gunner Sgt Miller (RAF), He stated “the aircraft was on fire and as he could not get in touch with the rest of the crew for orders to bale out, he baled out of his own accord. He stated that the aircraft went on straight & level for 3 minutes and then turned and dived into the ground. He did not see any other parachutes.”

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

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

425606 Flight Lieutenant CONLEY, Ronald John DFC

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/495
AWM65, 786

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ND 739
Radio call sign: OF – Z
Unit: 97 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND 739 of No. 97 (Strait Settlements) Sqn RAF, Pathfinder Force, took off from RAF Station Conningsby, Lincolnshire, UK, on 6 June 1944, to bomb a target near Cherbourg, France in the (2nd front) opening blow against the enemy.

Enemy fighters were known to be operating over the target area. The pilot of the aircraft who was the Deputy Controller of the formation was in communication with other aircraft over the target but communications ceased in the middle of a sentence. It seems probable that the aircraft was shot down over the target area.

With no trace of the aircraft found, it was concluded that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea in the English Channel.

Crew:

RAF Wing Cdr Carter, E J, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Dunning, G, DFM (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 425606 Flt Lt Conley, R J, DFC (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Lt Reiger, N W (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Lt Chambers, A, DFC & Bar (Wireless Operator)
RAF FO Jeffery, N W E, DFM (Air Bomber)
RAF WO Watson, F R, DFM (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sqn Ldr Bryan-Smith, M, DFC (Rear Gunner)

Citation:

DFC: Flt Lt Conley, R.J., of 97 Sqn has completed in various capacities many successful operations against the enemy in which they have displayed high skill fortitude and devotion to duty.

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411866 Flying Officer CONNORS, Leslie James

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/164

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: JL 375
Radio call sign:
Unit: 243 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On 10 July 1943, the Squadron patrolled off Syracuse and in the Gulf of Noto, between 0455 and 0725 hours, covering shipping and landing operations on the east coast of Sicily.

When over base (Malta), the pilot of Spitfire JL 375 was heard to say he was at 5000 feet and would have to force land as the engine was dead. He asked for the runway to be kept clear.

Other pilots saw the Spitfire with wheels down approaching the south east end of the runway at about 1000 feet in a left hand turn. The Spitfire was next seen to go into the sea about half a mile from shore in line with the south east end of the runway. A few seconds later an object came to the surface and a patch of fluorescine seen.\

One pilot of 45 Sqn orbited the spot, gave a Mayday, and stated that he saw the pilot swimming for the shore in a mae west. An ASR launch searched the area without success for the missing pilot.

Crew:

RAAF 411866 FO Connors, L J (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

26756 Flying Officer COOPER, Joseph Arthur Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/783 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 479,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LM 624
Radio call sign: DX – A
Unit: 57 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM 624 of 57 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station East Kirkby, at 1631 hours on the night of 6/7th November 1944 to cut the junction of the Dortmund-Ems and Mitterland Kanal systems near Gravenhorst, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and the aircraft did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 26756 FO Cooper, J A G, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Beach, A K (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 417817 FO Draysey, L (Navigator)
RAAF 427118 Flt Sgt Hesford, B (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429645 Flt Sgt Brown, B H (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt Sloane, F J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Saville, G (Rear Gunner)

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

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414470 Pilot Officer CORMACK, Donald Shaw

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/31

Aircraft Type: Ventura
Serial number: AE 665
Radio call sign:
Unit: 34 OTU RCAF

Summary:

Ventura AE 665 of No 34 OTU RCAF, took off at 1300 hours on 26 January 1943 from Pennfield Ridge on a non operational cross country navigation exercise. The route was Base/Bathurst/Point Escuminac/St.John/Base. The aircraft did not return to base. Pennfield Ridge is an Operational Training Unit in New Brunswick at 45.18N 66.41W.

The exact place of the accident is unknown, but believed to be off Point Escuminac, in the Gulf of St Lawrence, Canada. It was concluded that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 414470 PO Cormack, D S (Pilot)
RAAF 416966 PO James, S J (Navigator)
RNZAF Sgt Hunter, T N (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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404452 Flying Officer CORSER, Arthur Henry Cadell

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/26/167

Aircraft Type: Wellington

Serial number: V 417

Radio call sign:

Unit: Attd RAF Station, Portreath.

Summary:

Wellington V 417 took off at night on 9th/10th January 1942 from Gibraltar in transit on a delivery flight to the Middle East, and failed to arrive at Malta. No communication was established with the aircraft and it is assumed that the crew lost their lives at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 404452 FO Corser, A H C, Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 402310 FO Clark, T M (Pilot)

RAF PO Marchington

RAF Sgt Taylerson

RAF Sgt Bayliss

RAF Sgt Ledlie

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

426545 Pilot Officer COSTIN, Neville James

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/669

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: KG 592
Radio call sign:
Unit: 48 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Dakota KG 592 of 48 Sqn RAF and its crew were reported missing on transportation duties in Western Europe on 18 September 1944.

The aircraft was last reported by Hdqtrs 46 Group to be at No. B58 landing ground in Belgium on 18 September 1944, with a damaged tail wheel. It is assumed that the aircraft took off again from B58 without booking or warning the responsible authorities, and that some kind of accident occurred on the return flight. No messages were received from the aircraft.

No.48 Sqn Base was located at RAF Station Down Ampney, Cirencester, Gloucester, UK.

Crew:

RCAF PO Pearson, V L (Pilot)
RAAF 426545 PO Costin, N J (2nd Pilot - Nav B)
RCAF FO McKenzie, G J (Navigator Bombaimer)
RCAF FO Lavoie, A J A (Wireless Operator - Air)

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418813 Flight Lieutenant COTTMAN, John Dennis

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/927

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: PA 973
Radio call sign: OF – C
Unit: 97 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PA 973 of No 97 (Strait Settlements) Sqn RAF, took off at 2335 hours from RAF Station Coningsby, Lincoln, UK, on 20 March 1945 to bomb a target at Bohlen. Weather clear. Visibility good. Flak over target moderate to intense. Aircraft did not return to base and no evidence as to loss or whether aircraft shot down over target. No messages received from aircraft.

Crew:

RAAF 418813 Flt Lt Cottman, J D, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 432022 PO Murray, A G (Navigator)
RAAF 428596 WO Arney, H J (Wireless Operator)
RAAF 430103 Flt Sgt Coster, J S (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437562 Flt Sgt Petschel, V E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 430011 Flt Sgt Bull, L J (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Cross, J W (Flight Engineer)

With no trace of the aircraft or crew being found following post war investigations and enquiries, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had no known grave.

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408204 Pilot Officer COTTON, Maxwell Tylney DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/8/133

AWM65, 832

Aircraft Type: Whirlibomber

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 263 Sqn RAF

Summary:

PO Cotton was leading the second section of four Whirlibombers from No. 263 (Fellowship of the Bellows, Argentina) Sqn RAF, which took off from Warmwel at 1543hours on 15 June 1943, for an armed shipping recce in the Channel Island area. It was escorted by 8 Spitfires of 504 Sqn and preceded by 8 Spitfires of 616 Sqn (anti-flak).

A convoy of four 'M' minesweepers and one armed trawler was sighted about four miles north-east of Sark, steaming north-east. The four minesweepers were hotly engaged in a series of excellent attacks by 616 Sqn, but the flak from the enemy ships was extremely intense and accurate, and one Spitfire was shot down.

The Whirlibomber sections each bombed a minesweeper from below mast height from the west. PO Cotton's bomb splashes were seen amidships, then his aircraft was hit by flak. It was seen as a ball of fire and disintegrated as it hit the water at full speed about 100 yards on the east side of the minesweeper. This was seen by 3 pilots of the formation. They agreed that Cotton could not have survived.

Crew:

RAAF 408204 PO Cotton, M T, DFC, (Pilot)

Citation:

DFC: PO Cotton of 263 Sqn (since missing) has taken part in numerous and varied operational missions some of which have been completed at night. His sorties have included bombing attacks on enemy airfields, on railway objectives and against shipping in convoy. On three occasions his aircraft has been seriously damaged by anti-aircraft fire but he did not fail to fly back to this country and land safely. PO Cotton has displayed a complete disregard of intense enemy opposition and has at all times pressed home his attacks with the greatest determination.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404092 Flying Officer COURTNEY, James Geen

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/26/183

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: X 9830
Radio call sign:
Unit: 150 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington X 9830 of 150 Sqn RAF took off at 2004 hours on 21 February, 1942, from RAF Station Snaith, Yorkshire, being one of 12 aircraft detailed to attack Darmstadt, Germany. The weather conditions were good. The aircraft did not return to base and efforts to trace the missing aircraft and crew after the war were unsuccessful.

Crew:

RAF PO Green, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Jobling (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 404092 FO Courtney, J G (Observer)
RAF Sgt Fiske (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Evans (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 400353 Sgt McKean (Air Gunner)

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414003 Flying Officer COWARD, Charles Theodore Godfrey

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8 300

Aircraft Type: Hurricane
Serial number: KW 920
Radio call sign:
Unit: 42 Sqn RAF

Summary:

FO Coward lost his life when flying Hurricane KW 920 on a non-operational flight in India on 22 November, 1943. Both KW 920 and LB 687 flown by Flt Sgt Stevens (RAF) collided and crashed into the sea about 3 miles east of the coast guard station at Coverlong which is about 20 miles south of Madras.

Both aircraft took off from their base at 1020am to try out practice quarter attacks with cine guns, and the aircraft were seen to collide at 1045am. One pilot was seen to bale out and the other not, and a search of the area by MT boats recovered parts of wrecked aircraft and the parachute and wallet of FO Coward. Both pilots are recorded as missing lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 414003 FO Coward, C T G (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411869 Pilot Officer CRADDOCK, Thomas Eugene

Source:

AWM 237 (62) NAA : A705, 166/43/1051 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 518
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 678
Radio call sign:	TL – F
Unit:	ATTD 35 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB678 took off from RAF Graveley at 1040 hours on a day mission to bomb Cologne, Germany. When outbound at 10,000 feet and passing over the South Foreland coast on the Kent coast at 1133 hours, PB678 collided with Lancaster PB683 also of No 35 Sqn. Both aircraft fell into the sea and all the crew in both aircraft were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Clarke, R J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J C Mays, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF PO Currie, D R (Navigator)
RAAF 422774 WO W J Webb, (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 417875 PO Norseworthy, R K (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 411869 PO Craddock, T E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF PO J McGee (Rear Gunner)

Of the crew in PB678, PO Currie, and WO Webb are buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK.

Sgt Mays is buried at Harrow (Harrow Weald) Cemetery, Middlesex, UK
The other four members of PB678 have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK

All the crew aboard PB683 were members of the RAF.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

416043 Flying Officer CRAIG, James Ian

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/27

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HX 646
Radio call sign:
Unit: 221 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington HX 646 of 221 Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station Luqa, Malta at approx 1805 hours on 23 January 1943 to attack an enemy convoy in the vicinity west of Sicily.

The aircraft did not return to base, and it is believed the aircraft located the convoy and must have been damaged whilst making an attack.

In a later statement by Sgt Baker (RAF) who survived the crash and was captured by the Italians he reported: 'the aircraft was attacked without warning at 1am over the sea between Sicily and Tunis. The aircraft was flying at about 300 feet at the time of attack and flew into the sea immediately afterwards. Sgt Baker extracted himself and floated to the surface, where he climbed into the aircraft dinghy which had apparently been released by the automatic release gear and inflated.

He was rescued next day by an Italian patrol. Baker saw no other members of the crew and has assumed that the bodies of the crew sank with the aircraft.'

Crew:

RAAF 400414 Sqn Ldr Jackson, G F (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Viala, S G (Pilot)
RAAF 416043 FO Craig, J I (Air Observer)
RAF Sgt Baker, F J (Wireless Operator)
RCAF PO Shustove, S G (S.I.Operator)
RAAF 407524 Sgt Burns, R J (Air Gunner)

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404496 Flying Officer CRAINE, Alexander Robert

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/593

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: EV 878
Radio call sign:
Unit: 224 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator EV 878 of 224 Sqn RAF took off from St Eval on the evening of 11 August 1944, to carry out an anti-submarine patrol and failed to return.

The aircraft was shot down by HMS Onslow in the Bay of Biscay west of La Rochelle, France. The aircraft exploded in the air and was seen by naval vessels to crash into the sea. The vessels were quickly on the spot but there were no survivors.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Lindsay, E W, Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF FO Andrews, W (2nd Pilot)
RAF FO Eglen, J D (1st Navigator)
RAF FO Rumley C W (2nd Navigator)
RAAF 404496 FO Craine, A R (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF WO Knill, W J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 420443 Flt Sgt Cato, R H (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Dunn, J T (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Phillips, J F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Stebbins, H F G (Flight Engineer)

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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413533 Pilot Officer CRANE, Robert William

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/506

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: LJ 850
Radio call sign:
Unit: 620 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ 850 of 620 Sqn RAF took off at 2330 hours on the night of 17/18th June 1944 from RAF Station Fairford, Gloucestershire, for special operations over enemy occupied territory. The aircraft was carrying its crew and 15 parachutists of the Special Air Service Regiment.

The locality of the dropping zone was in the Morvan mountains about 120 miles ESE of Orleans. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft after take off and the unit states that whilst it can not be assumed that the aircraft was lost in the target area, it is possible that it crashed into high ground in the target area.

The next of kin of one of the crew (Flt Sgt Johnson) was informed by another pilot on the same operation that LJ 850 was seen to crash into a hillside whilst making their run in and did not catch fire. This pilot mentioned the Savoy Hills which are over 100 miles from the Morvan mountains.

A 1948 search report stated that no trace of the aircraft or those on board was found.

Crew:

RAAF 413533 PO Crane, R W, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Johnson, F N (Navigator)
RAF WO Clasper, J P (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Evans, D W (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Stopford, G W (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Profit, B J (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Wilding, P (Despatcher)
Also 15 Parachutists (Pax)

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407927 Flying Officer CRANZ, William August

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/26/280

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: X 3957
Radio call sign:
Unit: 150 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington X 3957 of 150 Sqn RAF took off at 1719 hours on 28 October 1942 from RAF Station Kirmington, Lincolnshire. It was one of 9 aircraft on a gardening (minelaying) expedition off the French coast. X 3957 did not return to base.

Visibility over the target area was fair. There was some haze and ten tenths cloud cover to within a short distance from the French coast, after which it dispersed. Some heavy and late but inaccurate ack ack was encountered at Lorient.

In a 1949 search report it was recorded that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 407927 FO Cranz, W A, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Taylor, T A (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Pollitt, H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Ovens, J R (Bombardier)
RAF Sgt Rudd, O R (Air Gunner)

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411113 Flying Officer CRAPP, Errol Clifton

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/49

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 599
Radio call sign: HW – S
Unit: 100 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 599 of 100 Sqn RAF took off at 1838 hours from RAF Station Grimsby, Lincolnshire, on 4 March 1943, being one of four Squadron aircraft to carry out an operational sweep over Western France, from Cherbourg to Bordeaux and return. Two of the aircraft returned safely, one crashed and nothing further was heard of ED 599.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Curle, R A, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Challoner, C S (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Hart, D A (Observer)
RAAF 411113 FO Crapp, E C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 403699 FO Riding, H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 416149 Sgt Durdin, G W (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Gooch, D L (Air Gunner)

A 1948 report stated that Flt Lt Curle's body was recovered from the sea near St Nicholas on 3 April 1943 and buried at Chateau Cemetery, Isle d'Oleron. St Nicholas is on the north-west coast of France approx 30 miles North West of La Rochelle.

Ile d'Oleron is located off the French coast about 35 miles south east of St Nicholas. No trace of the aircraft was found which it was assumed crashed in the sea, with the remaining crew members lost at sea.

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414654 Pilot Officer CROMBIE, Donald Charles Cameron

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/409

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: DS 836
Radio call sign: JI – L
Unit: 514 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DS 836 of 514 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, at 2222 hours on the night of 30/31 March 1944 for a bombing operation against Nurnberg. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off, which failed to return to Base.

It carried 1 x 1000lb bomb, 4x12x30, 2x16x30, 2x8x30, 6x150x4lbs incendiaries, 9000 rounds of ammunition, and 1906 gallons of petrol sufficient for 9 hours flying time. The anticipated duration of the flight was 6hrs 50mts.

Crew:

RAAF 414654 PO Crombie, D C C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Darby, H G (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt McPhee, A (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Tyler, M J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Hill, H R (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Payne, C C (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt McGahey, J (Flight Engineer)

Mc Phee who survived and became a POW later stated: 'on the night of 30/31 March 1944 due to enemy action our machine was damaged, fire breaking out on the starboard wing. The Captain gave the order to bale out. As I went past, the Captain and the Flight Engineer were attempting to extinguish the starboard engine which was alight, by means of Grovenor switches. The attempt was unsuccessful. The Captain kept telling the crew to hurry up and bale out as he could not hold the plane much longer. As I baled out I saw the starboard wing almost totally ablaze. Later I met Darby the Air Bomber who survived and became a POW, but did not meet any other crew members'.

In 1947 it was established that the aircraft crashed at Eichenhausen at approx 0100 hours on 31 March 1944, which is 4 miles east of Neustadt, Germany. The aircraft burned fiercely for several hours and the remains of the 5 deceased not recovered.

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401029 Pilot Officer CROMPTON, Eric

Source:

NAA: NA705, 163/26/164

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: L 8440
Radio call sign:
Unit: 62 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim L 8440 of 62 Sqn RAF was reported missing on air operations in the Far East, believed to be Java, on 1 January 1942.

Crew:

RAF FO Haigh, G W
RAF FO Martin, F
RAAF 401029 PO Crompton, E (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Lancaster, N D
RAF Flt Sgt Bowie, J W
RAF Flt Sgt Martin, W W

In a 1948 report, all members of the crew were recorded as having no known grave.

In a 1951 report from the C in C, Far East Land Force, it was reported that the aircraft was missing in air operations over Kluang, Malaya, and that the graves were not located.

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416078 Flight Lieutenant CROPLEY, Alan Arthur

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/696

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: 42 – 110120
Radio call sign:
Unit: 530 Sqn USAAF

Summary:

Liberator 42-110120 of 530 Sqn USAAF, 380 Bomb Group, 5th US Air Force, failed to return from a mission to Macassar on the night of 28 October 1944. The aircraft took off from Darwin at 1751 hours manned by a RAAF crew of eleven.

The following sequences of messages were received by Ops Room No 380 (B) Group:

281420Z No 3 out, Position 06.25S 120.50E

281555Z 2 engines out, 08.00S 123.35E

281628Z Not likely to reach base. No 4 giving trouble. Preparing to ditch.

Darwin obtained a bearing of 340 degrees at 281604Z.

Search ships, four B24's immediately, and B24's, B25's and Catalinas on subsequent days, unable to locate aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 408190 FO Harrison, A L, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 413969 WO Davidson, S H (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 416078 Flt Lt Cropley, A A (Navigator)
RAAF 408590 FO O'Dea, D J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 416861 WO Killen, K L J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 423587 Flt Sgt Barber, W R (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 408448 Flt Sgt Wilken, C L (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 36474 Sgt Jamieson, S H (Armament/Gunner)
RAAF 429432 Sgt Cook, J E (Air Gunner)
RAAF 62526 Sgt Bird, W J (Fitter 11A/Gunner)
RAAF 116993 LAC (Ag Flt Sgt) Anstey, F W (Flt Engineer)
ARMY VX21828 Major Latrelle, H R, (AIF, Flak Intel. Officer - Observer)

In 1949 it was recorded that the aircraft and crew were Lost at Sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

425129 Pilot Officer CULLIFORD, Ronald Firth

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/8/430

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ND 475
Radio call sign: DX -
Unit: 57 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND 475 of 57 Sqn RAF from RAF Station East Kirby, Lincolnshire, had taken part in a raid on an enemy target in France, and was on its return flight when it crashed 2 miles south east of Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire, at 0133 hours on 19 April, 1944. The aircraft was returning with the main bomber force, when it dived vertically into the ground at high speed and was completely destroyed by the impact and fire.

It is not known whether the crash was caused by enemy action as it was completely destroyed.

Crew:

RAAF 420493 PO Oberg, A E, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425129 PO Culliford, R F (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt Kinnes, W D
RAF Sgt Crossley, E F
RAF Flt Sgt Pizzey, H
RAF Sgt Richards, J S
RAFR Sgt Adams, H H
RAF Sgt Wills, J R

The remains of Sgt Wills were recovered and interred, with the remaining crew recorded as having no known grave.

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417622 Flying Officer DADDS, Lincoln Clapcott

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/9/327

Aircraft Type: Sunderland
Serial number: ML 880
Radio call sign:
Unit: 228 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Sunderland ML 880 of 228 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Pembroke Dock at 1810 hours on 11 June 1944, to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the Bay of Biscay. It was due back at base at 0725 hours on 12 June, but failed to return.

No signals were received from the aircraft and it was assumed that it was shot down by either enemy surface craft or U boat, and that the crew were all lost at sea. A German broadcast was heard the following day claiming that two Sunderlands had been shot down in the Bay of Bisay area.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Lt Slaughter, M E, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Griffin, R L (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Chester, N (Pilot)
RAAF 417622 FO Dadds, L C (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF WO Foubister, J A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Bleach, J F (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Channing, G O (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Paterson, W (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Segaloff, L (Fitter Mechanic E/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Carr, W H (Fitter Mechanic A/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Griffiths (Air Gunner - G)

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427807 Flying Officer DATE, John Matthew

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/18 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 284,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NA 508
Radio call sign:	KN – A
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NA508 took off from RAF Full Sutton, Yorkshire at 2315 hours on the night of 16/17th June 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415498 PO Blair, R A W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H L Moore (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 425210 PO Pratt, L G (Observer)
RAAF 423597 Flt Sgt G A Armstrong, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410370 WO J P O'Meara, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427807 FO Date, J M (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D G Tastin, (Tail Gunner)

A 1947 report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “ the Communal Police at Neumer-Amstel reported that the aircraft crashed in flames at Neumer-Amstel on the night of 16/17 June 1944. German documents confirmed that only one body was recovered that of WO O'Meara.” He is buried at the Bergen-Op-Zoom War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands.

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

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

416550 Flying Officer DAVEY, Alfred Mervyn

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/9/198

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HF 205
Radio call sign:
Unit: 612 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington HF 205 of No 612 (County of Aberdeen) Sqn RAF, based at RAF Station St.Eval near Wadebridge, Cornwall, UK. The aircraft took off from Chivenor at 2332 hours on 29 October 1943 on an anti-submarine patrol in the Bay of Biscay. The aircraft was due to land at 0930 hours on 30 October 1943, but did not return and no W/T was message received.

The weather was continuous rain and low cloud with conditions bad for W/T communications.

Aircraft and crew presumed lost at sea.

Crew:

RAF O Yeadon, R, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Jones, R S (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 416550 FO Davey, A M (Navigator - B)
RAF FO Wilson, W (Gunner - S)
RAF Sgt Ellis, W F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hall, B H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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437120 Flying Officer DE GARIS, William Sowden

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/9/558

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: NG 230
Radio call sign: EM – F
Unit: 207 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NG 230 of 207 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Spilsby, Lincolnshire, at 1716 hours on 5 March 1945 for a bombing raid on Bohlen, Germany. It carried 1 x 1000lb and 12 x 500lb bombs. The aircraft did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 437120 FO De Garis, W S, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Burt, A S (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Morris, C (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Giles, S F (Air Bomber)
RAAF 426850 WO Wood, A E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Drysdale, W (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Edge, W H (Air Gunner)

A 1950 report by the Missing Research & Enquiry Service advised that after prolonged search and investigation to ascertain details as to how the member lost his life and to recover the body for burial were unsuccessful and no news could be obtained of the aircraft or any member of the crew.

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30523 Flying Officer DELANEY, Maxwell Raymond

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/9/450

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: NC 627
Radio call sign:
Unit: Loran Trg Unit RAF

Summary:

Wellington NC 627 of Loran Training Unit RAF Mullaghmore, near Ballymoney, County Antrim, North Ireland, took off at 0021 hours on 13 November 1944 on a Loran training exercise. The route was Mullaghmore – 53.30N 06.48W – 54.33N 12.25W and return by reciprocal track. After take off nothing further was heard from the aircraft.

An aircraft day & night search was carried out with nil result. It was assumed aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Dravers, P C (Pilot)
RAF FO Goodacre, J C (Navigator)
RAAF 30523 FO Delaney, M R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 413428 WO Richards, R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
Students
RAF Flt Lt O'Connor C P
RCAF FO Deakin, A K
RCAF PO Ross, E B

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418224 Flying Officer DENISON, Leslie Albert

Source:

NAA: Service record A9300, Bar Code 5375803

Note RAAF Casualty file is not available

See also NAA : A705, 166/14/188

Aircraft Type: Wellington

Serial number: LN 928

Radio call sign:

Unit: 104 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN 928 of 104 Sqn RAF, Central Mediterranean Force, took off from Foggia drome at 2307 hours on 16 April 1944 to attack a target at Leghorn Italy. The following messages were received from the aircraft :

0130 hours : Landing at Borgo with engine trouble.

0206 hours Preparing to ditch.

0209 hours Now ditching. Position 42.20N, 0937E.

The position was in the sea near Corsica.

Crew:

RAAF 421900 FO Gilleland, W C Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 422484 Flt Sgt French, G C (Navigator Bombaimer)

RAF Sgt Fox (Navigator)

RAAF 418224 FO Denison, L A (Navigator Bombaimer)

RAF Sgt Adams, S E (Wireless Operator Air)

RAAF 413446 WO Ryan, W B (Air Gunner)

When the aircraft ditched, FO Gilleland (RAAF) the pilot, was forced out of the escape hatch by the inrush of water. No other survivors were seen. He reached a dinghy and later saw a light being shone upside of the dinghy. He was rescued when a Catalina was sighted and attracted that same afternoon on 17 April 44.

It was later recorded that the 5 missing members had lost their lives at sea.

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413552 Pilot Officer DENYER, Neil Howard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/38/271 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: JA 681
Radio call sign: GT -
Unit: ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA 681 of 156 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Warboys, Huntingdonshire, UK, at 1948 hours on 3 September 1943, to carry out a bombing attack on Berlin. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 412714 FO Shanahan, M O, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T Hoyle, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409485 Flt Lt Stafford, H M (Navigator)
RAF 413552 PO Denyer, N H (Air Bomber)
RAAF 406772 PO Collins, J C (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Wilson, G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 411243 PO Dodds, D L (Rear Gunner)

All the crew are missing and have no known graves. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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402156 Pilot Officer DEVENISH-MEARES, Russell

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/44/118

Aircraft Type: Beaufort
Serial number: L9868
Radio call sign: - S
Unit: 42 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufort L9868 of 42 Sqn RAF from RAF Station Leuchars, Scotland, took off at 0530 hours on a shipping strike off Kristiansand, Norway on 9 December, 1941, with an anticipated return at 1030 hours.

No messages were received after take off and the aircraft failed to return.

Crew:

RAAF 402156 PO Devenish-Meares, R (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Nash, J (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Nation, W A (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt King, H (Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

426556 Pilot Officer DEVINE, Eena Norman

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/9/398

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: IM 511
Radio call sign: GI - C
Unit: 622 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster IM 511 of 622 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Mildenhall, Suffolk, at 1932 hours on night of 11/12th September 1944, to lay mines in enemy waters off Rostock, Germany. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 426556 PO Devine, E W, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Bell, J B
RAAF 429544 Flt Sgt Ferguson, G R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 428038 Flt Sgt Blaubaum, M B (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Coyle, J J
RAF Sgt Burton, R
RAF Sgt Meyer, R C M

In a 1949 report it was concluded that aircraft and crew were all lost at sea.

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403562 Flying Officer DIBBS, George Robert

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/28/115

Aircraft Type: Hurricane
Serial number: BN 908
Radio call sign:
Unit: 33 Sqn RAF

Summary:

The aircraft of 33 Sqn RAF, Middle East were ordered to take off on 2 September 1942, to intercept Stuka bombers over the forward area. Hurricane BN 908 flown by FO Dibbs took off at 0925 hours.

After vectors had been given and the formation was over a position approx 10 miles south east of El Alamein, it was intercepted by 5 ME 109's, which came out of the sun. During the ensuing fight, an aircraft was seen to hit the ground and burst into flames. After the formation returned to base, it was discovered that FO Dibbs was missing. No one saw him actually being attacked, nor was a parachute seen to open.

Dibbs was recorded as missing with no known grave.

Crew:

RAAF 403562 FO Dibbs, G R (Pilot)

GO Dibbs name is commemorated on the El Alamein Memorial, Egypt.

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420643 Pilot Officer DICKIE, John

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/9/466

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: LK 241
Radio call sign:
Unit: 299 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling LK 241 of 299 Sqn RAF, was detailed to fly from RAF Station Wetherfield, Near Braintree, Essex, on a SOE sortie on the evening of 27 November 1944. The sortie entailed dropping containers on a target near Oslo, Southern Norway.

The aircraft which took off at 1802 hours was briefed to cross the coast of Norway at 7000 feet. Five other aircraft were detailed to fly on a similar route, and whilst flak was encountered near the dropping zone by the other aircraft, there was no information obtained from them about LK 241 which did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420643 PO Dickie, J, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Stewart, J (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt Marchant, G (Air Bomber)
RAAF 420224 WO Kennedy, R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Dixon, I (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Bommel, D M (Flight Engineer)

Crew members Stewart, Kennedy and Bommel became POW's and Marchant returned safely to the UK.

Marchant stated in his report "in my opinion the aircraft was going to crash and I therefore baled out. I landed at Vigmostad, Norway. I baled out first and the navigator was preparing to leave. No information about the remainder of the crew. The intercom was U/S and the aircraft on fire. Think we were diving uncontrolled."

In his statement Kennedy said "we were attacked by two night fighters Ju88 and ME109. No order was heard from the Captain. The intercom was out of action by cannon fire, and the aircraft was diving out of control with the starboard engine on fire. Near Kristansand (Norway)."

In 1948 it was recorded that both Dickie and Dixon had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411243 Pilot Officer DODDS, David Laing

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/38/271 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: JA 681
Radio call sign: GT -
Unit: ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA 681 of 156 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Warboys, Huntingdonshire, UK, at 1948 hours on 3 September 1943, to carry out a bombing attack on Berlin. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 412714 FO Shanahan, M O, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T Hoyle, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409485 Flt Lt Stafford, H M (Navigator)
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RAAF 406772 PO Collins, J C (Wireless Air Gunner)
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402014 Flying Officer DODDS, James

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/28/56

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: Z 9588
Radio call sign:
Unit: 55 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z 9588 of 55 Sqn RAF Middle East, took off at 0315z hours to carry out an anti-submarine patrol from Beirut to the coast 10 miles east of Suez and return. At 0515 hours on 12 September 1941, a WT message was received from the aircraft ordering four late breakfasts. No further messages were received.

When it appeared the aircraft was overdue, a search was at once carried out by 4 aircraft. Further searches by eight and three aircraft covering all likely areas of a forced landing were completed the next day. No trace of the missing aircraft or crew was found.

Crew:

RAF Wing Cdr Welland, D D (Pilot)
RAAF 402014 FO Dodds, J (Observer)
RAF Sgt Lucas, W J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
AIF VX24 Major Whittaker

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420923 Flying Officer DONALD, Harley William Edwards

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/10/277, 166/24/501 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 347, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: MZ 298
Radio call sign: DY – F
Unit: ATTD 102 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax MZ 298 of 102 (Ceylon) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Pocklington on the night
of 23/24th July 1944, detailed to attack a flying bomb site at Les Hautes Buisson. Nothing
was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420923 FO Donald, H W E, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 410443 Flt Sgt N Brand, (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 417855 Flt Sgt R T Lathlean (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437061 Flt Sgt R B Selth (Air Gunner)
RAAF 419962 Flt Sgt D A Rogers, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R V Skeates
RAF Sgt W J Cook

The only survivor Flt Sgt Selth later stated “the aircraft was apparently attacked by
enemy aircraft when approx 30 miles from the English coast on the return journey. A
number of flashes occurred along the port wing and a few seconds later both port engines
caught fire. The pilot retained control for a while, then the machine went into a dive and
the pilot ordered crew to abandon. The survivor believes there was an explosion as he
next found himself in the air and parachute opened a few seconds before he reached the
water. He was picked up about an hour later by a naval vessel which also recovered the
bodies of Flt Sgt Lathlean and Flt Sgt Rogers.”

The bodies of FO Donald, Flt Sgt Brand, Sgt Skeates and Sgt Cook were not recovered
and were recorded as lost at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the
Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

Both Flt Sgt's Lathlean and Rogers are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery,
Surrey, UK.

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403862 Flight Lieutenant DOWSETT, Arnold William

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/10/164

Aircraft Type: Sunderland
Serial number: JM 709
Radio call sign:
Unit: 228 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Sunderland JM 709 of 228 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, Pembroke Dock, South Wales, at 0537 hours on 6 January 1944, to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the Bay of Biscay. There was no messages received from the aircraft after take off, and it failed to return to base. It was assumed that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Bailey, H R (Pilot)
RAF PO Cherrie, AW (Pilot)
RAAF 403862 Flt Lt Dowsett, A W (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Morton, H, DFM (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt Coutts, A T (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF WO Finlay, D B (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Kaufman, F (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Wilkinson, H J (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Watson, A (Fitter Mechanic/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt MacLean, D C J (Aircraft Hand/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Freedman, J (Aircraft Hand/Air Gunner)

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417817 Flying Officer DRAYSEY, Lloyd

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/783 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 479,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LM 624
Radio call sign: DX – A
Unit: 57 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM 624 of 57 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station East Kirkby, at 1631 hours on the night of 6/7th November 1944 to cut the junction of the Dortmund-Ems and Mitterland Kanal systems near Gravenhorst, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and the aircraft did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 26756 FO Cooper, J A G, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Beach, A K (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 417817 FO Draysey, L (Navigator)
RAAF 427118 Flt Sgt Hesford, B (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429645 Flt Sgt Brown, B H (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt Sloane, F J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Saville, G (Rear Gunner)

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

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407415 Pilot Officer DREW, Roy Arthur DFM

Sources:

NAA: A705, 163/103/207
A9300 Barcode 5380039

Aircraft Type: Kittyhawk
Serial number: AK 586
Radio call sign:
Unit: 112 Sqn RAF

Summary:

PO Drew flying Kittyhawk AK 586 was in a formation of 7 aircraft which took off from Gambut Satellite at 1120 hours on 17 June 1942 to bomb enemy motor transport and troop carriers at M.R.415403.

Apparently AK 586 had some difficulty at the take off, as the aircraft was not airborne until several minutes after the others, and consequently flew alone to the target where the aircraft was seen at approx 1140 hours. This is the last reported sighting of the aircraft and the aircraft and pilot did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 407415 PO Drew, R A, DFM (Pilot)

Citation:

DFM: In May 1942, Flt Sgt Drew led a formation of fighter and bomber aircraft in an attack on a concentration of tanks and motor transport.

On arrival over the target area he ordered all aircraft to orbit out of range of fire from the ground defences while he dived through the barrage to 1000 feet to identify the target.

Having done so, he released a bomb which fell in the centre of the enemy vehicles as an aiming point for the other bombers. In a subsequent attack he led the bombers through the barrage, releasing his bombs and using his machine guns most effectively.

On other occasions Flt Sgt Drew has participated in sorties over difficult targets, achieving success.

He is a courageous and determined pilot and has set an inspiring example. He has destroyed two enemy aircraft.

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409392 Pilot Officer DRIPPS, Donald Campbell

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/10/159

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: DV 343
Radio call sign: BQ – X2
Unit: 550 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV 343 of 550 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, Grimsby, Lincolnshire, at 2345 hours on 23 December 1943, for operations against Berlin, but nothing further was seen or heard from it after take off. The aircraft did not return to base.

Fourteen aircraft were detailed for the mission and all returned safely with the exception of two which collided near base soon after take off, and DV 343. It was reported that fighter and flak opposition was moderate.

Crew:

RAAF 409392 PO Dripps, D C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Scott, J G (Flight Engineer)
RCAF FO Stewart, J E (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Sibley, E T (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Campbell, D (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Gillies, B (Mid Upper gunner)
RAF FO Orme, G C (Rear gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

418362 Flying Officer DUGGAN, Gordon William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/10/375 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, page 526,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: PB 134
Radio call sign: OL – N
Unit: ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB 134 of 83 Sqn RAF, Path Finder Force, which was detailed to attack warships at Horten in the Oslo Fiord, took off from RAF Station, Coningsby, Lincolnshire at 1956 hours on 31 December 1944. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft which was possibly shot down by flak or enemy fighters.

Crew:

RAAF 418362 FO Duggan, G W, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Groom, G J A (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Maynard, S J S (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Kear, R (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Brockbank, S (Air Bomber)
RAF WO Poole, F J (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt Little, H T (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Jones, H (Air Gunner)

The body of Flt Sgt Maynard (RAF) was washed ashore at Rostad Krogstan, Oslo Fiord, and buried at Moss.

There was no other information re the remainder of the crew and it was concluded they had lost their lives at sea. They have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407615 Flying Officer DUMAS, Charles John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/28/111 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Baltimore
Serial number: AG 737
Radio call sign:
Unit: 223 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Baltimore AG 737 of 223 Sqn RAF, operating as part of 1437 Strategic Recce Flight, RAF Middle East, took off at 1000 hours on 10 August 1942 to carry out a reconnaissance patrol over enemy positions in the Western Desert and Libya. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 407615 FO Dumas, C J (Pilot)
RAAF 400525 Sgt Carter, H M (Observer)
RAAF 406217 Sgt Humphries, K E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Millar, F J (Air Gunner)

It was later reported by the Fighting French that the wreck of the aircraft was found east of Lake Margh-Ra in the Middle East, and that there were no survivors.

In 1949, No 1 War Graves Commission reported that they had no burial information of the above members and the case was closed with the missing crew having no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

423083 Pilot Officer DUNKERLEY, Allan Roy Frank

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/10/358

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: N 745
Radio call sign:
Unit: 75 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster N745 of 75 (New Zealand) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station Mepal, near Ely, Cambridgeshire, at 1546 hours on 21 November 1944, to carry out a sea mining sortie in Oslo Fiord. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Lt Martyn, L A (Pilot)
RNZAF FO Elliot, T J (Navigator)
RAAF 423083 PO Dunkerley, A R F (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Crabtree, J G (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Starkey, C R (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Lindsay, G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Wright, A R (Rear Gunner)

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404453 Flying Officer DURBRIDGE, Robert Keep

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/28/78

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: Z 8428
Radio call sign: LQ – N
Unit: 405 RCAF Sqn

Summary:

Wellington Z 8428 of No 405 (Vancouver) Sqn RCAF, took off from RAF Station Pocklington, at 1945 hours on 10 March 1942 to carry out operations over Essen, Germany.

At 2325 hours an SOS was received from the aircraft and the Air Sea Rescue service was called out to carry out a search which was not successful.

Crew:

RAAF 404453 FO Durbridge, R K, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404550 Flt Sgt Lonergan, R N (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt Garnett, F C
RCAF Sgt Broddy, J M
RAF Sgt Wright, W
RAF Sgt Tilley, G A

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407496 Pilot Officer EDEN, John Jerram

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/105/94

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: 27899
Radio call sign:
Unit: 45 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On 14 March 1942, Blenheim 27899 from 45 Sqn RAF piloted by Sgt Powell was detailed to carry out a low level offensive recce of the Lower Irrawaddy – Mingaladon – Himawbi Road area, Burma. The aircraft took off from Magwe drome at approx 1530 hours but did not return to base.

The following day one aircraft went out on a search, but owing to low cloud and general weather conditions being bad, they found no trace of the missing aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 404656 Sgt Powell, L S (Pilot)
RAAF 400526 Sgt Connor, L W H (Observer)
RAAF 407496 PO Eden, J J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1953 following searches by the British Far Eastern Graves Service, it was reported that “the aircraft crashed in the Lower Irrawaddy area of southern Burma about half a mile from the Mingaladon – Hmawbi road. The aircraft exploded on impact and all three would have been killed instantaneously. Their bodies were thrown from the aircraft and later cremated by the local villagers who witnessed the crash and gave the information to the search party”. All crew recorded as missing with no known grave.

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416166 Flying Officer EDWARDS, Allen Grayson

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/11/7

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: DR 660
Radio call sign:
Unit: 541 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire DR 660 of 541 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, Mount Farm, Dorchester on Thames, at 1116 hours on 25 January 1943 to carry out a photo recce over the Chateaurue and Clermont Fenraud area, Southern France.

The weather forecast for the target area was broken cloud with considerable cloud over the whole of the north of France on track to the target area.

At 1520 hours a message was received from the aircraft stating engine trouble had arisen and a further message 15 minutes later indicated that he intended to bale out approx. 12 miles SW of Guernsey.

As the ASR were unable to carry out a search due to the weather conditions and the range of the search from the English coast, a distress signal was broadcast to the German ASR service, but no news was forthcoming from Germany.

Pilot recorded as missing lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 416166 FO Edwards, A G (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411303 Flying Officer ELLIS, Douglas William

Source:

NAA: AQ705, 166/11/55

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: VI 711
Radio call sign:
Unit: 608 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hudson VI 711 of No 608 (North Riding) Sqn RAF, British North African Force, was reported missing from an operational sortie on 12 July 1943. The aircraft failed to return to base at 0130 hours on 13 July 1943. No further news was received of aircraft or crew, which was assumed lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 411303 FO Ellis, D W, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF FO Belecky (Navigator)
RAAF 411618 Flt Sgt Van Waning, K (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 408739 Flt Sgt Rubens, N A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF LAC Vaneta, H (Meteorologist)

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412932 Flight Lieutenant ELLIS, Henry Arthur Laurence DFC

Sources:

AWM 237 (65) AWM 65 (1196) NAA: A705, 166/11/112
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 85, Volume1944..

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: LL 143
Radio call sign: KN – O
Unit: 77 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax LL 143 of 77 Sqn RAF, took off at 2331 hours from RAF Station Elvington, on an operational sortie on the night of 19/20th February, 1944, the target Leipzig. The aircraft did not return and nothing further was heard of aircraft or crew who were on their 30th operation.

Crew:

RAAF 412932 Flt Lt Ellis, H A L, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Schofield, J N (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Mackie, P H J (Navigator)
RAF PO Sullivan, R D (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Payne, H F (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Graham, C W G (Air Gunner)
RAAF 412942 PO Fletcher, D (Air Gunner)

Both the aircraft and crew were lost without trace and the crew have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

Citation:

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Ellis is as follows :
One night in November 1943, Pilot Officer Ellis piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Leverkusen. When nearing the target the bomber came under heavy fire from the ground defences. Two of the aircraft's engines were hit and other damage sustained. Undeterred, PO Ellis flew on to the target and pressed home his attack. Not long afterwards both the defective engines became useless. In spite of this FO Ellis flew the bomber to base. He displayed superb skill, great courage and resolution.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

413842 Flight Lieutenant ELMES, Charles Robert Henry

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/11/322

Aircraft Type: Liberator

Serial number: KG 911

Radio call sign:

Unit: 203 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator KG 911 of 203 Sqn RAF Captained by Flt Lt Elmes, took off at 0215Z on 23 July 1945 from Kankasantura on an operational sortie with another Liberator C 203 of the Squadron. Both aircraft staged through China Bay, where they refuelled before proceeding on the mission. D 203 took off from China Bay at 0500z, being followed by C 203 at 0510Z. The task was to attack a convoy of fire vessels, "Sugar Dog" type, which were escorted by one vessel, moving in an easterly direction along the northern coast of Sumatra.

C 203 made a successful flight to the target area, and sighted the convoy at 1112Z on 23 July which was stationary approx 2 miles north of Sigli, attacked it and was met by accurate machine gun fire from all vessels. During his bombing run, the Captain of C 203 reported seeing a large fire, which he took to be a petrol fire, on a hill side three to four miles inland from Sigli.

From the time KG 911 took off from China Bay, no signals were received from the aircraft, although the Control Station kept calling until approx two hours past absolute endurance.

C 203 and an ASR Catalina, which was covering the track between China Bay and the target area, saw nothing of KG 911 to or from the target. Two ASR Liberators carried out a parallel track sweep as far as Sabang on the following day without success.

From the evidence available it was considered possible that the petrol fire reported some three to four miles from Sigli was that of the missing aircraft D 203, which had possibly met either ack- ack fire from the land or was intercepted by fighter aircraft and had crashed.

Crew:

RAAF 413842 Flt Lt Elmes, C R H (Pilot)

RAF FO Prosser, J V (2nd Pilot)

RAF WO Pickering, K C (Navigator/Bombaimer)

RAF Flt Sgt Churchill, J (Flight Engineer)

RAAF 442421 Flt Sgt Francis, H B (Wireless Operator/Air)

RAAF 435624 Flt Sgt Hamilton, C H (Wireless Operator/Air)

RAAF 430973 Flt Sgt Cook, K T (Wireless Operator/Air)

RAF Sgt Marchant, F H H (Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt Grainger, R K (Air Gunner)

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401371 Flight Lieutenant ESLER, William James

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/11/149

Aircraft Type: Liberator.
Serial number: BZ 942
Radio call sign:
Unit: 224 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ 942 of 224 Sqn RAF took off from St Eval, Cornwall, at 2139 hours on 6 June 1944 to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the English Channel. No messages were received from the aircraft after take off and nothing further was heard.

Crew:

RCAF FO Allen, E, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF FO Hayward, M N (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 401371 Flt Lt Esler, W J (Navigator)
RAF PO Pugsley, H E (Navigator)
RAF Flt Lt Aust, L R, DFC, DFM (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF WO McIlaney, H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Fraggart, D (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Mitchell, J A (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt McLaughlin, A (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Gray, J B C (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Croft, A R (Flight Engineer)

In 1949 it was concluded that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

417354 Flying Officer ESSEX, Adrian West

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/12/177

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: MG 491
Radio call sign: PM - R
Unit: 103 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster MG 491 of 103 Sqn RAF, left RAF Station Esham Wolds, Barnetby, Lincolnshire, at the appointed time on the night of 18/19th March 1945 to operate against Hanau, Germany. Since take off nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 417354 FO Essex, A W, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Gregory, C H (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Jewiss, W J (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Whiteing, A E (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Armitage, S (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Aldridge, J E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Pendleton, R G (Rear Gunner)

Crew recorded as missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

427898 Flying Officer EVANS, David Henry Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/12/158 166/28/512 Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, 1939-1947, Page 158, Volume 8.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster

Serial number: NE 132

Radio call sign:

Unit: 1653 Conversion Royal Air Force 73 Base

Summary:

Lancaster NE 132 took off on 6 February 1945 from RAF North Luffenham on a night training cross country flight, and crashed at 0225 hours near Llanbedr, North Wales. The aircraft entered a cu-nimbus cloud, iced up rapidly, and dived out of control, coming apart as it fell. Debris was scattered over a wide area, with a considerable concentration being found near the summit ridge of Rhinog Fawr above the Afon Artro valley in Snowdonia. .

At 0102 hours the aircraft sent a position signal 5015N 0608W. At 0340 hours with nothing further heard, Group Ops was requested to take action. NW Filter No 10 Group later reported a crash and fire at 0225 hours in VJ 1048 (map ref.) near Llanbedr in Wales.

Police reported from Dyffrey that a burst of flame was seen in the air about 0225 hours with light fragments falling. Fragments of an aircraft and an airman's glove were found in the vicinity.

Crew:

RAAF 427898 FO Evans, D H R, Captain (Pilot)

RAF Sgt Hodge, G E W (Flight Engineer)

RAAF FO Moon, M W (Navigator)

RAF Sgt Souden, C W (Air Bomber)

RAF Sgt Oliff, A E (Wireless Operator/Air)

RAF Sgt Nielsen, H (Mid Upper Gunner)

RAF Sgt Gash, A D (Rear Gunner)

PO Evans and Sgt Gash have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

Sgt Hodge is buried in the Aylesford Cemetery, UK.

FO Moon and Sgt Nielsen are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK

Sgt Souden is buried in the Birmingham (Lodge Hill) Cemetery, UK

Sgt Oliff is buried in the Cranham (All Saints) Churchyard, UK.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406203 Flying Officer EVANS, David Hugh

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/30/57

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: Z 9574
Radio call sign:
Unit: 11 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z 9574 of 11 Sqn RAF (Indian Command), was ordered by Ops 222 Group to carry out operations against the Japanese fleet on the morning of 9 April 1942. Enemy fighters were encountered and neither the aircraft nor crew were seen since. They were missing believed killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Knight, R O (Pilot)
RAAF 406203 FO Evans, D H (Observer)
RAAF 402093 Sgt Mcauley, A J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1948 it was concluded that the crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

413713 Pilot Officer FAHEY, Edwin Anthony

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/13/507

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: KN 602
Radio call sign:
Unit: 117 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Dakota KN 602 of 117 Sqn RAF took off from Kyaukpyu, Burma, at 1626 hours on 27 June 1945 to return to base along with three other Squadron aircraft. These three other aircraft turned back to Akyab, Burma, at 0742 hours after reaching position 2055n 9212E. KN 602 was last seen by the crew of one of the other aircraft just out from the shore and heading towards the coast at a 45 degrees angle.

When the three turned back to Akyab the weather was atrocious with exceptionally low cloud. No details of load or passengers (if any) could be given by Flying Control Kyaukpyu. The Captain of KN 602 was an experienced pilot with 454 hours to his credit on his present tour in the theatre.

Crew:

RAF FO Kent, A C (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Ball, R B (Pilot)
RAAF 413713 PO Fahey, E A (Navigator)
RCAF FO O'Reilly, H M (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Cooper, W A (Wireless Operator/Air)

In 1946 it was reported that "the aircraft crashed 7 miles south west of Teknauf, Tek Peninsula 2055N 9220E. The wreck was discovered near the mouth of a river at Teknauf Burma. The aircraft was on a transport flight between Ramree Burma and Chittagong in NE India. There were five crew on board together with eight passengers (Indian Army and British Army personnel)."

Seven unidentified bodies were discovered near the wreck. It was believed that the remains of the others on board were carried off in the river.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

412502 Pilot Officer FAIRFAX, Allan Graham

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/31/53

Aircraft Type: Flying Fortress
Serial number: 41 – 2536
Radio call sign:
Unit: 65 Sqn USAAF

Summary:

PO Fairfax of 65th Bombardment Sqn (H), USAAF, was the Navigator on a B17 type aircraft attacking two destroyers 58 miles from Lae on 22 November 1942. After the bombs were dropped on the target his plane was seen to be hit by ack-ack fire from the 2 destroyers. Six men were seen to parachute from the plane and land in the water. When last observed one of the destroyers was seen heading for the men who had parachuted from the plane.

In a statement by PO Edkins, J.L., Observer attached to the USAAC and on the same mission he reported “at about 1630 on the day in question a flight of our Squadron was bombing a Jap destroyer off Lae. The aircraft in which Fairfax was in was doing a dive and turn away from the target, when ack-ack fire caught the plane under the pilot. The aircraft burst into flames and went down in the sea. There were 10 in the crew and 6 were seen to bale out and go into the sea.

Jap destroyers turned and circled the spot, and it is not known if those in the sea were picked up. Two hours later the two Jap destroyers were sunk, and it is not known if any of the aircraft survivors who were picked up, drowned or became POW's.”

In 1949, it was concluded that if Fairfax was picked up from the sea it must have been by one of the destroyers which was sunk shortly afterwards. Whether Fairfax survived to become a POW could not be established from interrogation of the Japanese and no further information is available as to his ultimate fate.

Crew:

RAAF 412502 PO Fairfax A G (Navigator)

Other crew details not available on the RAAF Casualty file.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

414011 Pilot Officer FAIRLIE, Kenneth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A9300, Barcode 5381588 Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 283,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 950
Radio call sign: OF – X
Unit: ATTD 97 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 950 of 97 (Straits Settlement) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station Bourn, UK at 2038 hours on the night of 23 August 1943 to bomb Berlin. The aircraft and crew did not return to base and were reported missing.

Crew:

RAAF 414011 PO Fairlie, K, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Addison, C E (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sqn Ldr Forrest, J N, DSO, DFC (Navigator)
RAF Sqn Ldr Parrott, E H (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Ball, F (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Cossins, A J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Coombs, G E W (Rear Gunner)

Investigations after the war established that the aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Doberitz with six of the crew killed and Sgt Addison a POW.

PO Fairlie, Sqn Ldr Forrest and Sgt Coombs have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.
The remaining three crew members are buried in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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

422471 Pilot Officer FAITHORN, Lawrence Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 384, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ND 854
Radio call sign:	OL – F
Unit:	ATTD 83 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND854 took off from RAF Coningsby at 1728 hours on the night of 14th August 1944, detailed to attack shipping at Brest, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 413091 Flt Lt McLean, F E DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Furniss, B B (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Lt Bedell, C F DFC & Bar (Navigator)
RCAF FO Leonard, J (Nav/B)
RAF FO Kemp, E A L (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J Henderson, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 422471 PO Faithorn, L E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF WO G M Jones, (Rear Gunner)

It was presumed that the aircraft crashed into the sea off Brest. All the crew were killed. Flt Lt McLean is buried in the Cameret-sur-Mer Communal Cemetery, Locality Finisgtere, France. Cameret-sur-Mer is a small town and communal 48kms north west of Quimper, and about 15kms south west of Brest.

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

Citation :

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt McLean is as follows :
Flt Lt McLean has taken part in attacks on vital and heavily defended targets in Germany and occupied Europe. In December 1943, on returning from an attack against the German capital he encountered very adverse weather over the landing field. The navigation systems and the wireless communication system of the aircraft were unserviceable, and the aircraft hit an obstruction and burst into flames. Although injured himself, Flt Lt McLean helped to extricate his crew and despite this harassing experience, he immediately, on recovery, resumed operational flying with undiminished enthusiasm. An excellent captain of aircraft he has consistently maintained a high standard of efficiency and imbued his crew with his fine fighting spirit. (London Gazette 12/2/1946 Page 903)

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

421035 Flight Lieutenant FENWICK, George Walter John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/16/632 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: KH 338
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD 86 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator KH 338 of 86 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, Tain, Ross-Shire, Scotland, on 26 April 1945 to carry out an anti-U boat patrol in the Skaggerak area. The aircraft did not return to base and nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 414438 FO Tyas, H C, Captain, (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Thompson (2nd Pilot)
RAF FO Gudge (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF PO Bradfield (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 421035 Flt Lt Fenwick, G W J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 421201 PO Goddard, O E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 421203 PO Goodwin, R B (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Yorke (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Lewis (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Harris (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Flt Sgt Rupert (Air Gunner)

In 1949 it was presumed that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411762 Pilot Officer FINDLATER, Frank Desmond

Source:

NAA: A9300, Barcode 5243096

RAAF Casualty file not held by Archives

Aircraft Type: Hampden

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 519 Sqn RAF

Summary:

PO Findlater of 519 Sqn RAF was reported missing on air operations from the UK on 25 August 1943, and it was presumed that he died on that date.

Crew:

RAAF 411762 PO Findlater, F D (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

Details of other crew members not available from above file.

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

401781 Pilot Officer FINNIE, Alistair Mackenzie

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/13/143

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: MH 730
Radio call sign:
Unit: 602 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire MH 730 of 602 (City of Glasgow) Sqn RAF, flown by PO Finnie, took off from RAF Station Detling, near Maidstone, Kent, UK, on the 18 October 1943.

MH 730 and other Spitfires of 602 Sqn together with aircraft from 132 Sqn RAF were in the Lille area when 30 ME 109's and approx 25 FW 190's were engaged in combat. 602 Sqn aircraft became split up and PO Finnie stayed with his leader Flt Lt Loud, an experienced fighter pilot and Flight Commander.

At all times they attempted to engage different formations of the enemy, but were unsuccessful. After a period in the area they made their way homeward towards Calais. On reaching Calais area they were the target of very heavy flak, so turned intending to cross the coast between Cape Gris Nez and Dunkirk flying at about 15,000 feet and about 1500 feet below cloud.

They were attacked by two ME 109's and PO Finnie's aircraft was hit. Loud continued to engage the two enemy aircraft to give Finnie a chance to bring the aircraft home. Finnie called Mayday, and when Loud disengaged after about 4 to 5 minutes, he crossed the coast and searched for Finnie. He saw an oil patch 6 miles north west of Cape Gris Nez but no sign of the pilot.

He continued to circle and called Mayday until relieved by two ASR Spitfires, when he returned due to lack of fuel. He did not see Finnie bale out, and it is assumed PO Finnie was lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 401781 PO Finnie, A M (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

419789 Pilot Officer FISHER, David Ralston

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/13/293

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: PB 180
Radio call sign: MG – F
Unit: 7 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB 180 of 7 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, Oakington, Cambridge, UK, on the night of 26/27th August 1944 to attack Kiel. The aircraft did not return to base and nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Lt Smaill, W B, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 419789 PO Fisher, D R (Navigator)
RAAF 418333 PO Baxter, W S (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Butson, J F (Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt Sgt Wooliscroft, A K (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Twell, N (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Godfray, M G, DFM (Rear Gunner)

Flt Lt Smaill's (RNZAF) body was washed ashore at Ahus Kristinsand and buried at Ostra Begravningsplatsen in Malmo Sweden. PO Baxter (RAAF) and PO Butson (RAF) are buried in the Kiel Garrison Cemetery, and Flt Sgt Wooliscroft (RAF) is interred in Denmark. The remaining 3 crew members including PO Fisher (RAAF) were assumed to have lost their lives at sea on 27 August 1944.

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

413113 Flight Lieutenant FLEMING, Raymond Charles

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/13/83

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 697
Radio call sign: SR – V
Unit: 101 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 697 of 101 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Ludford Magna, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire at 2222 hours on the night of 8 July 1943, on an operational flight over Cologne. The ETA back at base was 0404 hours on 9 July. At 0045 hours it was last heard on W/T calling for assistance and a position of 0540N 0045E fixed. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 413113 Flt Lt Fleming, R C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Sharman, A A (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Powell, F W (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Coneff, S R (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Barrett, J G (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Stevenson, D A (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Johnson, J W (Rear Gunner)

After post war enquiries and investigations which revealed no trace of the missing aircraft or crew, it was recorded in 1950 that the missing crew had no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

412942 Pilot Officer FLETCHER, Donald

Sources:

AWM 237 (65) AWM 65 (1196) NAA: A705, 166/11/112
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 85, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: LL 143
Radio call sign: KN – O
Unit: 77 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax LL 143 of 77 Sqn RAF, took off at 2331 hours from RAF Station Elvington, on an operational sortie on the night of 19/20th February, 1944, the target Leipzig. The aircraft did not return and nothing further was heard of aircraft or crew who were on their 30th operation.

Crew:

RAAF 412932 Flt Lt Ellis, H A L, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Schofield, J N (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Mackie, P H J (Navigator)
RAF PO Sullivan, R D (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Payne, H F (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Graham, C W G (Air Gunner)
RAAF 412942 PO Fletcher, D (Air Gunner)

Both the aircraft and crew were lost without trace and the crew have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

Citation:

The Citation for the award of DFC to Flt Lt Ellis is as follows :
One night in November 1943, Pilot Officer Ellis piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Leverkusen. When nearing the target the bomber came under heavy fire from the ground defences. Two of the aircraft's engines were hit and other damage sustained. Undeterred, PO Ellis flew on to the target and pressed home his attack. Not long afterwards both the defective engines became useless. In spite of this FO Ellis flew the bomber to base. He displayed superb skill, great courage and resolution.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

428417 Flying Officer FONG, George

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/14/333

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: MP 792
Radio call sign:
Unit: 78 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Wellington MP 792 of No 78 OTU RAF took off from RAF Station Ein Shemer, Middle East Force, at approx 6pm on 8 January 1945 to carry out a non operational training exercise over the sea, and the aircraft failed to return to base.

Normal radio contact was kept with the aircraft for a time but after 6.35pm no further messages were received, and base could not regain contact. A little later information was received that an aircraft had crashed in the sea. A launch was despatched to carry out a search, and although some aircraft wreckage similar to the missing aircraft type was located, it could not be established if it came from the missing aircraft. Also no trace of the crew could be found.

It was believed that the aircraft came down in the sea approx 3 miles west of Jaffa, Palestine, and that the crew were lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 10963 FO Williams, A H (Pilot)
RAAF 428417 FO Fong, G (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 433709 Flt Sgt Barnfield, C E H (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 435057 Flt Sgt Tunnock, A B (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 436254 Flt Sgt Robins, A A (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 430970 Flt Sgt Sandlant, N G (Wireless Operator/Air)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

416754 Flying Officer FORD, Bruce Edward Charles

Source:

NAA: A9300, Barcode 5246656

RAAF Casualty file not held by NAA

Aircraft Type: Liberator

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 232 Sqn RAF

Summary:

FO Ford pilot of a Liberator aircraft of 232 (Transport) Sqn RAF flying from India to Australia on a non-operational transport run on 30 August 1945, was missing believed killed in an aircraft accident in the vicinity of Cocos Island.

Crew:

RAAF 416754 FO Ford, B E C (Pilot)

Other crew member details not available on above Archive file.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

422510 Flying Officer GOLDING, Richard Henry

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/16/613

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: X 111
Radio call sign:
Unit: 221 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington X 111 of 221 Sqn RAF took off from its Mediterranean base on an air test on 3 April 1945, between the hours of 1645 and 1745 hours. It was seen to climb to 1000 feet with its undercarriage still down, and was last seen flying out to sea. No messages were received from the aircraft which failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422510 FO Golding, R H (Pilot)
RAAF 60355 PO Tate, K (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF LAC Smith, G W (Fitter 11A)

In 1948 it was recorded that the crew lost their lives at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

417704 Flying Officer FRANCIS, Eoin Samuel

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/14/332

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: NF 939
Radio call sign: GI - D
Unit: 622 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF 939 of 622 Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station Mildenhall, Suffolk, at 1608 hours on 6 January 1945 to lay mines in the Danzig area. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 417704 FO Francis, E S, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Steedon, A D (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Kelly, W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Traylan (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt MacRae, W (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Christie, P A (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Soanes, R C (Flight Engineer)

In 1950 it was concluded that the aircraft crashed in the sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411767 Flying Officer FRAZER, John Alfred

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/14/5

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: BS 500
Radio call sign:
Unit: 69 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire BS 500 of 69 Sqn RAF took off at 0905 hours on 11 January 1943 on an operational flight and on returning to base it was assumed that the aircraft crashed into the sea approx 30 miles north east of Malta.

Crew:

RAAF 411767 FO Frazer, J A (Pilot)

In 1948 it was concluded that the pilot lost his life at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404240 Pilot Officer FREEMAN, Hubert Thomas MID

Sources:

NAA: A9300, Barcode 5381522

AWM65, 2184

Aircraft Type: Mohawk

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: ATTD 155 SQN RAF

Summary:

PO Freeman, pilot of a Mohawk aircraft of 155 Sqn RAF was reported missing on air operations in India on 20 April 1943. The squadron at the time was based at Imphal, India.

Crew:

RAAF 404240 PO Freeman, H T (Pilot)

PO Freeman is missing and has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Singapore. The cemetery is located in the Kranji War Cemetery, which is 22kms north of the city of Singapore, on the north side of the Singapore Island overlooking the Straits of Johore.

Citation:

MID: PO Freeman's above service record file records the award of Mentioned in Despatches authorised in London Gazette of 11 June 1942. The above AWM65 citation file has details of missions flown by Freeman in Spitfire aircraft of Nos 118 and 234 Sqns RAF during 1941, but does not have a specific entry of MID.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

421203 Pilot Officer GOODWIN, Ronald Bede

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/16/632 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: KH 338
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD 86 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator KH 338 of 86 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, Tain, Ross-Shire, Scotland, on 26 April 1945 to carry out an anti-U boat patrol in the Skaggerak area. The aircraft did not return to base and nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 414438 FO Tyas, H C, Captain, (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Thompson (2nd Pilot)
RAF FO Gudge (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF PO Bradfield (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 421035 Flt Lt Fenwick, G W J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 421201 PO Goddard, O E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 421203 PO Goodwin, R B (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Yorke (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Lewis (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Harris (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Flt Sgt Rupert (Air Gunner)

In 1949 it was presumed that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404741 Flying Officer FULLER, Kenneth

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/14/168

Aircraft Type: Beaufighter
Serial number: LZ 227
Radio call sign:
Unit: 211 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter LZ 227 of 211 Sqn RAF, was one of six squadron aircraft to carry out an operational strike on airfields in the Pegu area Burma on 6 March 1944. The aircraft failed to return to base in the Indian area. Its last known position was near Pegu in position 1707N 9620E. None of the other aircraft saw LZ 227 crash. Both fighter opposition and ack-ack fire were encountered.

Crew:

RAAF 404741 FO Fuller, K (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Cook, S C (Navigator/Wireless)

In 1954 a search party found wreckage of the aircraft near Kawa on the east bank of the Pegu River, not far from where the aircraft was last reported. The location is about 30 miles north east of Rangoon. Local inhabitants stated that the aircraft has crashed and exploded on impact, with both occupants killed instantly. The remains of the 2 crew were buried by natives near the east bank of the river, but the grave site had been completely washed away by subsequent floods.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403733 Flying Officer GARRIOCK, Walter

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/33/75 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Beaufort
Serial number: DE 110
Radio call sign:
Unit: 47 Sqn RAF.

Summary:

On 26 October 1942 Beaufort DE 110 piloted by PO Garriock, was in a formation of 8 Beauforts of 47 Sqn RAF, which left Gianacelis to strike against an enemy convoy of 2 motor vessels, a tanker and four destroyers nearing Tobruk. Bisleys and Beaufighters escorted the above formation. The target convoy was seen at 3220N 2342E.

The Beauforts carried out a torpedo attack and the Bisleys a low level bombing attack on the convoy. Ten miles on the return journey, DE 110 (PO Garriock), collided with a Bisley and crashed into the sea. No survivors were observed, and all crew members were lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 403733 PO Garriock, W (Pilot)
RNZAF PO Simpson, R W (Observer)
RAAF 407166 Sgt Davis, L G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 404689 Sgt Hamilton, R J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402864 Flying Officer GENGOS, William

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/33/70

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: AD 629
Radio call sign:
Unit: 108 Sqn RAF.

Summary:

Wellington AD 629 of 108 Sqn RAF took off at 1946 hours on 12 August 1942 to carry out an operational sortie against Tobruk. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 402425 Sgt Watts, D, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402864 FO Gengos, W (2nd Pilot)
PO Harris, R (Navigator)
RAAF 400354 Sgt Opas, A L (Wireless Operator)
RAAF 402596 Sgt Hart, M. (Front Gunner)
RAF Sgt Taylor, J W (Rear Gunner)

In 1948 it was recorded that all the crew lost their lives and have no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406355 Flying Officer GEORGE, Lloyd

Source:

NAA: NA705, 163/33/57

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: Z 8504
Radio call sign:
Unit: 21 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z 8504 of 21 Operational Training RAF, left Gibraltar on 23 January 1942, in transit for the Middle East, but did not arrive at Malta. The aircraft crash landed in the sea.

Crew:

RAAF 406355 FO George, L (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt Shanahan
RAF PO Bergson
RAF PO Gardiner
RCAF Sgt Ramal
RAF Sgt Webb

In September 1942, the following statement was made by a survivor from the crash landing: "George was lost on or about the sixth day in the dinghy. The seas were very rough, we were without food or water, and we despaired of any hope of rescue. George was as always thinking of his mother and fiancée and showed a locket and photograph. He said a short prayer and went over the side of the dinghy. May you use this at your discretion, since I am sure I don't know myself whether it was an accident or not, the seas being very rough indeed."

Of the crew of six, there were five survivors in the dinghy. Sgt Webb (the Rear Gunner) and two of the five reached the Algerian coast, Gardiner did not survive and Shanahan became a POW. In 1948 it was recorded that FO George lost his life at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

267505 Wing Commander GIBBES, Augustus Rodney DFC

Source:

NAA: A 705, 166/15/96.

AWM65, 2273

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HE 266
Radio call sign:
Unit: 142 Sqn RAF.

Summary:

Wellington HE 266 of 142 Sqn RAF took off at 1931 hours on 16 August 1942, detailed to attack the landing ground at Viterbo, Italy. No news of the aircraft or crew were received after take off.

The route proposed was: Base – Kalibia Corridor – Marittimo – Lake Bracciano – Target – Marittimo – Kalibia Corridor – return Base.

Crew:

RAAF 267505 Wing Cdr Gibbes, A R, DFC (Pilot)
RAF Sgt (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Hart, V A (Bombaimer)
RCAF Sgt Schultz (Wireless teleg/Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Pratt, J C (Air Gunner)

Citation:

DFC: On 20th May 1940, Flying Officer Gibbes pressed home his reconnaissance for targets in such a deliberate manner that he was heavily engaged by ack-ack fire from the ground and both front and rear gunners were wounded. He has a personal record of seven long sweeps, one night reconnaissance over Germany, and 18 bombing operations, including daylight attacks on Heligoland and Bergen, and a dawn and dusk attack on Stavanger. Throughout he has shown persistent determination and outstanding courage often in the face of extremely unpleasant conditions.

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

418529 Flying Officer GIBBS, Harold John

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/15/455

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: HB 217
Radio call sign:
Unit: 99 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator HB 217 of 99 (Madras Presidency) Sqn RAF, South East Asian Air Force, was detailed to carry out a daylight bombing operation against Dump No 1, North Rangoon, Burma. The aircraft crashed in the sea approx. 10 Miles from Cox's Bazaar, India, at approx 0730Z on 23 April 1945.

Crew:

RAAF 418529 FO Gibbs, H J (Pilot)
RAF FO Gulbert, B D (Pilot)
RAAF 424425 FO Loton, E R (Navigator)
RAF Flt Lt Sadlier, N A (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt Dunn, R J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt Bowman, D S J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Duckles, S (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Bebe, R C (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Steel, J S (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt McIntosh, A (Flight Engineer)

The aircraft was last seen flying low over the Bay of Bengal, when it hit the water and disappeared in the space of a minute. There were two survivors from the crash Flt Lt Sadlier (RAF) and Flt Sgt Bowman (RCAF). They were picked up by launch 30 minutes later, but the other crew were not recovered.

In his statement Sadlier reported: I was flying as bombaimer in HB 217. We had just left the target (Rangoon) and were on our way home. Cheduba Island, Burma, was reached and course was set from the NW corner of the Island. The navigator gave an ETA Sunderbans of 1404hrs. Aircraft height was 5/6000 feet and sky cloudless & clear. I went back to the beam position and shortly afterwards was joined by the 2nd wireless operator. At about 1330 the Captain said he was going to feather No 3 engine. After a few minutes I felt a slight jolt and saw No 3 engine start engine. Shortly after the Captain reported that the trimming tabs had jammed and he could not get it back. The engineer went back to check the cables with the aircraft yawing and skidding. The Captain told the crew to

prepare for ditching. I braced myself when close to the water, and then found myself under the water.

I reached the surface near the 2nd wireless operator (Bowman) and trying to inflate my Mae West without success I hung on to Bowman. Apart from the navigator who was sitting on part of the wing and went down with the wreckage I saw no other crew member. Bowman and I were picked up by a cargo vessel after about 45 minutes.”

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402946 Flying Officer GIBSON, Douglas Clarke

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/34/197

Aircraft Type: Beaufighter
Serial number: T 4933
Radio call sign:
Unit: 227 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter T 4933 of 227 Sqn RAF, Middle East Force, left Base at 0715 hrs on 15 June 1942 as fighter escort to a convoy on the way to Crete, but did not return to base from the mission. It is presumed the aircraft came down in the sea somewhere west of Crete. Whether this was due to enemy action or not is not known. Searches made for the aircraft and crew were unsuccessful, with the crew being recorded as lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 402946 FO Gibson, D C (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Sparey, A R (Wireless Operator/Observer)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402858 Pilot Officer GIBSON, Trevor Leslie

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/15/4

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: W 4157
Radio call sign:
Unit: 9 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W 4157 of 9 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Waddington at 1658 hours on 17 January 1943 to attack Berlin. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 402858 PO Gibson, T L, Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF PO Jacombs, E W M (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Wescombe, S E E (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Tilson, C G (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Jenkins, H G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Skinner, B K (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Broadley, J W R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt Webb, F A (Air Gunner)

With no trace of the aircraft or crew being found following post war investigations and enquiries, it was recorded in 1950 that the crew were missing with no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401940 Flying Officer GILBERT, John Leslie

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/15/199

Aircraft Type: Proctor
Serial number: R 7570
Radio call sign:
Unit: 132 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Proctor R 7570 of No 132 (City of Bombay) Sqn RAF from RAF Station, Castletown, Caithness, crashed on 9 March 1944. There were 2 survivors among those on board, with FO Gilbert reported missing.

In a statement made by one survivor, FO Everall (RAF), a Medical Officer of 132 Sqn, he reported: "I boarded R 7570 at RAF Station Turnhouse about 1300 hours en route for Castletown. While crossing the Moray Firth, the pilot FO Gilbert informed me that the oil pressure was dropping and he immediately turned the aircraft west to hit land as quickly as possible. The aircraft engine cut out during the crossing, and he ordered the other two to remove their overcoats and put on mae wests. The aircraft ditched close to a fishing vessel. All on board were thrown into the water. Gilbert was wearing his great coat and had no life saving jacket. Everall tried for 15 to 20 minutes to help Gilbert remove his great coat, but was unsuccessful due to heavy swell and intense cold. They became separated and Everall did not see Gilbert again. Everall and Redwood were rescued by a trawler about 35 minutes after the crash."

Crew:

RAAF 401940 FO Gilbert, J L (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Redwood, E W
RAF FO Everall, J D (Medical Officer, Pax)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

27937 Pilot Officer GILES, Ronald Leslie

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/15/258

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: JD 462
Radio call sign:
Unit: 1658 Conversion RAF

Summary:

Halifax JD 462 of 1658 Conversion Unit RAF took off at 1122 hours on 5 June 1944, from RAF Station Riccall, near Selby Yorkshire, on an air to sea firing training exercise. The weather at the time was fairly poor, cloud base 1500 feet, visibility approx. 5 miles deteriorating in occasional showers.

At the time of the accident the aircraft was seen to be flying at a height of 50 feet heading due south over the North Sea in a manner with that required for air to sea firing. The crash was witnessed by a destroyer from 5 miles away. The aircraft seemed to side slip into the sea with smoke trailing behind just prior to the crash. The state of the sea prevented the destroyer recovering the two wheels and a dinghy which was the only identifiable wreckage found. No trace of the crew was found.

It was assumed that the crash was JD 462 as no other aircraft was reported missing at the time. The cause of the crash is obscure but the circumstances suggest the failure of an engine.

Crew:

RAAF 27937 PO Giles, R L (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Thomson, A (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Durrant, E A (Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Bonser (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Norrris, F M (Air Gunner)
RAF Johnstone, J (Air Gunner)
SRAF Sgt Stow, M W
RAF Sgt Fricker, W M

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

426255 Flying Officer GLASGOW, Grahame Henry

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/15/533

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: KN 556
Radio call sign:
Unit: 194 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Dakota KN 556 of 194 Sqn RAF, was scheduled for an early morning take off on 25 July 1945 which was delayed until 0900 hours due to heavy rain rendering the runway unserviceable. The aircraft was carrying a load R.E's stores for their destination at Toungoo, Burma. When the aircraft finally took off at 1007 hours nothing unusual was noticed by Flying Control, with no rain at the time, cloud 7 – 9/10ths and ceiling of 400-500 feet.

At 1720 hours the aircraft was reported overdue to 341 Wing Ops who initiated overdue procedures. As two of the three aircraft going to Toungoo had arrived after taking off approx 6 hours previously, Control gave KN 556 an extra hour before reporting the aircraft overdue.

Nothing further was heard until the Thursday evening, 26 July 1945, when two members of 62 Squadron who had been fishing near the mouth of the Chuang , Akyab Beach returned to camp and reported finding Dakota wreckage. Panels washed ashore had KN 556 and 'U' markings.

Owing to the state on the tides and difficult tracks through mangrove swamps, it was impossible to search until the next morning when the tide was low. The identification of the wreckage of KN 556 was beyond question with small pieces scattered along the beach but there was no sign of the crew or of bodies washed ashore.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Mumby, T L, DFM (1st Pilot)
RAF WO Greenway, E J (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 418707 PO Pollie, G (Navigator)
RAAF 422284 PO Vaughan, W (1st Wireless Operator)
RAAF 426255 PO Glasgow, G H (2nd Wireless Operator)

A 1956 report recorded the crew as missing with no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, which is located in the Kranji War Cemetery 22kms north of the city of Singapore.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

420741 Flying Officer GLENN, Neville Taylor

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/15/240

Aircraft Type: Typhoon
Serial number: MN 465
Radio call sign:
Unit: 183 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Typhoon MN 465 of No 183 (Gold Coast) Sqn RAF, in company with other aircraft took off on 2 May 1944 from RAF Station Thorney Isl, near Emsworth, Hampshire, and set course for the French coast. When the other aircraft settled down some 2 to 3 miles off the English coast, Glenn was not in the formation and it was presumed that Glenn had returned to Base because of some defect. It was when the formation returned to base that Glenn was found to be missing.

Crew:

RAAF 420741 FO Glenn, N T (Pilot)

A 1949 report recorded that Glenn had lost his life at sea.

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

420658 Flight Lieutenant GODDARD, John Edward DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/396 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 411,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 123
Radio call sign:	60 – 0
Unit:	582 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB 123 of 582 Sqn RAF took off at 0630 hours on 8 September 1944, from RAF Station Little Staunton, for air operations against an enemy target at Le Havre, France. The aircraft failed to return to Base.

Crew:

RAAF 420658 Flt Lt Goddard, J E, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Mackenzie, G, DFC (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Lt Baker, H W (Navigator)
RAAF 423996 PO Daniel, W N (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Flt Lt De Beer, A G (Bomb Aimer)
RAF WO Lythgoe, G E (Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt Sgt Beecroft, J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Newton, R A (Rear Gunner)

Six of the crew were killed, and PO MacKenzie and FO Debeer evaded capture. Flt Lt Baker, PO Daniel and FO Newton are buried in the St Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, France. Flt Lt Goddard, WO Lythgoe and Flt Sgt Beecroft have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

Both PO Mackenzie and Flt Lt De Beer (RAF members) successfully baled out of the aircraft. In his subsequent statement Mackenzie reported: "At 7.15am on 8th September 1944, the plane came in over Le Havre under the cloud with a base of 5000 feet. The Hun opened up with flak hitting us – I was sitting at the side of Johnny (Goddard) in the second pilot's seat, when there was a crash – the inter-com went dead and fire broke out around the wireless operator. There was a second bang right after the first and the whole front cabin filled with smoke and fire. Johnny shouted for full power and then shouted "jump Mac". I got down and went back to the navigator's cabin which was full of smoke, and dragged my chute out, then Neville's, and then shouted into the smoke that we had to get out. A voice shouted OK. I turned back to the front escape hatch with two figures behind me, which might have been Neville and Howard.

When I reached the hatch, it was open and Alan Debeer was just jumping. I went straight out over his heels. After my chute opened I could see the plane with all the fuselage on fire flying on, until it disappeared into cloud. I looked below and saw another chute, Alan Debeer. After coming down some distance, I heard a crash which I assumed was the plane hitting the ground, but could not see any more chutes.

A 1945 report stated that the aircraft crashed at Les Londes Hau, Rouelles, 2 miles from the centre of Le Havre. French farmers living nearby stated that there was an aircraft explosion and wreckage scattered over a wide area. .

Citation:

The Citation for the DFC awarded to Flt Lt Goddard is as follows :

“As Captain of the aircraft, Flt Lt Goddard has completed numerous operations against the enemy in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty. (London Gazette 18/9/1945 page 4643)

The following is a letter from Group Capt Cribb, Commanding 582 Sqn RAF, Path Finder Force, RAF, dated 8th September 1944, (Enclosure 66B of above NAA File 166/9/396 refers) : “Just before dawn the Squadron took off to attack strong points in the German defences at Le Havre. They were led by Flt Lt Goddard who as Master Bomber was to control the whole weight of the Bomber Command attack. PO Daniel was his Bomb Aimer. On the work of this crew depended the success of the mission. On the success of the mission hung the lives of many Allied soldiers who that day were to assault the garrison for the last time. A crew is selected for a task of this nature only after they have shown in combat, that no effort within the compass of human endeavour, is too much to expect of them. Such a crew was that Captained by Flt Lt Goddard. They were lost in a gallant attempt to complete their task, in defiance of adverse weather and fierce opposition. When they were hit, PO Daniel was directing his Captain to the target, at the head of the attack PO Daniel and three other members of the crew were known to have left the blazing aircraft, and landed by chute. FO Debeer and PO MacKenzie were captured by the enemy and eventually released when the Le Havre garrison fell. The letter written by Captain Hamilton, RE, tells us of the fate of PO Daniel and Flt LT Baker. Of the rest of the crew we have no news. PO Daniel died as he would have wished, with his comrades, and in a manner which does credit to his Squadron.”

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401785 Pilot Officer GODDARD, John William

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/16/348

Aircraft Type: Beaufighter
Serial number: LZ 153
Radio call sign:
Unit: 211 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter LZ 153 of 211 Sqn RAF flown by PO Goddard, took off at 0800 hours on 28 May 1944, one of two aircraft detailed to carry out an armed reconnaissance of Kawlin and Mawlu, Burma. FO Cuddy states that LZ 153 was in front of him and out of sight.

When Cuddy was at approx the Meza Bridge, Goddard informed him on Channel C of VHF he was being attacked by three enemy fighters. No further call was made by Goddard and Cuddy returned to base. He was unable to contact Goddard during his return flight.

Crew:

RAAF 401785 PO Goddard, J W (Pilot)
RAF WO Boon, E M (Navigator BW)

The crew were recorded as missing in Burma with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

421201 Pilot Officer GODDARD, Oswald Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/16/632 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: KH 338
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD 86 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator KH 338 of 86 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, Tain, Ross-Shire, Scotland, on 26 April 1945 to carry out an anti-U boat patrol in the Skaggerak area. The aircraft did not return to base and nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 414438 FO Tyas, H C, Captain, (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Thompson (2nd Pilot)
RAF FO Gudge (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF PO Bradfield (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 421035 Flt Lt Fenwick, G W J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 421201 PO Goddard, O E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 421203 PO Goodwin, R B (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Yorke (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Lewis (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Harris (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Flt Sgt Rupert (Air Gunner)

In 1949 it was presumed that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402658 Flying Officer GORDON-GLASSFORD, Terence Harry MID

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/16/10 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HX 690
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD 179 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington HX690 of 179 Sqn RAF took off from Gibraltar at 2200 hours on 21 January 1943, to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the Mediterranean. No communication was received from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to Base. It was suspected that the aircraft was shot down while attacking a U boat.

Crew:

RAAF 402658 FO Gordon-Glassford, T H, MID (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Harvey, G E (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Hustler, J S (Navigator)
RAAF 433021 Sgt Beale, H E MID (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Brown, J H (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF FO Carmichael B W (Wireless Air Gunner)

The remains of Sgt Beale (RAAF) were washed ashore some miles east of Phillipeville, Algeria, but there was no trace of any other members of the crew who were recorded as lost at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Malta Memorial, Malta The Memorial is situated in the area of Floriana and is easily identified by the Golden Eagle which surmounts the column.

Citation:

MID: FO Gordon-Glassford's Mention in Despatches was promulgated in London Gazette concurrently with the Kings Birthday Honours list 1943. Commonwealth war Graves records also record that Sgt Beale has been Mentioned in Despatches.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

417746 Flying Officer GRAY, Dean

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/16/514

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ND 728
Radio call sign: PG – N
Unit: 619 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND 728 of 619 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Strubby, Alford Lincolnshire, at 0122 hours on 5 January 1945 to attack Royan, France. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 417746 FO Gray, D, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Johnson, A (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Morley, E A (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Insley, H (Air Bomber)
RAAF 424572 WO Symonds, L F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Brown, R (Mid upper gunner)
RAF Sgt Bartholomew, W B (Rear gunner)

In 1948 it was established that Sgt Bartholomew was washed ashore on the French coast and buried at Soulac des Olives Communal cemetery, France, which is located six miles south of the mouth of the Gironde River. It was also recorded that the remaining six crew members were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400222 Pilot Officer GREENING, Joseph Wesley

Source:

NAA: A705, 1633/34/114

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: W 5621
Radio call sign: AA -
Unit: 75 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington W 5621 of No 75 (New Zealand) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station Fetwell, at 2317 hours on 3 July 1941, to attack a target in Essen. The aircraft was due over the target at 0130 hours on 4 July, but nothing further was heard from the aircraft which did not return to base. Other aircraft reported heavy flak over the target.

Crew:

RNZAF Sgt Reid, I L
RAAF 400222 PO Greening, J W (Pilot)
RNZAF Sgt Nation, J R
RAF Sgt Jones, H
RAF Sgt Haycock, R E
RNZAF Sgt Hartstone, R H

In 1950 it was recorded that the crew were missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

412131 Flying Officer GREENWOOD, Edward Joseph

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/16/273

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: JK 756
Radio call sign:
Unit: 126 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire JK 756 of No 126 (Persian Gulf) Sqn RAF was airborne from Grottaglie at 0945 hours on 10 February 1944 on an operational reconnaissance together with five other Squadron aircraft. When at deck level off the west coast of Corfu, enemy aircraft were reported flying north west to south east at 500 feet. Spitfire 756 engaged the enemy as it turned eastward to Corfu, and was hit by fire from the enemy rear gunner, and broke away, climbed slightly, and then lost height rapidly, white vapour coming from the engine.

The aircraft hit the sea and burst into flames and sank immediately just off the west coast of Corfu due east of Korakcana. Other aircraft circled the spot, with burning oil on the surface, but no sign of pilot.

In a letter dated 13 February 1944 by another pilot of 126 Sqn, he wrote "intercepted a German bomber, and Ted was first to attack with his usual keenness and enthusiasm. He damaged the 'Jerry' but the rear gunner hit him at the same time. We were very low and Ted went into the sea.

A few seconds later the Jerry was shot down by two or more of our boys."

Crew:

RAAF 412131 FO Greenwood, E J (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

420619 Pilot Officer GREENWOOD, John Douglas

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/16/265

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: EF 443
Radio call sign:
Unit: 90 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling EF 443 of 90 Sqn RAF, took off at 1832 hours from RAF Station Tuddenham, near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, on the night of 28/29 January 1944 to carry out a mine laying operation in Kiel Bay, Germany. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 420619 PO Greenwood, J D (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Holland, G R (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Seddon, J P (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425326 Flt Sgt Lindenberg, K R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Dooley, V (Mid-upper gunner)
RAF Sgt Royston, G (Rear gunner)
RAF Sgt Harding, K L (Flight Engineer)

In 1948 there being no trace of the aircraft or crew it was concluded the crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400321 Pilot Officer GREGORY, Gerald Ross

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/118/367

Aircraft Type: Wellington

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 215 Sqn RAF

Summary:

A Wellington of 215 Sqn RAF on an operational flight on 10 June 1942, was destroyed by an explosion 4 miles south east of Chafaagoan, India.

Crew:

RAAF 402387 Sgt McLean, A M (Pilot)

RAAF 404549 Sgt Honeyman, A C (2nd Pilot)

RAAF 400321 PO Gregory, G R (Observer)

RAAF 4044428 Sgt Bensted, L M (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt Hill, G W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt Fuller, G L G (Air Gunner)

It was reported that the remains of PO Gregory and other crew members were buried with full military honours by Police in three graves, with further remains buried in one grave. All graves were subsequently covered by flood waters and no marking or removal of remains to cemetery was impossible due to remoteness of location.

In a 1948 report it was stated that after searching no trace of the graves could be found, and the remains could not be located for transfer to a British Military cemetery.

Chafaagoan which is 52 miles north of Dacca, is in a remote locality and subject to flooding from the Brahmaputra river.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406382 Flying Officer GRIGG, Colin Davies

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/34/188

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: V 9620
Radio call sign:
Unit: 113 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V 9620 of 113 Sqn RAF took off on a sortie on the morning of 23 May 1942, and failed to return to base. Information later received from 221 Group advised that an aircraft had crashed in jungle country in the Eastern States. A revolver belonging to a crew member of V 9620 and FO Griggs log book was recovered from the wreckage and later received by the unit.

Crew:

RAAF 406490 FO Pearse, E F (Pilot)
RAAF 406382 FO Grigg, C D (Observer)
RAAF 407362 Sgt Germein, J F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

It was established in 1942 that the aircraft crashed in the jungle, four miles north east of Ompi Bazaar, India, and 20 miles south of Agartala. The aircraft was burnt out and the crew of three found dead. They were buried at the scene of the crash near a small village of Bahurambari, at 9141E and 2344.6seconds N. Later exhumation was not possible due to remoteness of the location, and inability to identify the locality of burial site.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

421488 Pilot Officer GUNN, Philip Maurice

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/16/639

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: KN 202
Radio call sign:
Unit: 194 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Dakota KN 202 of 194 Sqn RAF was scheduled to take off from base at 1455 hours on 3 May 1945 after being briefed to land supplies at Payagi, Burma. The aircraft and crew were last seen by the Duty Ops Officer at the time the aircraft took off. Since then nothing further heard from the aircraft.

At 1146 hours the aircraft was reported overdue to the HQ 341 Wing, and an air-sea-jungle search organised. All aircraft returned to base with nil results.

Crew:

RAAF 10769 PO Walton, G A (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Wright (Pilot)
RAAF 432007 PO Leavey, T K F X (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 421488 PO Gunn, P M (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 434575 PO Pittendrigh, R N (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Kemp (Air Gunner)

A 1953 report by the Far East Graves service stated "local villagers stated that a two engine British aircraft was forced to land a few miles from Payagi in the forest area in May 1945 which was still occupied by the enemy. None of the crew were brought in or buried or taken prisoner. The villagers had no knowledge of graves near the wrecked aircraft or elsewhere. The fate of the crew could not be ascertained and the graves were unlocated after a search."

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406019 Flying Officer HARDING, Edwin Mews

Source:

NAA: 163/35/151

Aircraft Type: Boston
Serial number: Z 2191
Radio call sign:
Unit: 24 Sqn SAAF

Summary:

Boston Z 2191 of 24 Sqn SAAF took off on 10 December 1941 for an operational flight south of Gazaua in the Middle East. The aircraft was shot down in flames and exploded before reaching the ground, with the pilot the only member of the crew to bale out.

Crew:

SAAF Lt Middleton-Stewart, P (Pilot)
RAAF 406019 FO Harding, E M (Observer)
SAAF Sgt Van Dyk, J H
RAF Sgt Handley, J (Air Gunner)

Sgt Van Dyk and Sgt Handley and the remains of a third body that could not be identified were buried at Gazala.

In 1948 despite searches, the graves of the above could not be located.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401236 Pilot Officer GYLES, Nathaniel Robert

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/116/67

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: W 4989
Radio call sign:
Unit: 61 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W 4989 of 61 Sqn RAF took off at 2036 hours from Syerston drome for minelaying operations in the Verbena area, on 28 April 1943. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew since take off.

Pilots of other aircraft on similar missions reported a straight forward trip with occasional flak. Patches of dirty weather were encountered.

Crew:

RAF WO Collenette, M (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Norman, J (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 404657 PO Robertson, I R (Navigator)
RCAF PO Mix, R D (Air Bomber)
RAAF 401236 PO Gyles, N R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Moore, F G (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Bond, A W (Air Gunner)

The body of Sgt Norman (RAF) was washed ashore and buried at Helsenberg, Sweden, whilst PO Robertson (RAAF) was buried at Dispenjerg, Denmark.

It was assumed that the other five crew members were lost at sea.

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406006 Flying Officer HALBERT, James Bruce

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/35/178

Aircraft Type: Maryland
Serial number: AH 298
Radio call sign:
Unit: 203 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Maryland AH 298 of 203 Sqn RAF took off at 0700 hours on 15 April 1942, to shadow an enemy convoy in the Mediterranean. During this patrol an enemy convoy was sighted near Malta and shadowed until 1245 hours, when a message was received from the aircraft giving an ETA Malta of 1315 hours.

Nothing further was heard from the aircraft which did not return to base. It is possible that it was shot down into the sea as a large number of enemy aircraft were operating in the area at the time.

Crew:

RAAF 406006 FO Halbert, J B (Pilot)
RAAF 402069 FO Somerville, E N (Observer)
RAAF 404042 Sgt Rogers, H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Gordon, N (Air Gunner)

It was concluded that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400276 Flying Officer HALLETT, Peter Thomas Leeds DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/17/362

AWM65, 2466

Aircraft Type: Mosquito

Serial number: DK 285

Radio call sign:

Unit: 1655 Mosquito Trg RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DK 285 of 1655 Mosquito Training Unit, RAF, took off at 2205 hours on 5 November 1943 on a cross country night flying exercise. The crew were briefed to fly at 25,000 feet the target being the Isle of Man. The aircraft was due back at 0100 hours, but did not return to base.

An aircraft was seen to dive into the sea about one mile out between Port Greenock and Derby Head, Isle of Man, and it was considered that this may have been DK 285.

Surface craft searched during the night, and air sea rescue aircraft took off shortly after daylight and thoroughly searched the area during the day with nil results.

Crew:

RAAF 400276 FO Hallett, P T L DFC (Pilot)

RAAF 410567 FO Quick, A W F (Navigator)

In 1949 it was recorded that the crew were lost at sea.

Citation:

DFC: PO Hallett of 460 Sqn has displayed a fine fighting spirit and determination to complete his allotted task. Since joining this Squadron in March 1942, he has carried out attacks on many important targets including Emden, Essen, Hamburg, Rostock and Warnemunde.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401504 Pilot Officer HALLETT, William Leonard Verdun

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/35/206

Aircraft Type: Spitfire

Serial number: BP 914

Radio call sign:

Unit: 2 Photo Reconnaissance RAF

Summary:

Spitfire BP 914 of 2 Photo Reconnaissance RAF, took off at 1440 hours on 6 August 1942 from Heliopolis on a photo reconnaissance of East Matruh. The pilot was briefed to fly to a point 50 miles west south west of Matruh at a height of 34,000 feet, and if all looked well to descend to a height of 30,000 feet to take photos. The aircraft failed to return from this mission.

Crew:

RAAF 401504 PO Hallett, W L V (Pilot)

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SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS IN WORLD WAR 2 AND MISSING WITH
NO KNOWN GRAVE.

420468 Pilot Officer HAM, Geoffrey William DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/17/952

AWM65, 2470

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HZ 644
Radio call sign:
Unit: 524 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington HZ 644 of No 524 Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station Langham at 1546 hours of 13 January 1945 to carry out an armed recce against enemy shipping off the Frisian Islands. The patrol was to commence at 5400N 0700E and after covering an area up to 5350N 0815E to follow the inner convoy route to Borkum, and from thence to make for base due at 1946 hours. No messages were received from the aircraft which did not return to base. No reports were received from later aircraft on similar mission other than heavy flak from Nordernay to Borkum.

Beaufighters and a Warwick aircraft made searches during daylight, but no trace of the aircraft or crew were found. It was assumed that the crew were lost at sea.

The crew were on their 29th mission when they failed to return.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt MacGregor, R H, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Sarsons, G A (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 420468 PO Ham, G W, DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 426418 WO Webster, R (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 426552 WO Datson, E J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Sayers, D J H (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF WO Kirtley, D (Wireless Operator/Air)

Citation:

DFC: Flt Lt R.H.MacGregor (RAFVR) and PO Ham, (as Pilot and Navigator of the aircraft respectively), have taken part in a good number of sorties, some of them in extremely adverse weather. They have displayed commendable skill and courage and throughout have set a high standard of devotion to duty. On one occasion during a sortie in December 1944, they sighted 6 E boats leaving Ijmuiden. Flt Lt MacGregor immediately turned to the attack. In spite of fierce anti-aircraft fire, an excellent run was made and the bombs straddled the vessels. One of the boats fell out of formation and then apparently sank. After making another attack on the enemy force they shadowed the

vessels and reported their position while further attacks were made by other aircraft. Flt Lt MacGregor and PO Ham displayed exceptional resolution during this notable sortie.

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SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS IN WORLD WAR 2 AND MISSING WITH
NO KNOWN GRAVE.

409695 Flying Officer HAMILTON, Charles Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/17/757 166/43/872 Micro Film NO 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: KG 566
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD 233 SQN RAF

Summary:

Dakota KG 566 of 233 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Blakehill Farm near Swindon, Wiltshire, at 1320 hours on 21 September 1944, to carry out a mission dropping panniers in a Market resupply operation on a DE in the Arnhem area. .

This aircraft was one of twenty which were engaged on the operation and the Captains of other aircraft on the mission reported intense enemy opposition in the form of flak and fighter aircraft were encountered around the target area. No reports were received from KG 566 which did not return from the mission. It was assumed that the aircraft was shot down in or around the target area.

In a later report from Rear Hdqtrs No 83 Group RAF, it was advised that at approx 1620 hours on 21 September 1944, 2 Dakotas were shot down by an unidentified fighter in the Eindhoven area, Holland. These aircraft crashed and immediately burst into flames. It was not possible for the RAF Regiment Sqn located near the scene of the crash to quell the flames, but they were able to extricate seven bodies from the wreckage.

Crew:

RAAF 409695 FO Hamilton, C D, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 436353 Flt Sgt Wheeler, W B (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 409798 PO Knight, F B (Navigator)
RAAF 414923 WO Firth, L J (Wireless Operator)
RASC Cpl J Dellanzo
RASC L/Cpl F Sharpe
RASC Driver R W Crooks
RASC Driver C Van Ingen

The RASC personnel were from No 800 Air Despatch Company.

With the exception of FO Hamilton (RAAF) who was listed as missing with no known grave, the bodies of the other three crew members and the four RASC personnel were buried in the Eindhoven (Woensal) General Cemetery, Netherlands.
FO Hamilton name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing Runnymede, UK

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400368 Pilot Officer HANCOCK, Leslie Pierson

Sources:

NAA: A705, 163/35/201

AWM65, 2483

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: N 6102
Radio call sign: - B
Unit: 1651 Conversion RAF

Summary:

Stirling N 6102 of 1651 Conversion Unit, RAF, took off at 2301 hours on the night of 28/29th July 1942 from RAF Station Alconbury, to bomb an enemy target at Hamburg, Germany.

ON 29 July 1942 a message was received from the aircraft on its return journey giving its position as 5423N 0648E. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft which did not return to base.

Other aircraft which returned from the mission reported very bad visibility and weather conditions with icing as low as 2000 feet.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Parkins, D A, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400368 PO Hancock, L P (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Thomas, L B (Observer)
RAF Sgt Robson, P C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Grant, R F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt O'Shea, P (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Silvester, A G (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Coy, W J (Flight Engineer)

The crew were recorded as missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407427 Flight Lieutenant HANNAFORD, Hector Roy DFC

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/20/503

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: KN 409
Radio call sign:
Unit: 45 Group RAF

Summary:

Dakota KN 409 was on a delivery flight from Dorval, Goose, West 1, Reykjavik (Iceland) to Prestwick, Scotland. Its ETA at Prestwick was 0813Z on 28 March 1945. The last radio contact with the aircraft was at 0929Z on 28 March when the aircraft was over the cone at Prestwick at 4000 feet and the normal instructions were given for the aircraft to let down on the south west leg of the radio range and to advise further when contact was made. No further contact was made with the aircraft.

Later various items of documents and mail were recovered from the beach between Troon and Irvine, Ayrshire, which were identified with KN 409. It was presumed that the aircraft crashed in the sea 4 miles west of Irvine, with no trace of the crew being found, who were lost at sea.

Crew:

RCAF FO Newman, J W, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 407427 Flt Lt Hannaford, H R, DFC, (CO Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Jamieson, A D C (Observer)
RAF WO Lavin, P (Wireless Operator)

Citation:

DFC: FO H R Hannaford has completed a very arduous tour of duty as a member of 450 Sqn (RAAF). He has attacked many enemy installations destroying gun posts and on one occasion being responsible for the beaching of an armed cruiser in a Yugoslavian harbour. In March 1944, he secured an effective hit on a railway bridge in enemy territory which destroyed a 50 foot span. He has proved himself an excellent leader and has always completed his sorties with keenness and determination.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

405408 Flying Officer HANSEN, Stewart James

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/17/370

Aircraft Type: Mitchell
Serial number: FW 138
Radio call sign:
Unit: 45 Group RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FW 138 of No 45 (Air Transport) Group RAF, became overdue while on an Atlantic Ferry flight from Canada to the UK. The aircraft departed on 6 November 1943 from Goose Bay en route for Reykjavik, Iceland, and failed to arrive at its destination.

Crew:

Polish FO Monkiewicz, A C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Pyne, D J (Pilot, 1st Officer)
RCAF Flt Lt Halperin, W L (Navigator)
RAAF 405408 FO Hansen, S J (Radio Operator)

It was concluded that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407523 Flying Officer HARDING-BROWNE, Richard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/24/209, A9300 Barcode 5378965
Commonwealth War Graves records, W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 28, Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: V 6378
Radio call sign: UX – Z
Unit: 82 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V 6378 of 82 Sqn RAF was detailed to intrude over Soesterberk aerodrome, Holland on 15 January 1942. The aircraft took off at 1812 hours when the weather was good, but it rapidly deteriorated after take off. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 407523 FO Harding-Browne, R (Pilot)
RAF PO Scarlett, W G (Observer)
RAF PO Garstin, E W M (Wireless Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was presumed that the aircraft was lost over the North Sea and that the missing crew had no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

414024 Pilot Officer HARRIS, Hector William

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/17/391

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: DV 339
Radio call sign: QR – W
Unit: 61 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV 339 of 61 Sqn RAF left RAF Station Skellingthorpe, Lincoln, at 1721 hours on 26 November 1943 on a bombing operation on Berlin. Since its departure no communication was received from the aircraft which failed to return to base and all members of crew reported missing. Pilots of other aircraft on the same operation reported clear visibility, no cloud with slight ground haze. Fighters were met en route also on return journey.

In the target area there was considerable searchlight activity and heavy flak. Fires were well concentrated and visible many miles away. No observations were made by other crews which could have been related to the non-return of DV 339.

Crew:

RAAF 408917 PO McAlpine, J G, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Vine, E (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 414024 PO Harris, H W (Navigator)
RAAF 417096 PO Martin, V A (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Sheald (Wireless Operator/Air)
RCAF Sgt Varey, B H (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Oldfield, H S (Air Gunner)

In 1949 the crew were recorded as missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

11604 Pilot Officer HARRIS, James Alfred

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/17/593

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LL 793
Radio call sign: GI – Q
Unit: 622 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL 793 of 622 Sqn RAF took off at 2255 hours on 21 May 1944 from RAF Station Mildenhall to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 11604 PO Harris, J A, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 414142 PO Kelly, L J (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt Blackmore, D G (Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt White, D B (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Otley, A N (Air Gunner)
RAAF 424286 Flt Sgt Campbell, R H (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Wareham, B E (Flight Engineer)

In 1950 the crew were recorded as missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403394 Pilot Officer HARRIS, John

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/120/610

Aircraft Type: Whitley
Serial number: EB 329
Radio call sign:
Unit: 502 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Whitley EB 329 of No.502 (Ulster) Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station St Eval, Cornwall, at 1105 hours on 10 October 1942, for an anti-submarine sweep. The aircraft was later diverted from patrol to attack an enemy vessel. The aircraft acknowledged sighting the vessel at 1632 hours but did not acknowledge a request for amplification of its sighting report.

At 1634 hours a third class bearing was obtained from St Eval of 223 degrees. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft which did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Morisse, A W R (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Thompson, T F (Pilot)
RAAF 403394 PO Harris, J (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF PO Wilberforce, N E C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Fraser, R S (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Andrews (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1948 it was established that Sgt Thompson's (RAF) body was washed ashore on the Island of Sylt, one of the north Frisian group situated off the north coast of Germany. He is interred at the Westerland Cemetery, a small town on the island. It was concluded that the remainder of the crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

408190 Flying Officer HARRISON, Alan Lindsay

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/17/798

AWM88, O/A 21 RAAF

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: 42 – 110120
Radio call sign:
Unit: 530 Sqn USAAF

Summary:

On the night of 28 October 1944 Liberator 42-110120 of 530 Sqn, 380 Bomb Group USAAF, 5th Air Force, failed to return from a mission to Macassar, NEI. The aircraft took off from Darwin at 1751 hours, manned by a RAAF crew of eleven. The following sequence of messages was received by Ops room No 380 (B) Group:
281420Z No 3 out, Position 06.25S 120.50E course 120deg true.
281555Z 2 engines out, posn 0800S 123.35E.
281628Z Not likely to reach base. No 4 giving trouble. Preparing to ditch.
Darwin obtained a bearing of 340deg at 281604Z. Search ships and 4 B24's immediately began search, and B24's, B25's and Catalinas on subsequent days were unable to locate missing aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 408190 FO Harrison, A L, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 413969 WO Davidson, S H (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 416078 Flt Lt Cropley, A A (Navigator)
RAAF 408590 FO O'Dea, D J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 416861 WO Killen, K L J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 423587 Flt Sgt Barber, W R (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 408448 Flt Sgt Wilken, C L (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 36474 Sgt Jamieson, S H (Armament/Gunner)
RAAF 429432 Sgt Cook, J E (Air Gunner)
RAAF 62526 Sgt Bird, W J (Fitter 11A/Gunner)
RAAF 116993 LAC (Agt Flt Sgt) Anstey, F W (Flight Engineer)
ARMY VX21828 Major Latrelle, H R, AIF, Intel. Officer (Observer)

In 1949 it was recorded that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

CITATION:

KCBC: Kings Commendation for Brave Conduct: PO Harrison has completed many hours operational flying and despite trying weather conditions his keenness to engage the

enemy has been an example to other pilots in the squadron. When Captain of a Beaufort aircraft which located and attacked an enemy submarine he brought the aircraft down in darkness to within a few feet of the water and with two accurate and clever attacks caused the submerging submarine to rise to the surface in a crippled condition. During this action a reconnaissance flare exploded while partially in the aircraft damaging the aircraft and injuring one of the crew. Although the machine filled with smoke PO Harrison remained in the vicinity in order to illuminate the target for other aircraft. Returning to base he and his crew made strenuous efforts to refuel in time to relocate the target. PO Harrison showed great courage, initiative and resourcefulness throughout this action.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

434087 Flying Officer HARRISON, Norman Douglas

Source:

NAA: A705 166/17/926

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: EW 286
Radio call sign:
Unit: 99 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberators EW 286 and KG 973 of No. 99 (Madras Presidency) Sqn RAF, were part of a formation of 12 aircraft detailed for operations over Burma on 3 December 1944. The type of formation used was 3 vics of three aircraft, each vic with a fourth aircraft stepped down and on each side.

The two aircraft in question were flying in the starboard section, EW 286 and No 3 and KG 973 as No 4. At 1529 hours, position 1332N 9800E on a heading of 120deg true at 10,500 feet, the formation was forming into close formation after a sea crossing in very open formation. KG 973 was approx 800 yards behind its leader and about 50 feet down. EW 286 was approx 600 yards behind and about 20 feet down.

EW 286 pulled up to the same height as the leader and KG 973 gradually came forward. It appeared then that EW 286 caught the slipstream of the leading aircraft forcing it down onto KG 973. The tail unit of KG 973 appeared to be broken off and the starboard mainplane of EW 286 bending and cracking. Both aircraft crashed almost immediately, one going down in flames and both bursting into flames on hitting the sea. No one was seen to get out.

Crew: of EW 286

RAAF 434087 FO Harrison, N D (Pilot)
RAF FO Booth
RAF Flt Sgt Sanger
RNZAF Flt Sgt Corrigan
RAF Flt Sgt Schonberg
RAF Sgt Moss-Vernon
RAF Sgt Mann
RAF Sgt McNerney
RAF Sgt Robertson
RAF Sgt Richards
RAF SGT Cragg

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

428697 Flying Officer HART, Clifford Seymour

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/17/1037

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: NF 909
Radio call sign: PM – J
Unit: 103 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF 909 of 103 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Elsham Wolds, Barnetby, Lincolnshire, on the night of 23/24 February 1945 for a mission against Pforzheim, Germany. The aircraft did not return to base, and nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 428697 FO Hart, C S, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Godfrey, M C (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Lord, K F (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Williams, K C (Navigator)
RAAF 429239 PO McGrath, A A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Rich, W D (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Jones (Rear Gunner)

In a later statement made by Sgt Godfrey (RAF) a POW, he reported that other RAF crew members viz : Flt Sgt Lord, Flt Sgt Williams, Sgt Rich and Sgt Jones were all safe as POW's, but no news was received concerning FO Hart and PO McGrath (RAAF members) who were reported missing.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

423287 Flying Officer HAWKES, Frank Sidney

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/17/717 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 399,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ND 807
Radio call sign: OF – P
Unit: 97 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND 807 of No. 97 (Straits Settlements) Sqn RAF took off on 27 August 1944, from RAF Station Coningsby, Lincolnshire, for operations against Koningsberg, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off which did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 410699 FO McCurdy, T N Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Bell, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423287 FO Hawkes, F S (Navigator)
RCAF PO Stern, M (Air Bomber)
RCAF WO W S Bryans, (2nd Air Bomber)
RAAF 426617 Flt Sgt Keys, N R (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Owen, T R G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Swolf, R (Rear Gunner)

In a later statement by Sgt Swolf who became a POW and returned safely to the UK on 15 May 45, he reported “Flt Sgt Owen (RAF) baled out before me. The remaining six of the crew were still in the aircraft when I left. The aircraft crashed in the sea 10 miles off the Danish coast. Swolf presumed that the six crew members either blew up with the aircraft or drowned.”

The only body recovered was that of Flt Sgt Owen which was washed ashore at Grebbestad, Sweden on 18 October 1944.

In a 1946 report it was established that the aircraft crashed into the sea between Sejero and Sjaelland and that only one crew member survived Sgt Swolf. The missing six crew members were recorded as lost at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

413487 Pilot Officer HAWKINS, David Philip Lee

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/171/878

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: BV 887
Radio call sign:
Unit: 206 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator BV 887 of 206 Sqn RAF from RAF Station Leuchars on 2 December 1944 took off on a radar night training exercise to be conducted off the Bell Rock area in the North Sea approx 25 miles east of Dundee, Scotland. The night was bright moonlight.

When about 7 miles from the drome after take off, the aircraft appeared to catch fire in the air and according to a Coast Guard witness, he estimates that it flew for about 5 miles, with the fire getting worse. An SOS was transmitted and immediately after the aircraft plunged into the sea at approx 2050 hours on 2 December 1944. A high speed launch and 2 life boats searched for survivors for 36 hours with nil result.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Harper, R H, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF FO Tulloch, S (2nd Pilot)
RAF FO Atkinson, N (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF PO Charters, W (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Lt Elliott, E G (Air Gunner)
RAAF 413487 PO Hawkins, D P L (Wireless Operator/Air)
RCAF WO Hall, W R (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF WO Walker, E A (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Marshall, G S (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Peats, R

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407287 Flying Officer HAWKINS, Frank Bryce

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/17/62

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 533
Radio call sign: EM – N
Unit: 207 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 533 of 207 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Langar, Barnstone, Nottingham, at 1833 hours on 2 March 1943 carrying three mines for a mining sortie on Deodar, France. The aircraft failed to return to base. No distress signals were heard, and from other aircraft which took part in the raid, visibility over the target was normal with slight haze. There were practically no defences and flak was very light.

Deodar is at the mouth of the Gironde River, France, near Bordeaux.

Crew:

RAF Sgt Isaacs, R, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Brown, R (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Bassett, G A (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Shelley, W O (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Peters, K G (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Webster, J W (Air Gunner)
RAAF 407287 FO Hawkins F B (Gunner)

Sgt Brown's body was washed ashore at Biarritz on the south west coast of France approx 108 miles SW of Bordeaux, it being concluded that the other 6 crew members were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

405178 Flying Officer HAYES, Edwin Sautelle

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/17/28 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type: Kittyhawk
Serial number: FR 316
Radio call sign:
Unit: 2 Aircraft Delivery RAF

Summary:

On 12 January 1943 PO Hayes was detailed to fly Kittyhawk FR 316 from No 1 Aircraft Replacement Pool at Landing Ground 209 to No 53 RSU, then located at or in the Magrum area in Libya. The aircraft was being delivered to an RSU for reinforcement purposes.

FO Hayes last touched down at El Aden on his way to Chel and was last seen by accompanying aircraft about 30 miles south east of Barce, Libya. Very bad visibility prevented the other aircraft from seeing FR 316 after this, which was about 1400 hours.

A request for news signal from this unit received a negative reply from all units and the aircraft was presumed missing on 12 January.

Crew:

RAAF 405178 FO Hayes, E S (Pilot)

FO Hayes has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt.

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404531 Pilot Officer HAYNE, William Keith

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/35/149

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: Z 8426
Radio call sign: EP – E
Unit: 104 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z 8426 of 104 Sqn RAF took off at 2005 hours on 7 December 1941 from RAF Station Driffield, to carry out air operations, but did not return to base from the mission. It was presumed that the aircraft was missing as a result of enemy action, and that the crew were lost at sea.

Crew:

RAF Sgt Anson, R K
RAAF 404531 PO Hayne, W K (Observer)
RNZAF PO Murdoch, B O
RAF Sgt Covey, W W
RAF Sgt Turner, R
RAF Sgt McGarrow, H B

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

423305 Pilot Officer HEATH, Laurence David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/17/721 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PD 226
Radio call sign:	AS – U
Unit:	ATTD 166 SQM RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD 226 of 166 Sqn RAF at RAF Station Kirmington, Lincolnshire, was one of five Squadron aircraft detailed to carry out a mine laying sortie in the Baltic, on the night of 29/30th August 1944. Opposition from the enemy was not on a large scale, but two of the aircraft were engaged in combat by enemy night fighters. PD 226 did not return to base and nothing was heard of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF	423305 PO Heath, L D, Captain, (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt Lewis, L G (Flight Engineer)
RAF	Sgt Griffiths, T R L (Air Bomber)
RAAF	432281 Flt Sgt Solomons, S S (Navigator)
RAAF	418275 Flt Sgt Hiscock, W W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt Vaughan, G A (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF	Sgt Noble, W F (Rear Gunner)

In a 1949 report it was confirmed that the body of Flt Sgt Solomons (RAAF) was washed ashore in the vicinity of Brakne Hoby and is interred in the Jewish cemetery at Malmo. Brakne Hoby is located close to the southern coast of Sweden approx 2 and a half miles north east of Karlshamm, and Malmo is situated on the south east coast.

It was assumed that the aircraft had crashed into the sea and the remainder of the crew were lost at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

424005 Flying Officer HEATH, Roy Davidson

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/17/877

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: JP 333
Radio call sign:
Unit: 58 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Flt Lt McLeod (RAAF) was the Captain of Halifax JP 333 of 58 Sqn RAF in which FO Heath was the Navigator. The aircraft took off from RAF Station, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, Outer Hebrides, on the evening of 29 November 1944 to attack enemy shipping in the Skagerrak area. During the night a signal was received from the aircraft at 2020 hrs that they had attacked a large enemy ship with bombs and estimate two hits. There was no indication of damage to the aircraft and nothing further was heard from JP 333 which did not return to Base.

Crew:

RAAF 403083 Flt Lt McLeod, D R, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Turner, E A (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 424005 FO Heath, R D (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Grogden, G (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Hughes, T (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Massey, J W (Wireless Operator Mechanic/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Bidwell, R C
RAF Flt Sgt Crook, R W (Wireless Operator/Air)

In a 1949 report it was stated that all efforts to find the aircraft and crew were unsuccessful and the crew were recorded as missing lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406560 Flying Officer HENDERSON, James Morphett

Source:

NAA: A705, 1633/35/191

Aircraft Type: Sunderland
Serial number: L 5805
Radio call sign:
Unit: 55 Sqn RAF

Summary:

FO Henderson was the 2nd pilot of Sunderland flying boat L 5805 of 55 Sqn RAF, detailed to escort a ship to Freetown, Sierra Leone on 11 June 1942. The aircraft was last seen circling the ship on a bearing of 284 degrees approx 135 miles from Freetown in the early hours of 11 June, after which it proceeded in a north easterly direction.

At 1400 hours a possible white light was sighted at a low height, but no sound of engines was heard. During the next three days extensive air and sea searches were carried out, but no trace of the aircraft or crew were found.

It was presumed that the aircraft forced landed at sea during the night patrol and that the crew were lost at sea.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Pybus, J, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 406560 FO Henderson, J M (Pilot)
RAF PO Lawrence, R H (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Whalley, D J (Observer)
RAF Sgt Comer (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Burley, J E (Fitter Mechanic/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Greenman, R G (Fitter Mechanic/Air Gunner)
RAF LAC Mcneill, J M (Fitter Mechanic/Air Gunner)
RAF AC1 McCombie, H K (Wireless Operator)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400727 Flying Officer HENDERSON, John Robert Dunlop

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/17/100

Aircraft Type: Hurricane
Serial number: HL 850
Radio call sign:
Unit: 73 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hurricane HL 850 of 73 Sqn RAF, RAF Middle East, took off at 0410 hours on 11 April 1943 to patrol the forward area north of Sfax. The aircraft did not return to base from this mission. The aircraft was later located in the sea off Maharas, but no trace was found of FO Henderson.

Crew:

RAAF 400727 FO Henderson, J R D (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411323 Pilot Officer HENDERSON, John Standish

Source:

NAA: NA705, 166/17/81

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: BB 314
Radio call sign:
Unit: 502 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax BB 314 of No 502 (Ulster) Sqn RAF, was detailed to carry out a convoy escort duty in the Bay of Biscay area on 22 March 1943. The aircraft took off at 0435 hours and was due to return at 1610 hours. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off. Searches by two Hudsons of 279 Sqn and one Whitley from 10 OTU were unsuccessful with no trace of aircraft or crew being found.

Crew:

RAF PO McCulloch, L J (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Shepherd, L (Pilot)
RAAF 411323 PO Henderson, J S (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Hope, H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Shmigelsky, R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Ellam, S (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 5627 Sgt Taylor, H C (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Stuart, Passenge, A J

Sgt Taylor (RAAF) who became a POW in Germany, later reported that “the aircraft was shot down in the sea during the morning of 22 March 1943 and from the time of casualty until subsequent rescue from the dinghy I saw no other member of the crew and can advise no information concerning their fate.”

It was presumed that the remainder of the crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

410980 Pilot Officer HENDY, Geoffrey Kenneth

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/17/934

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: PB 173
Radio call sign:
Unit: 635 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB 173 of 635 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Downham Market, Norfolk at 1902 hours on 7 January 1945 to attack Munich. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft which failed to return to base.

A 1948 report based on an inspection of German documents and investigations carried out at the Germering cemetery, confirmed that the aircraft was shot down and crashed at Unterphaffenhofen on 7 January 1945. Unterphaffenhofen is located a short distance south-west of Germering which is situated approx 10 miles west of Munich.

The report adds that the aircraft exploded in the air and that the remains of only two RAF members of the crew PO Wiggins and Flt Sgt Watson were recovered.

Crew:

RAAF 427294 Flt Lt Clarke, R M, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Pethard, W T
RAAF 410980 PO Hendy, G K (Navigator bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt Mountain, C D (Wireless Operator)
RAF PO Wiggins, A A (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Watson, J H (Rear Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Robertson, T (Flight Engineer)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411783 Flying Officer HERRING, Guy Bamford

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/17/116

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 557
Radio call sign: HW – Y
Unit: 100 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 557 of 100 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Grimsby, Lincolnshire, at 2157 hours on the night of 20/21 April 1943 for air operations against Stettin, Germany. The route to/from the target was Base – Mablethorpe – 5550N 0810E – 5440N 1377E – to Target – 5315N 1436E – 5428N 1232E – 5535N 1037E - 5550N 0810E to Mablethorpe to Base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Jones, W A, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Ling, D R (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Walker, C (Bombaimer)
RAAF 411783 FO Herring, G B (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Cooper, B W (Wireless operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hodges, A M L (Mid upper gunner)
RAF Sgt Houston, S J (Rear gunner)

In August 1944 the German official Torenliste number 216 stated that the body of Sgt B W Cooper (RAF) was recovered from the sea near Korsor, Zealand, Denmark.

In 1949 it was reported that no burial details were available re Sgt Cooper and he was recorded as having no known grave, with the remainder of the crew registered as lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

29468 Flying Officer HESKETH, Harold Thomas

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/17/1039

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ME 314
Radio call sign: PG – W
Unit: 619 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME 314 of 619 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Strubby, Alford, Lincolnshire, at 1709 hours on 8 February 1945 to attack oil plants at Politz, Germany. The aircraft did not return to base and nothing further was heard after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 29468 FO Hesketh, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Fullwood, T H (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Hudson, R A (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt Moyle, J F (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt St.Leger, A C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt MacDonald, J C (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt Marsh, L E (Rear Gunner)

In a 1948 report by the Missing Research & Enquiry service, it stated “the aircraft crashed in a pine forest at Koblentz. It had exploded on impact and caught fire on the night of 8/9th February, 1945. Koblentz is situated approx 18 miles north west of Stettin.”

Nearby was the grave of Flt Sgt Moyle (RCAF) and a second body which could not be identified. Both remains were re-interred in the British War Cemetery at Heerstrasse. No trace of the remains of other members of the crew could be found.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

414137 Pilot Officer HEWERDINE, James Joseph

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/17/218

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 919
Radio call sign: GT -
Unit: 156 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 919 of 156 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Warboys, Huntingdonshire at 2248 hours on 12 July 1943, to carry out a bombing attack on Turin, Italy. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414137 PO Hewerdine, J J, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Dallimore, L W (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Cullum, J F W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Dickins, T E (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Walker, J A (Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Sicklemore, H H G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Archibald, J (Rear Gunner)

In 1948 it was reported that no trace could be found of the missing crew who were recorded as having no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

420565 Pilot Officer HEWITT, William Philip Revenall

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/17/483

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: JB 665
Radio call sign: LE – B
Unit: 630 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB 665 of 630 Sqn RAF took off from East Kirby airfield at 1710 hours on 15 February 1944, to attack a target at Berlin. Nothing more was heard from the aircraft after take off, which did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt English, W, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Richards, J L (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Mitchell, W H (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Evans, J E (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Lane, L G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF PO Fussell, L V (Air Gunner)
RAF PO Carlile, D (Air Gunner)
RAAF 420565 PO Hewitt, W P R (Air Gunner)

In 1949, a report based on interrogation of local authorities and residents stated that the aircraft crashed near Teterow, Meckleburg, Germany, on the night of 15 February 1944 at about 2030 hours, presumably as a result of enemy action. Teterow is located approx 48 miles north east of Schwerin. The actual scene of the crash between Gustrow and Teterow could not be visited as the location was in the Russian Zone of occupation.

Seven bodies of the RAF crew members were recovered and buried at Gustrow cemetery, 16 miles west of Teterow. They were later re-interred at the British Military cemetery at Heerstrasse, Berlin. No trace however could be found of PO Hewitt's (RAAF) remains, and he was registered as having no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

405907 Flying Officer HICKEY, Dudley John

Source:

NAA: A9300, Bar Code 5239810

No RAAF Casualty file held by Archives

Aircraft Type: Beaufighter

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 272 Sqn RAF

Summary:

FO Hickey flying a Beaufighter aircraft of 272 Sqn RAF at Malta, was reported missing believed killed when he was shot down during an armed recce. on 22 May 1943 by four ME 109's, and crashed into the sea 30 miles north west of Maritime Island, Stolly

Crew:

RAAF 405907 FO Hickey, D J (Pilot)

Name of other crew member not available.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406527 Flying Officer HICKEY, Max Milton

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/36/163

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: Z 9820
Radio call sign:
Unit: 113 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z 9820 of 113 Sqn RAF crashed on 19 April 1942 while carrying out a low level attack on an enemy drome at Allanmyo, Burma, near the Irrawaddy River, it being presumed the aircraft was brought down by ack-ack fire. The target is approx 180 miles North West of Rangoon, Burma.

Z 9820 set out with other squadron aircraft and the attack was successfully carried out. After the attack, Z9820 was slightly behind the formation and was seen to dip suddenly and to somersalt into a clump of trees. An eye witness to the crash, Sgt White an air gunner in one of the aircraft stated "the vic of 5 aircraft had just left the target with Z9820 flying No 4 and a few hundred behind the formation. As we turned to port the aircraft appeared to dip slightly and then burst into flames just above tree top height. It then dropped on the trees and somersaulted for a time still in flames. The plane was covered in thick black smoke and smoking fiercely when we were miles away."

Crew:

RAAF 406527 FO Hickey, M M (Pilot)
RAAF 407276 FO Rogers, R L (Observer)
RAAF 406139 Sgt Campbell, E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1953 it was established that the aircraft crashed south of Allanmyo at 1921N 9514E at a village called Thahnga, 20 miles north of Allanmyo. The wreckage was scattered over a wide area, but no remains of the missing crew were located.

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406027 Flying Officer HICKS, Kenneth Marshall

Sources:

NAA: A705, 163/36/103

AWM65, 2627

Aircraft Type: Hurricane
Serial number: Z 3845
Radio call sign:
Unit: 242 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hurricane Z 3845 of No.242 (Canadian) Sqn RAF took off on 17 August 1941 to escort bomber aircraft in an attack on enemy shipping. Enemy aircraft were encountered, and in the ensuing combat Z 3845 was shot down into the sea near Le Touquet, France. No trace of FO Hicks was found and he was recorded as missing lost at sea.

In an earlier report on a Squadron engagement with approx 12 enemy aircraft (Me 109's) on 4 July 1941, FO Hicks in his combat report claimed to have probably shot down 1 enemy aircraft and damaged another. His report appears on file AWM 65 (2627).

Crew:

RAAF 406027 FO Hicks, K M (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407550 Pilot Officer HILLER, John Edward

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/36/111

Aircraft Type: Vilderbeest
Serial number: K 6404
Radio call sign:
Unit: 100 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On 27 September 1941 at approx 0830 hours Vickers Vilderbeest K 6404 took off on a practice navigational flight.

At approx 110 hours and at 4000 feet the pilot PO Lamb, (RAF), ordered the air observer and WOAG to abandon the aircraft. The aircraft had gone into an inverted spin from which the pilot could not recover. The place of the accident was Rengit, Johore. The aircraft was subsequently located but it was not possible to ascertain if PO Hiller did or did not abandon the aircraft.

Crew:

RAF PO Lamb, T R (Pilot)
RAAF 407550 PO Hiller, J E (Observer)
RAF Sgt Wigglesworth, A G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

The pilot survived the crash but was injured, with both PO Hiller (RAAF) and Sgt Wigglesworth (RAF) missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400589 Pilot Officer HISLOP, Bruce Elwell

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/36/109

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: V 6380
Radio call sign:
Unit: 88 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V 6380 of No.88 (Hong Kong) Sqn RAF, in formation and escorted by fighters took off from RAF Manston, at 0930 hours on 18 September 1941 to attack an enemy MV 5000 ton tanker escorted by 9 flak ships off Ostend.

The Hurricanes attacked the Flak ships, two of which were put out of action. The Blenheims attacked at sea level registering hits on the tanker and made their get away.

On the return journey the formation was attacked by 20 enemy fighters. Two Blenheims including V 6380 were shot down and crashed into the sea with the crew on one of the aircraft seen climbing into a dinghy.

Crew:

RAAF 400589 PO Hislop, B E (Pilot)
RCAF PO Burlinson, R M (Observer)
RAF Sgt Stratton, M A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

The body of PO Burlinson was washed ashore and buried at New Eastern Cemetery, Amsterdam, and Sgt Stratton was washed ashore and buried at Melissant. PO Hislop is recorded as having lost his life at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

413865 Flying Officer HODGE, Frederick Thomas

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/18/360

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: NB 802
Radio call sign:
Unit: 172 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington NB 802 of 172 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Chivenor, Barnstaple Devon, at 2226 hours on 23 May 1944 to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the Bay of Biscay. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt Barber, J W, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Powls, F (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 413865 FO Hodge, F T (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Henley, E (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Hunt, A (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Stone, E J (Wireless Operator/Air)

In 1949 it was recorded that the crew were missing lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

420386 Pilot Officer HOGAN, Phillip William

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/18/372

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: BZ 915
Radio call sign:
Unit: 224 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ 915 of 224 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station St.Eval, Cornwall, in the early hours of 7 June 1944. The aircraft was detailed to patrol the coast of Ushant, France but failed to return to base. The last signal received from the aircraft at 0207 hours stated that they were attacking the enemy, the position of the aircraft then was off the French coast near Ushant. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft.

Crew:

RAAF 414988 FO Buchan-Hepburn, R H, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Fairs, G H J (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 420386 PO Hogan, P W (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 422822 Flt Sgt Whitby, J D (Navigator)
RAAF 422512 Flt Sgt Hands, B A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 408388 Flt Sgt Dickenson, M E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 422464 Flt Sgt Earl, H J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 418506 Flt Sgt Kennedy, A A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Barnes, L J (Wireless Operator Mechanic/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Collins, A (Flight Engineer)

In a 1949 report it was stated that all efforts to find any trace of the aircraft or crew were unsuccessful, and the crew had been recorded as missing lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402506 Flying Officer HOLCOMBE, Richard Herbert

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/18/3

Aircraft Type: Sunderland
Serial number: N 9209
Radio call sign:
Unit: 230 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Sunderland N 9209 of 230 Sqn RAF was detailed to carry out a ten hour anti-submarine patrol in protection of a convoy between Alexandria and Port Said. The aircraft left Alexandria at 1600 hours on 1 January 1943. Messages were received from the aircraft until 1730 hours and at 2045 hours it was reported in the vicinity of Port Said.

Nothing further was heard from the aircraft from 0230 hours to 0830 hours on 2 January 1943. Wreckage was discovered off Port Said and at 1100 hours the remains of the Captain were identified but could not be recovered from the sea.

The cause of the accident is not known, but it is assumed that the aircraft dived to investigate a suspicious spot, and failing to pull out in time crashed into the sea.

Crew:

RAAF 402506 FO Holcombe, R H, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 406457 FO Meaton, R W (Pilot)
RAAF 400012 FO Clayton, L S (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Webber, L J (Observer)
RAF Sgt Darge, W G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Daniels, A G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Dean, M (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Cpl Barnard, J (Fitter 2E/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Butcher, V F (Air Gunner)
RAF Cpl Nicholas, E A F (Fitter 2E/Air Gunner)
RAF LAC Savidge, J (Fitter MA/Air Gunner)
RAF LAC Purkiss, W L (Radio Mechanic)

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

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

414031 Flying Officer HOLE, Lincoln

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/18/703

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LM 177
Radio call sign: PM – Z
Unit: 103 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM 177 of 103 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Elsham Wolds, Barnetby, Lincolnshire, was detailed to lay mines in enemy waters in the Aarhus Bay, Denmark. LM 177 took off at the appointed on the night of 4/5th April 1945 but nothing further was heard and the aircraft did not return to base.

Four other 103 Squadron aircraft took part in the mission, and when homeward bound from the Danish coast, members of another crew saw three aircraft shot down behind them but were unable to identify any individual aircraft. Two of the aircraft appeared to crash into the sea and one on the land. In each case the mines would have been already laid.

Crew:

RAAF 414031 FO Hole, L, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Kelly, E (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 430123 Flt Sgt Jeffrey, S A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437854 Flt Sgt Hodge, C J (Navigator)
RAAF 432969 Flt Sgt Pearce, S D (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 437300 FO Vallentine, V L (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 435489 Flt Sgt Shannon, E F (Rear Gunner)

In 1949 it was reported that all efforts to find any trace of the aircraft or crew had been unsuccessful and the crew had been recorded as missing lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

418276 Flying Officer HOLLAWAY, Kenneth George

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/18/631

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: NF 907
Radio call sign: UM – K2
Unit: 626 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF 907 of 626 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Wickenby, Lincolnshire at 1735 hours on 18 February 1945 to carry a mining operation over the target “Rosemary” in the Kattegat area. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 418276 FO Hollaway, K G, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Gascoigne, T W (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Jones, J T (Air Bomber)
RAAF 417360 WO Gill, R D (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Edwards, R F (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Harrison, E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hughes, D W (Rear Gunner)

In 1949 it was reported that all efforts to find any trace of the aircraft and crew had been unsuccessful, and the crew had been recorded as missing lost at sea.

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412964 Flying Officer HOOKWAY, Arthur Frederick

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/18/360

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ND 588
Radio call sign: MG – Q
Unit: 7 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND 588 of 7 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Oakington, Cambridge, UK, at 2250 hours on 21 May 1944 on a bombing mission to Duisberg, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 412964 FO Hookway, A F, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Thompson, R (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Giles, W H (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Dudley, L G (Air Bomber)
RNZAF Flt Sgt Grant, R H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Broughton, J W (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Steedman, W K (Rear Gunner)

In 1950 following investigation by the Missing Research and Enquiry Service it was reported that no trace of the aircraft or crew could be found

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402355 Pilot Officer HORN, John Read

Source:

NAA: A705, 1633/36/96

Aircraft Type: Wellington

Serial number: W 5527

Radio call sign:

Unit: 405 Sqn Royal Canadian Air Force

Summary:

Lancaster W 5527 of No 405 (Vancouver) Sqn RCAF, took off from RAF Station Pocklington, York, at 2235 hours on the night of 2/3rd August 1941, to bomb Hannover, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RCAF PO Cox, R, Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 402355 PO Horn, J R (2nd Pilot)

RAF Sgt McKenzie, H B

Names of other crew members not recorded in above Archives file.

In a 1949 report following investigations by the Missing Research and Enquiry Unit, it was established that the body of Sgt McKenzie (RAF) was washed ashore at Husby on 23 August 1941 which is on the west coast of Jutland, Denmark, approx 15 miles north of Rinkjobing. Sgt McKenzie is buried in the Vestre cemetery at Lemvig, Denmark which is 18 miles north of Husby. No trace of the remaining five crew members could be found and it was recorded that they had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

417377 Flying Officer HOUGH, Leslie Markland

Source:

NAA: A705 166/18/521

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: PD 374
Radio call sign: HA – C
Unit: 218 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD 374 of No. 218 (Gold Coast) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station Methwold, Norfolk, at 0825 Hours on 8 November 1944 to attack the Neerbeck Oil Plant at Homberg, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 417377 FO Hough, L M, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Clifford (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Burnside (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF FO Barrow, J H A (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Lawson, J (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Lee, S K (Air Gunner)
RAF WO Tales, J H (Flight Engineer)

Flt Sgt Clifford, FO Barrow and Sgt Lee (all RAF members) became POW's.

German documents examined after the war recorded that the aircraft was shot down by flak at 1030 hours on 8 November 1944, 2 kms east of Horstgen (4 kms NNE of Mors), and that Sgt Lawson and 3 other unidentified members of the crew were buried by the Germans at the village of Dachsberg in the same locality where the plane crashed.

The bodies were later exhumed by members of the American forces, but all efforts to trace their place of reburial have been unsuccessful.

In 1949 it was concluded that there appears no doubt that FO Hough and his three comrades were buried as unknown in one of the American Military cemeteries and they have been classified as having no known grave.

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435216 Flying Officer HOWATSON, James Leonard

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/18/736

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: KK 299
Radio call sign:
Unit: 547 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator KK 299 of 547 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Leuchars, Scotland, at 1900 hours on 5 May 1945, to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the Kattegat area. The aircraft was due to return by 1920 hours, but by this time the crew of Liberator "G" of 86 Sqn RAF reported having seen another Liberator shot down in position 5645N 1152E at 1335 hours after having carried out 2 or 3 successful attacks on 2 or 3 surfaced U boats.

It was later confirmed by the Captain of Liberator G of 86 Sqn that the aircraft he saw being shot down bore the markings '2V' 'E', which were the markings being carried by KK 299. One survivor was seen to be picked up by a lightship and appeared to be unhurt, but this subsequently turned out to be a German survivor.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Hill, G W, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 435216 FO Howatson, J L (2nd Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Allen, R J (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RCAF PO Sweeney, V D (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Phelan, P D (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Devins, W A (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF WO Dale, A J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF WO Parks, H (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Tyrer, A E (Wireless Operator/Air)
RCAF Flt Sgt McLean, R J (Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt Keown, C A (Air Gunner)

It was later established that the body of Fl Lt Allen (RAF) was washed ashore and was buried at Aarhus cemetery, and that of WO Dale (RAF) was buried at Aalborg cemetery. It was concluded that the other 9 missing crew members were lost at sea.

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406249 Flying Officer HOWE, Alexander Maxwell

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/36/217

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: Z 7705
Radio call sign:
Unit: 34 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z 7705 of 34 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Baigachi on 10 November 1942, to participate in operations against the enemy. The aircraft which was shot down by enemy fighters was last seen lying in the sea approx 8 miles North West of Akyab, Burma, with all members of the crew swimming nearby.

On 18 November 1942, information was received from the NOIC Calcutta, that an RAF dinghy had been picked up containing the body of FO Hay and two life belts, but that no trace of the other two members of the crew were found. The position of the dinghy was 2107N, 9011E. The body of FO Hay was buried at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 406249 FO Howe, A M (Pilot)
RAAF 408066 PO Hay, J D (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt Lishman, T G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403742 Pilot Officer HUDSON, Richard Julian

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/124/174

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 858
Radio call sign: GT – R
Unit: 156 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 858 of 156 SWqn RAF took off from RAF Station Warboys, Huntingdonshire, at 2319 hours on 24 June 1943 to carry out a bombing attack on Elberfeld, Germany. After take off nothing further was heard from the aircraft which did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 403742 PO Hudson, R J, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Brown, R (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Jones, H (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Barlow, A T (Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Brooks, W S (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Richards, K (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Adams, K C C (Rear Gunner)

In a 1946 report, it was stated that ED 858 was shot down at 1.25am local time on 25 June, 1943 at Spiel, near Titz in Western Germany, and that 3 RAF crew members Sgt Brown, Sgt Richards and Sgt Adams were buried at a Military Cemetery, Cologne. Also that the remains of all the crew members were recovered and interred by the Germans, but that they had only effected separate identification of the above three.

The remains of PO Hudson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Brooks and Sgt Barlow could not however be individually identified when the graves of many allied airmen buried in Cologne cemetery were exhumed. These unidentified remains were re-interred in the Rheinberg British Military cemetery, and the graves marked as unidentified airmen with no known grave.

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421597 Pilot Officer HUGHES, Colin

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/18/148

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HX 512
Radio call sign:
Unit: 3 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Wellington HX 512 of No 3 Operational Training Unit, RAF, took off at 2200 hours on 10 August 1943 on an operational training exercise, but the aircraft did not return to base. The last signal was received at 2214 hours, but nothing heard since then. It was expected that bad weather over the sea would prevent the crew from completing the exercise and they were instructed to return. Six crews were sent out on the exercise, and after the recall five crews returned to base within 2 hours.

Searches were carried out but no wreckage or traces of the crew were found, and it was presumed that they were lost at sea.

Crew:

RCAF FO Jones, T R (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Tattle, F W (Pilot)
RAAF 421597 PO Hughes, C (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Goode, A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Terry, R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hewson, H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

422186 Pilot Officer HUNT, Colin Charles

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/18/487

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LL 774
Radio call sign: SR – U
Unit: 101 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL 774 of 101 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Ludford Magna, Lincolnshire at 0016 hours on 15 October 1944 to carry out an operational sortie on Duisberg, Germany. Its ETA back to base was 0523 hours on 15 October, but nothing was heard from the aircraft which did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422186 PO Hunt, C C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Hannah, A J (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Fretter, G J (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Noble, D (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Myers, D (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Neville, G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Williams, B G (Rear Gunner)
RCAF PO Yellin, B (Special)

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413601 Pilot Officer HUNT, Walter James

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/18/190

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: EH 991
Radio call sign: GI – P
Unit: 622 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling EH 991 of 622 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Mildenhall, Suffolk, at 1940 hours on 27 September 1943, to bomb Hannover, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft or crew after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 413601 PO Hunt, W J, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Chandler, J J (Navigator)
RCAF Sgt Hall, W K (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Meadow, K (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Tebbut, W (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Weaving, L H G (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt McLeod, K G (Flight Engineer)

In 1950 it was recorded that the above crew were missing with no known grave.

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408848 Pilot Officer HUNTER, Ian Walter

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/18/343

Aircraft Type: Mustang
Serial number: FZ 191
Radio call sign:
Unit: 122 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Mustang FZ 191 of No 122 (Bombay) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station Bognor Regis, Suffolk on 28 April 1944, to carry out practice dive bombing at sea with 2 x 500 lb bombs. The aircraft was last seen at 1210 hours 10 miles south of Bognor, diving from 8000 feet to 5000 feet at an angle of 45deg and dropping bombs. The aircraft pulled out of the dive but then was lost to view and was not seen again.

Search aircraft located oil spots on the sea which may have been caused by the aircraft striking the water. No wreckage or trace of the pilot was found.

Crew:

RAAF 408848 PO Hunter, I W (Pilot)

In 1950 PO Hunt was recorded as missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

410895 Pilot Officer HUTCHESON, Harold Joseph

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/18/582

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: PB 637
Radio call sign: PM – L
Unit: 103 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB 637 of 103 Sqn RAF took off at 1607 hours from RAF Station Elsham Wolds, Barnetby, Lincolnshire, on the night of 6/7th January 1945 to lay mines in enemy waters in the Baltic. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft or of the crew after take off.

Crew:

RAF FO Pearton, C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Fell, D (Flight Engineer)
RAF WO Abrams, S E (Navigator)
RAAF 410895 PO Hutcheson, H J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 422402 PO Burcher, W E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Williams, G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Palmer, C H (Rear Gunner)

In 1950 it was recorded that the crew were lost at sea.

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405685 Flying Officer HUTCHINS, John Richard

Source:

NAA: A9300, Barcode 4934007

RAAF Casualty file not held by Archives

Aircraft Type:

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: Group 45 Transport Comd RAF

Summary:

It is recorded in the above member's service records that he was missing on air operations from Sangers British Guiana, South America on 22 February 1944. No other details are available from the file.

Crew:

RAAF 405685 FO Hutchins, J R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406456 Squadron Leader INGHAM, Kenneth Victor DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 32/4/222

AWM65, 2793

Aircraft Type:	Sunderland
Serial number:	JM 673
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	230 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Sunderland JM 673 of 230 Sqn RAF took off from Koggala at 0645 hours on 28 November 1944 for an anti submarine patrol off the East coast of Ceylon. The aircraft was due to return at 2000 hours on 28 November.

Due to weather conditions in the area making the patrol impracticable, the aircraft was called by W/T at 1241 hours and from then on continuously until 2257 hours, but without result, with no answer being received from the aircraft. No signals were received from the aircraft from time of take off, and no trace of the aircraft or crew found from subsequent searches.

Crew:

RAAF 406456 Sqn Ldr Ingham, K V, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Gilbert, A.B (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Bennett, J W (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 412393 Flt Lt Cary, S L (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Williams, E R J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Bonner, A J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Underwood, D W (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF PO Walliker, R F (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Crawford, D N (Fitter Mech/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Juffs, R F (Air Gunner)

Citation:

DFC: Sqn Ldr Ingham has served with his present unit for three years. He has taken part in operational missions in the Middle East, East Africa and South East Asia. Though considerable maintenance difficulties have been experienced, this officer has never failed to set a fine example to air crew and ground crew alike by his enthusiasm and interest in his allotted task.

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400369 Flight Lieutenant INGRAM, Robert John DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/19/16

AWM65, 2794

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: Z 7912
Radio call sign:
Unit: 11 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z 7912 of 11 Sqn RAF led a formation of two other aircraft on 1 June 1943 to bomb Kalemyo, Burma. During the bombing run at approx 0901 hours the starboard propeller of Z 7912 was seen to fall off by the pilots in the other aircraft in formation, who followed the aircraft down to the Manipur river. The pilot of No 2 in the formation called Z 7912 on the R/T and Z 7912 replied that he was going to follow Manipur River. The aircraft was seen to jettison bombs and gradually lose height after turning away.

The pilot of No 2 aircraft later saw wreckage of what was assumed to be an aircraft in the Manipur River 26 miles north east of Haka approx 22.42N, 94.00E, with fire still issuing from only one wing tip above the water. Signs of a crash landing were seen on a sand pit but no signs of the crew.

It was later established that the aircraft crashed at Kabani Sakan at 2248N 93,58E, with no graves or bodies located after searches.

Crew:

RAF Wing Cdr Pennington-Leigh, A W (Pilot)

RAAF 400369 Flt Lt Ingram, R J, DFC (Navigator/Bombaimer)

RAAF 407097 Flt Lt Burnley, B, DFC (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

Citation:

DFC: Flt Lt R J Ingram took part in operations against the enemy in the Western Desert, Ceylon and Burma. He was navigation officer for his Squadron for 9 months and latterly led a large number of bombing sorties on Japanese targets in Burma. This officer's navigation, both in the Western Desert and Burma was outstanding and earned the complete confidence of his fellow pilots and navigators. By his conscientiousness and meticulous care in locating and bombing ill defined targets, Flt Lt Ingram invariably completed his mission successfully, undaunted by adverse weather or enemy opposition. This officer's keenness, courage and determination set an example worthy of the highest praise.

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402359 Flight Lieutenant IRVING, Donald Atherton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/37/17 Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, P)age 38,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type: Whitley
Serial number: Z 6943
Radio call sign: KN – A
Unit: 77 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Whitley Z 6943 of 77 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Leeming, Yorkshire, on the night of 27/28th February 1942 to attack enemy cruisers at Wilhemshaven, Germany. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 402359 Flt Lt Irving, D A, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H W Blackmore, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J L S Price, (Observer)
RAF Sgt D Unsworth, (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P W L Strachan (Air Gunner)

In 1948 it was reported that after extensive searches and interrogation of German authorities of the land in the area from Wilhemshaven to Emden, no trace of wreckage or of the crew could be found. The crew were recorded as lost at sea.

Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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420950 Pilot Officer IRVING, Donald James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/19/46 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 149,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LL 861
Radio call sign: SR – H
Unit: ATTD 101 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL 861 of 101 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Ludlow Magna, Market
Raisen, Lincolnshire, at 2211 hours on the night of 30/31st March 1944 to carry out a
bombing operation against Nurnberg. The aircraft was due back at Base at 0545 hours on
31 March, but nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 420950 PO Irving, D J, Captain, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Phillips, F (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 412542 WO King, S G R (Navigator)
RAAF 427016 Flt Sgt Noske, J A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 413771 Flt Sgt Huggett, N G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 426999 Flt Sgt Newman, J B (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 410934 Flt Sgt Adam, W J (Rear Gunner)
RCAF FO Litchfield, R F (Special Duties, Air Bomber)

In 1949 it was established from an examination of German documents that the aircraft
crashed at Lauterbach, 11 kms north north east of Eisenach, Germany, in the province of
Thuringe, and that Flt Sgt Noske and two unknown crew members were buried at
Eisenach Town Cemetery. As Eisenach was in the Russian Zone of Occupation it was
not possible for investigating teams to visit the area to visit the site of the crash and locate
any of the graves of the crew. At the time the names of the 8 crew members were
registered as missing with no known grave.

Commonwealth War Graves record that Flt Sgt's Noske and Newman are buried in the
Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany.

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

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

410340 Pilot Officer JACK, Russell Stuart

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/20/265

Aircraft Type: Thunderbolt

Serial number: HD 252

Radio call sign:

Unit: 79 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Thunderbolt HD 252 of No 79 (Madras Presidency) Sqn RAF, South East Asian Air Forces, was detailed to fly No. 4 in a section on 'Cab rank patrol' in the Toungoo area, Southern Burma, on 21 April 1945.

After the Section was on patrol for some time, they were ordered by the V.C.P. to look out for suspected Japanese motor transports in the south portion of Toungoo town. Whilst making a pass the section leader was hit in the fuselage by .5 machine gun fire and reported seeing some possible 20mm. On pulling away he noticed that PO Jack was no longer following, so orbited the area again and saw that Jack had crashed in the vicinity of the target. The aircraft had completely broken up and many pieces were burning. Nothing was seen of the pilot and he was flying too low to be able to use his parachute. It was believed that he could not have survived the crash.

Crew:

RAAF 410340 PO Jack, R S (Pilot)

In 1953 after searches and investigation proved unsuccessful, it was recorded that the grave of PO Jack could not be located.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400414 Squadron Leader JACKSON, Geoffrey Francis

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/20/5

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HX 646
Radio call sign:
Unit: 221 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington HX 646 of 221 Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station, Luqa, Malta, at approx 1805 hours on 23 January 1943 to attack an enemy convoy in the vicinity west of Sicily.

The aircraft did not return to base, and it is believed the aircraft located the convoy and must have been damaged whilst making an attack.

In a later statement by Sgt Baker (RAF) who survived the crash and was captured by the Italians he reported: 'the aircraft was attacked without warning at 1am over the sea between Sicily and Tunis. The aircraft was flying at about 300 feet at the time of the attack and flew into the sea immediately afterwards. Sgt Baker extracted himself and floated to the surface, where he climbed into the aircraft dinghy which had apparently been released by the automatic gear and inflated. He was rescued next day by an Italian patrol. Baker saw no other member of the crew and has assumed that the bodies of the crew sank with the aircraft.'

Crew:

RAAF 400414 Sqn Ldr Jackson, G F (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Viala, S G (Pilot)
RAAF 416043 FO Craig, J I (Observer)
RAF Sgt Baker, F J (Wireless Operator)
RCAF PO Shustove, S G (S.I.Operator)
RAAF 407524 Sgt Burns, R J (Air Gunner)

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421222 Flight Lieutenant JACKSON, Leonard Alfred

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/20/263

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: NC 419
Radio call sign:
Unit: 14 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington NC 419 of 14 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station St.Eval, Cornwall, on an anti-submarine patrol on the night of 18/19th April 1945 when it crashed 4 miles NNE of Newquay.

Local night flying at RAF Station St Eval had ceased at 2315 hours on 18 April 1945, and lights apart from the Pundit were extinguished about 2335 hours. Pilots had reported that the flying conditions were excellent. At about 2345 hours an aircraft was heard calling, (it was thought Rushbrooke (Ballykelly)), and asking for lights for an emergency landing. The airfield controller at St Eval reported an aircraft without lights flying in the vicinity. The pilot was contacted and he stated that he had a fuel leak. Lights were put on and the pilot instructed which runway to use and the directions to come in.

No further satisfactory contact was made with the aircraft, although it was repeatedly called and asked if flood lights were required. The aircraft could be seen flying in tight circuits at about 200 feet and losing height at each circuit and it crashed on the cliffs near Trenance village, 4 miles NNE of Newquay, Cornwall at 12.05am hours on 19 April 1945.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Lt Hogg, M C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Pearson, E (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 421222 Flt Lt Jackson, L A (Navigator)
RCAF PO Smith, G S (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Speak, R D (Wireless operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Barker, L C (Wireless Operator/Air)

The bodies of PO Smith (RCAF) and Flt Sgt Barker (RAF) were recovered and buried, with the remains of the remaining crew recorded as missing lost at sea.

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22102 Flying Officer JACOBSON, George Alexander

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/20/119

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: GS 682
Radio call sign: JI – N
Unit: 514 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster GS 682 of 514 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, at 2258 hours on the night of 22/23 April 1944, to attack Dusseldorf, Germany. The aircraft was carrying 1 x 8000 lb bomb and incendiaries, 9000 rounds of ammunition and 1360 gallons of petrol for 6.5 hours flying time. The anticipated duration of the mission was 4 hours 7 mts.

At 0236 hours, GS 682 sent out an SOS message giving position 5236N, 0315E, but nothing further was heard from the aircraft after this message.

Crew:

RAF FO Morgan-Owen, M L, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Green, A W (Navigator)
RAAF 22102 FO Jacobson, G A (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Gladhill, E (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Tetley, A D (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hayward, N S (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Sadler, H L (Flight Engineer)

The bodies of Sgts Sadler and Tetley (RAF) were later recovered from the sea in the Frisian Island area, and are buried at Oldenburg (Sage) British Cemetery, Germany. The five remaining members of the crew are recorded as missing lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

417490 Flying Officer JAMES, Brian Russell

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/20/98

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: LK 733
Radio call sign: - B
Unit: 76 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax LK 733 of 76 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Spalding Moor, Yorkshire, at 1945 hours on the night of 21/22nd January 1944 to attack Magdeburg, Germany, but the aircraft failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF 2nd Lieut Anundskaas (Norwegian), Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Jessamy, S E (Navigator)
RAAF 417490 FO James, B R (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Driver, L G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Gorrie, J (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Wyatt, E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Rose, J (Rear Gunner)

In 1950 it was recorded that the crew were missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

416966 Pilot Officer JAMES, Stanley Joseph

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/20/8

Aircraft Type: Ventura
Serial number: AE 665
Radio call sign:
Unit: 34 OTU RCAF

Summary:

Ventura AE 665 of No 34 OTU RCAF, took off at 1300 hours on 26 January 1943 from Pennfield Ridge on a non-operational cross country navigation exercise. The route was Base/Bathurst/Point Escuminac/St.John/Base. The aircraft did not return to base. Pennfield Ridge is an Operational Training Unit in New Brunswick at 45.18N 66.41 W.

The exact place of the accident is unknown, but believed to be off Point Escuminac, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Canada. It was concluded that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 414470 PO Cormack, D S (Pilot)
RAAF 416966 PO James, S J (Navigator)
RNZAF Sgt Hunter, T N (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407046 Flying Officer JEFFERIES, David Scott

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/38/27

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: X 9988
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD Hq M East RAF

Summary:

Wellington X9988 of RAF Hqrts Middle East failed to return from an air operation in the Middle East on the afternoon of 22 November 1941.

The wreckage of the aircraft was subsequently found by Army forces 4.5 miles from Bkarinni near Bir El Igela, some 45 miles south west of Tobruk.

Crew:

RAF Sgt Nicholson (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Hughes, J B (Pilot)
RAAF 407046 FO Jefferies, D S (Observer)
RAF Sgt Forrest, M A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Sidebottom (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Keogh, W A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

There were no survivors from the crash and the Army unit which found the wrecked aircraft buried the bodies where the aircraft was found. At the time the remains of three members of the crew were identified and the remainder including FO Jefferies not positively identified.

In 1946 as the remains were buried in minefields the search for the graves was abandoned by the Graves Registration unit, and the crew recorded as having no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407140 Pilot Officer JEFFERIES, Ross Wilson

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/20/127

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: FZ 599
Radio call sign:
Unit: 194 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Dakota FZ 599 of 194 Sqn RAF took off from Broadway Strip in Burma at 1710Z on 5 May 1944 for 'Moon' type operation engaged in landing personnel and equipment of the late General Wingates forces far behind the Japanese lines in Central Burma. The aircraft was engaged in taking personnel and equipment into Broadway and evacuating No 16 Brigade from Broadway and Aberdeen.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Wood, P W H (Pilot)
RAAF 407140 PO Jefferies, R W (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Roberts, R (Wireless Operator/Air)
RCAF FO Thain, C K (Gunner)

In 1944 it was reported from RAF India that wreckage was located in position 2342deg.30mts N and 9135deg.30mtsE, in the state of Bengal, India. A search party established the identity of the aircraft which had evidently hit the trees and crashed into a steep gully. It reported that no member of the crew or passengers could have survived the crash and it was not possible for the search party to recover any remains for burial due to the hazardous nature of the country.

The crew were subsequently recorded as missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406179 Flying Officer JEFFRIES, Robert James Daniel

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/38/29.

Aircraft Type: Tomahawk
Serial number: AL 476
Radio call sign:
Unit: 112 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Tomahawk AL 476 flown by PO Jeffries failed to return from an air operational flight near Bomba in the Libyan area, Middle East, on the afternoon of 12 December 1941.

Crew:

RAAF 406179 FO Jeffries, R J D (Pilot)

FO Jeffries is recorded as missing with no known grave.

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SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS IN WORLD WAR 2 AND MISSING WITH
NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406567 Pilot Officer JENSEN, Albrecht Maxwell

Source:

NAA : A705, 166/21/9, A705, 166/20/14 (Digitised),
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: DF 691
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington DF 691 of 142 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Blida at 0230 hours on 23 February 1943, to attack the docks at Bizerta, Tunisia. The ETA to the target was 0515 hours. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Several crews saw an aircraft crash into the sea north of Bizerta, but they could not identify the aircraft.

The route recommended was as follows : Base – Cape Bengut – La Galite – Bizerta – La Galite – 37.30N, 0500-E – Base.

Crew:

RAAF 406567 PO Jensen, A M Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 412655 PO Peterson, R F (Navigator)
RAAF 411788 Flt Sgt Jowers, A (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Marples, F R (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt Hill, E (Air Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives at sea and have no known graves. Their names are commemorated on the Malta Memorial, Malta. The Memorial is situated in the area of Floriana and is easily identified by the Golden Eagle which surmounts the column.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

428009 Flying Officer JETSON, Ernest Thomas

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/20/236

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: NN 768
Radio call sign: KM – K
Unit: 44 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NN 768 of No 44 (Rhodesia) Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Spilsby, Lincolnshire, at 1826 hours on 7 March 1945 to carry out a bombing attack on Harburg, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft which did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 428009 FO Jetson, E T, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Florence, W J (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Smith, B (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Stevens, R (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Silson, R C (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Gazaly, W P (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Bosley, R A (Air Gunner)

All members of the crew except FO Jetson survived the crash.

In a later statement by one of the survivors, Flt Sgt Bosley, (RAF), he stated 'I baled out at roughly 500 feet. Ernie was uninjured but having extreme difficulty in maintaining height (two engines being on fire). The kite hit the ground about the same time I did. As we had a full bomb load on, I don't think Ernie would have had much chance if he had baled out. What I believe happened is that as soon as he let go of the controls the aircraft dived straight into the ground. At my interrogation the German officer told me that Ernie had been killed, but I don't know if they had found his body or were just trying to find out whether I knew anything about him.'

In a 1946 report it stated that the site of the crash was located at Verlussmoor in the district of Teufelsmoor, Germany when the aircraft exploded on crashing at that village.

FO Jetson's body was not recovered, and he was recorded as missing in action with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411916 Flying Officer JOHNSON, James Gilbert

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/21/13

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: AB 894
Radio call sign:
Unit: 91 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire AB 894 of No 91 (Nigeria) Sqn RAF took off from RAF base Hawkins, Kent, at 6.40am on 8 March 1943 on a shipping reconnaissance. The last plotted position of the aircraft was north of Ostend. Then nothing further was heard from the aircraft which failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 411916 FO Johnson, J G (Pilot)

It was later recorded that FO Johnson was missing lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

15467 Pilot Officer JOHNSON, Leslie Joseph

Source:

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

Aircraft Type:

Lancaster

Serial number: JB 179

Radio call sign: GT – F

Unit: ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

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

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt Redfern, J G, Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 15467 PO Johnson, L J (Flight Engineer)

RAF Sgt Carrell, B (Navigator)

RCAF Flt Sgt Clarke, W R (Bombaimer)

RAF Flt Sgt Richmond, J (Wireless Operator)

RAF Flt Sgt Wood, K (Mid Upper Gunner)

RAAF 422012 Flt Sgt Tinman, W B (Rear Gunner)

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

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

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411713 Pilot Officer JUNGE, Walter Lawrence

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/39/60

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: PW 454
Radio call sign:
Unit: 11 Sqn (RCAF)

Summary:

Hudson PW 454 of 11 Sqn RCAF, took off at 0845 hours from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, on 25 September 1942 to carry out an anti-submarine patrol. The aircraft which had a 10 hour max endurance, was expected to return at 1pm approx., but failed to do so. Contact by wireless was unsuccessful, and searches over the next 3 days failed to reveal any trace of the missing aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Lt Booth, A R (Pilot)
RAAF 411713 PO Junge, W L (Observer)
RCAF PO Knowles, D M (Observer)
RCAF PO Sawyer, C G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt Celig, J D (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400591 Flight Lieutenant KECK, Harry Kingwell

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/40/41

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: Z 7627
Radio call sign:
Unit: 14 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z 7627 of 14 Sqn RAF was reported missing after an operational flight on 30 March 1942. The aircraft was shot down by a Hurricane aircraft at Ras Alam El Rumb in position 3122N 2720E in the Middle East with the crew missing believed killed.

Crew:

RAAF 400591 Flt Lt Keck, H K (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Hibbert, J H (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt Rylands, G P (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1948 it was recorded that after extensive search, no trace could be found of the aircraft and the crew were recorded as missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

414142 Pilot Officer KELLY, Lester James

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/22/248

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LL 793
Radio call sign: GI – Q
Unit: 622 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL M793 of 622 Sqn RAF took off at 2255 hours on 21 May 1944 from RAF Station Mildenhall to bomb Duisberg, Germany. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 11604 PO Harris, J A, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 414142 PO Kelly, L J (Navigator)
RNZAF Flt Sgt Blackmore, D G (Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt White, D B (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Otley, A N (Air Gunner)
RAAF 424286 Flt Sgt Campbell, R H (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Wareham, B E (Flight Engineer)

In 1950 the crew were recorded as missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402124 Pilot Officer KENT, James Frederick Stamford

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/40/22

Aircraft Type: Tomahawk
Serial number: AK 376
Radio call sign:
Unit: 250 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Whilst on protective patrol over H.M.ships during the afternoon of 30 June 1941, Tomahawks of 250 Sqn RAF met approx 40 enemy aircraft (a mix of dive bombers, and German and Italian fighters) about to attack the convoy.

One Tomahawk was seen diving vertically towards the sea with one elevator and the tail unit almost completely severed. No parachute was seen. As Tomahawk AK 376 was the only aircraft to fail to return to base after the mission, it is certain that the missing aircraft was that flown by PO Kent.

Crew:

RAAF 402124 PO Kent, J F S (Pilot)

It was later concluded that the aircraft and pilot were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401128 Pilot Officer KEWISH, Douglas William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/22/356 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: ATTD 84 SQN RAF

Summary:

PO Kewish, was a member of 84 Sqn RAF, who reached Java from the Middle East in February 1942. According to reports from repatriated prisoners of war he is believed to have been killed when the Japanese attacked the Kalidjati aerodrome on 1st March 1942. He was last seen in Kalidjati village about to proceed to Soebang to collect kits. As Jaapanese forces advanced down the road and reached Kalidjati soon afterwards, it is presumed that Kewish was killed by enemy forces between Kalidjati and Soebang, but his fate was never definitely established. Death was presumed with effect 1st March 1942.

In a 1952 report it is stated that the Kaladjati area has been searched in the past without success and PO Kewish was been classified as unlocated after search.

PO Kewish has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial. The Memorial stands in the Kranji War Cemetery, which is 22kms north of the City of Singapore, on the north side of Singapore Island overlooking the Straits of Johore.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400718 Flight Lieutenant KILPATRICK, William Robert

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/41/52

Aircraft Type: Hurricane
Serial number: K 828
Radio call sign:
Unit: 184 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hurricane K 828 of 184 Sqn RAF, RAF Station Manston, Kent, was detailed on 31 July 1943 to carry out an attack at night on four E boats and R boats, 10 miles south west of Boulogne, France. The attack was to be carried out with an Albacore of 841 Sqn RAF which was to drop flares over the target area when the Hurricane was ready to attack. The first flare was dropped and K 828 was heard to say he was on the wrong side of the flare and was going around again.

A second and third flare was dropped and the pilot of the Albacore reported seeing what he thought were 'slow tracers'. This was in all probability the rockets being fired. Nothing more was seen or heard from K828, and all RT communication ceased. During the attack the Albacore saw light flak being fired to the right of the flare presumably at the Hurricane.

Searches at first light brought nil results. The time of the attack was approx 0230 hours. The weather and visibility was 4/5 miles, with no cloud or moon.

Crew:

RAAF 400718 Flt Lt Kilpatrick, W R (Pilot)

In 1948 it was recorded that Flt Lt Kilpatrick lost his life at sea. Kilpatrick took part in 107 operational flights including fighter cover and fighter support for bombers, and anti-shipping and convoy patrols.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

425945 Pilot Officer KLINGNER, Albert Charles Frederick

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/22/491

Aircraft Type: Mustang
Serial number: KH 573
Radio call sign:
Unit: 260 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Mustang KH 573 of 260 Sqn RAF, Central Mediterranean Force, was flying as Blue 4 in a formation of 8 aircraft detailed to carry out on 29 April 1945, an armed recce in Northern Yugoslavia and Southern Austria.

In a statement by FO Masters one of the pilots in the formation he reported 'I took off at 0615 hours on 29 April flying as Blue 3, Klingner being number 2 (Blue 4). After about 15 minutes while flying across the Adriatic, the CO called Blue 4 and told him he appeared to be losing petrol from the fuselage and to check his fuel cock.

Blue 4 did not reply, and after being told twice more still with no reply, I was detailed to escort him to base. Altitude at the time was about 4500 feet. We turned and flew west and after about 3 minutes I suddenly saw KH 573 dive into the sea about 45 deg angle. I saw no parachute and although searched the area for about 15 minutes, before being joined by the rest of the Squadron, who then searched, could see no sign of parachute or dinghy.'

Crew:

RAAF 425945 PO Klingner, A C F (Pilot)

It was later recorded that PO Klingner had lost his life at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

412149 Flying Officer KLIPPEL, John Owen

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/22/239

Aircraft Type: Mosquito
Serial number: KB 220
Radio call sign:
Unit: Hq Ferry Command RAF

Summary:

Mosquito KB 220 of Hq Ferry Command RAF (No 45 Atlantic Transport Group), departed at 1313Z hours on 7 May 1944 from BW1, Greenland on a ferry flight to UK via Iceland. The aircraft failed to reach its destination, the last contact being at 1555pm. Subsequent air sea rescue searches proved unsuccessful.

Later sundry effects from KB 220 were washed ashore at Iceland comprising engine log books, life jacket, torch and a number of personal effects. All items were water logged.

Four other Mosquitos and seven other aircraft completed the journey on the same date. All Captains reported heavy icing conditions while flying in any form of visible moisture, and that they were forced to detour to avoid snow, or sleet or rain squalls.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Wood, G H (Pilot)
RAAF 412149 FO Klippel, J O (Radio Operator)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403348 Flying Officer KNIGHT-BROWN, Noel Henry

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/23/29

Aircraft Type: Martinet
Serial number: HP 322
Radio call sign:
Unit: 1481 Flight RAF

Summary:

Martinet HP 322 of 1481 Flight RAF took off at 1037 hours from RAF Station Binbrook, Lincolnshire, on 26 October 1943, to carry out a non-operational flight from Binbrook to Mabelthorpe – Skegnes – Mablethorpe – Binbrook. The aircraft was detailed to carry out a weather test at a gunnery range some 21 miles from the airfield between Mablethorpe and Skegnes, but nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

In subsequent searches a wing was picked up at sea by a trawler and was identified as a wing fitted to the missing aircraft.

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Sgt Wright, R J (Pilot)
RAAF 403348 FO Knight-Brown, N H (Pilot)

It was later concluded that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400890 Pilot Officer LAIDLAW, Graeme Lonarch

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/136/216 Commonwealth War Graves records

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 1745pm 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 H

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.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

408771 Flying Officer LAWRENCE, William

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/24/105

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HX 735
Radio call sign:
Unit: 7 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Wellington HX 735 of 7 Operational Training Unit RAF based at RAF Station Limavady, crashed on a non-operational flight in the Atlantic sea on 18 May 1943. The aircraft which was detailed for a non-operational dusk navigation exercise took off at 1815 hours, the weather being very good with a slight ground haze. The last report from the aircraft gave its position as 56.35N 10.00W. From there the course could be set for Barra Head.

At 2252 hours Long Kesh heard the aircraft but the signals were very weak. No more was heard from the aircraft after this. It would appear that the navigator failed to make the landfall at Barra Head and continued on course until over the North of Scotland.

Aircraft searches the next day and a Wellington search on the west coast of Scotland failed to locate any trace of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAF PO Stone, D C (Pupil 1st Pilot)
RCAF PO Code, P B (Pupil 2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt Mycock, W (Pupil Navigator)
RAF Sgt Burns, J (Pupil Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Bradbury, F (Pupil Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 408771 FO Lawrence, W (Pupil Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

The bodies of Sgts Mycock and Sgt Burns (RAF) were later washed ashore and buried in England. It was assumed that the remaining 4 crew members were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

414243 Pilot Officer LAWSON, Lyle Anzac

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/24/399

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: BB 446
Radio call sign:
Unit: 614 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax BB 446 of No. 614 (County of Glamorgan) Sqn RAF, Central Mediterranean Force, took off from Celone at 2255 hours on 15 March 1944, to carry out an attack on the Sofia marshalling yards, Bulgaria. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off, and it did not return to base.

No 205 Group aircraft operating against the same target reported seeing an aircraft shot down in the target area, and also that no chutes were seen going down. As BB 446 was the only aircraft which could not be accounted for after the mission, it was assumed that the aircraft was shot down in the target area.

Crew:

RAAF 414243 PO Lawson, L A, Captain, (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Withers, J M (Navigator)
RAAF 405905 WO Dickson, V (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Worthington, F H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Lewis, D J (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Williams, D R (Air Gunner)

In 1948 it was reported that following investigation and enquiries in the Sofia area, no trace of the aircraft or crew could be found. The crew were recorded as having no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404788 Pilot Officer LAYH, Eric John

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/24/245

Aircraft Type: Mosquito
Serial number: HJ 832
Radio call sign:
Unit: 23 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Mosquito HJ 832 of 23 Sqn RAF, British North African Force, took off from Aighero, Sardinia, at 1740 hours on 10 December 1943 to attack rail/road targets in the Genoa – Milan – Turin area. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off.

Crew:

RAF Wing Cdr Burton-Gyles, P R (Pilot)
RAAF 404788 PO Layh, E J (Navigator/Bombaimer)

In 1949 following enquiries by the Missing Research and Enquiry Unit operating in the Mediterranean area, it was reported that no trace of the aircraft or crew could be found.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

432007 Pilot Officer LEAVEY, Thomas Kevin Francis Xavier

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/24/791

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: KN 202
Radio call sign:
Unit: 194 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Dakota KN 202 of 194 Sqn RAF was scheduled to take off from base at 1455 hours on 3 May 1945 after being briefed to land supplies at Payagi, Burma. The aircraft and crew were last seen by the Duty Officer at the time the aircraft took off. Since then nothing further heard from the aircraft.

At 1146 hours the aircraft was reported overdue to the HQ 341 Wing, and an air-sea-jungle search organised. All aircraft returned to base with nil results.

Crew:

RAAF 10769 PO Walton, G A (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Wright (Pilot)
RAAF 432007 PO Leavey, T K F X (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 421488 PO Gunn, P M (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 434575 PO Pittendrigh, R N (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Kemp (Air Gunner)

A 1953 report by the Far East Graves service stated "local villagers stated that a two engine British aircraft was forced to land a few miles from Payagi in the forest area in May 1945 which was still occupied by the enemy. None of the crew were brought in, buried or taken prisoner. The villagers had no knowledge of graves near the wrecked aircraft or elsewhere. The fate of the crew could not be ascertained and the graves were unlocated after a search."

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407177 Flight Lieutenant LEE, Sidney Francis

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/42/94

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: NK -
Radio call sign:
Unit: 113 Sqn RAF

Summary:

The aircraft of 113 Sqn RAF India crashed in Burma on 4 March 1942. One of the survivors of the crash Sgt Walker (RAF) in a later statement reported: "At approx 4pm we were flying in line astern, our aircraft being at the tail end and no.4, at low level for 30 miles and then rose to 1500 feet, when we were attacked by 4 fighters – Navy Type O, 3 from astern and one at the nose.

A bullet hit the Pilot and we crashed west of Sittang River, 60 miles west of Pegu. I crawled out and the pilot tried to do the same but was fatally shot and fell into the fire. I thought he was still alive and saw a bullet wound in the head and realised it was fatal. The Observer was not in the aircraft and I looked for him and found him 50 yards in front of the aircraft dead. I then got under the tail plane as the fighters did 4 strafing runs.

I then heard artillery fire to the north east and started to walk west. After 2 days with friendly Burmese I arrived at Thamatapin, approx 15 miles east of Pegu. I was then transported by Burma Rifles to Army Brigade Hdqtrs and then back to Rangoon to my unit."

Crew:

RAAF 407177 Flt Lt Lee, S F (Pilot)
RNZAF Sgt Brett (Observer)
RAF Sgt Walker, A G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

At the time of the crash no burial of Flt Lt Lee and Sgt Brett was possible as their remains were in territory subsequently occupied by the Japanese.

In 1950 a search for their remains was unsuccessful and was finally abandoned.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401069 Flying Officer LEIGO, Douglas Percy

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/42/122

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: R 9328
Radio call sign: MG – A
Unit: 7 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling R 9328 of 7 Sqn RAF took off at 2250 hours from RAF Station Oakington on the night of 26/27th July 1942 to bomb Hamburg. The aircraft did not return to base after the mission.

In a later statement by Flt Lt Harris (RCAF), Captain and Pilot of R 9328, who became a POW, he reported "On the night of 26 July 42 my aircraft was hit by enemy action. Sgt Stewart-Moore (POW) informed me later that he thinks Sgt Caldwell was probably killed in the action as he saw the rear turret which was Sgt Caldwell's position being badly damaged by enemy fire.

The elevators of the aircraft being damaged and being at an extremely low height, the aircraft crashed into the sea and immediately sank. Unfortunately FO Leigo who was in the front turret must have been killed by the impact and Sgt Harfoot was probably so severely injured that he could not make his escape and was drowned. The Germans informed me later that they had recovered three bodies. The survivors are quite well and including myself are Sgt Stewart-Moore, Sgt Roberts (Flt Engineer) and Sgt Blyth (Air Gunner)."

It was also recorded by Sgt Stewart-Moore that after bombing the target, the aircraft went down to ground level to evade searchlights and flak. It followed the course of the River Elbe, where the aircraft struck the water, bounced and then nosed in. Four crew got into the dinghy, enemy searchlights were kept on them and they were picked up by naval patrol boats.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Lt Harris, J N, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Harfoot, W C P (Navigator)
RAAF 401069 FO Leigo, D P (Bombaimer)
RAAF 405426 WO Stewart-Moore (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Roberts (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Blythe (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 407637 Sgt Caldwell, J H (Rear Gunner)

In 1950 following investigations in Germany by the Missing Research and Enquiry service it was recorded that the aircraft was buried in quick sands making salvage impossible, and that it was extremely unlikely that the remains of the missing three crew members could be recovered.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402036 Pilot Officer LEISK, Henry

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/137/176

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: AL 566
Radio call sign:
Unit: 159 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator AL 566 of 159 Sqn RAF, Middle East, on 15 July 1942, formed part of two formations of aircraft on an operational sortie to Benghazi, Middle East. In a report by Sqn Ldr Beck leader of one of the formations, he stated "The 2 formations were engaged by enemy fighters over the target. AL 566 was on Beck's port side in No. 3 position in formation in the run up to the target.

There was heavy and accurate flak over the target and just after releasing the bombs AL 566 was seen to fall back and lose height. An enemy fighter dived onto the aircraft which made a steep turn to port. Both aircraft circled each other for a short time then AL 566 was seen to spiral into the sea. Sqn Ldr Beck considers that AL 566 was hit by flak and in endeavouring to evade the fighter aircraft stalled causing a spin. The spin may have been due to damage to controls by flak." Reports by other crews saw the aircraft crash into the sea. No parachutes were seen.

Crew:

RAAF 402134 PO Pottie, J G, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402634 Flt Sgt Birk, H E (Pilot)
RAF WO Miller, W S (Observer)
RAAF 402036 PO Leisk, H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 402092 PO Mallaby, G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
Sgt Fell, M G (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hodge, J S

Flt Sgt Birk (RAAF) was buried in the Benghazi Military Cemetery
In a 1948 report it was concluded that the remainder of the crew were lost at sea.

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405014 Flying Officer LEITCH, Thomas George

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/42/105

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: V 6014
Radio call sign:
Unit: 203 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V 6014 of 203 Sqn RAF, Middle East set out on 24 April 1942 on a routine patrol over the sea. The crew of another aircraft engaged in a similar operation in the same area state that enemy fighters were encountered. It is possible that V 6014 was shot down by the same fighters, as the aircraft did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Hole, W R (Pilot)
RAAF 405014 FO Leitch, T G (Observer)
RAF Sgt Rickard, D O (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1948 after investigations it was recorded that that the crew's lives were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406600 Flying Officer LETHBRIDGE, Harry Lincoln

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/42/134

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: FH 453
Radio call sign:
Unit: 233 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hudson FH 453 of 233 Sqn RAF took off on 8 November 1942 at 0635 hours from RAF Station North Front, Gibraltar, to carry out anti-sub protection of shipping and naval forces near Casablanca. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off, and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 406600 FO Lethbridge, H L (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Teale, H P (Navigator)
RAF PO McEwen, A L (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF PO Snelling, F S (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

The wreckage of the aircraft was found. It had force landed in the sea and exploded. Two bodies were found but only one recovered that of PO McEwen who is buried in the American Cemetery at Oran.

In 1948 it was concluded that the remaining three crew members lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

19892 Flying Officer LEWIS, Raymond Allan

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/24/743

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: PA 196
Radio call sign: EM – D
Unit: 207 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PA 196 of 207 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Spilsby, Lincolnshire, at 2343 hours on 20 March 1945 to bomb the synthetic oil plant at Bohlen, Germany. It was armed with 1 x 4000 lb bomb HC, and 14 x 500 lb ARM bombs. The aircraft failed to return to base after the mission.

Crew:

RAAF 19892 FO Lewis, R A, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Dewdney, C J (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Smith, J D (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Matsumoto, G (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429286 WO Judd, W B (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Collin, H O (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Lawton, T A (Rear Gunner)

In 1950 it was recorded that the crew were missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400229 Flying Officer LIND, Gordon Richard

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/43/72

Aircraft Type: Whitley
Serial number: BD 379
Radio call sign:
Unit: 24 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Whitley BD 379 of No 24 Operational Training Unit, RAF, took off at 2230 hours on 25 June 1942 to bomb Bremen. A message was received from the aircraft at 0411 hours on 26 June that the aircraft was going into the sea at any minute. The aircraft position at the time was over the North Sea in the vicinity of Terschelling, Holland. There were no further messages from the aircraft which did not return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Munro, J B (Pilot)
RAAF 400229 FO Lind, G R (Observer)
RAF Sgt Clark, I
RAF Sgt Hudson, H
RAF Flt Sgt Storey, J

The bodies of FO Munro, (RNZAF), Flt Sgt Storey Sgt Hudson and Sgt Clark (RAF) were washed ashore near Terschelling and are buried at Westterschelling Cemetery. There was no record of FO Lind (RAAF) having been buried and it was recorded in 1950 that he lost his life at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404505 Flying Officer LITTLE, William John

Source:

NAA: A9300: Bar Code 5255001

Nil RAAF Casualty file available

Aircraft Type:

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 237 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On 19 December 1944 FO Little of 237 Sqn RAF, was reported missing on air operations near Falcosara, Italy. No other details are available on the members Service record.

Crew:

RAAF 404505 FO Little, W J (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

419273 Flying Officer LIVINGSTONE, Richard Bruce

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/24/788

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: JP 299
Radio call sign:
Unit: 58 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax JP 299 of 58 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, Outer Hebrides on the night of 23/24th April 1945, to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the Skaggerak area. At 0400 hours a signal was received stating that the aircraft was about to attack a ship. Then nothing further heard from JP 299 which did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Wilmot-Dear, A T C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Hanks
RAF FO Watling
RAAF 419273 FO Livingstone, R B (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Watus
RAF Sgt Blakey
RAF Sgt Ramsay
RAF Sgt Murray

In 1950 it was concluded that the missing crew were lost at sea.

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402514 Flying Officer LOANE, Owen Lawrence

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/43/82

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: V 5983
Radio call sign:
Unit: 113 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V 5983 of 113 Sqn RAF failed to return from a raid attacking shipping in Akyab harbour, Burma, on 9 September 1942.

In a report by other crew members on the same raid, they stated "One minute after our attack on the enemy shipping in Akyab harbour on 9/9/1942, our formation was attacked by four enemy fighters in 23 minutes. At the end of this time FO Loane's aircraft was last seen with a fighter on its tail at very close range as we entered cloud. Our position then was 60 miles from Akyab on a bearing of 300 deg."

Crew:

RAAF 402514 FO Loane, O L (Pilot)
RAAF 402184 Sgt Bell, T (Observer)
RAAF 404464 Sgt Barnard, L E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1949 following investigations it was concluded that the missing crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

405077 Pilot Officer LOGAN, Whitmore Alexander Bailey

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/43/47

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: L 4913
Radio call sign:
Unit: 60 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On 8 December 1941, Blenheim L 4913 of 60 Sqn RAF on an operational mission crashed 35 miles north east of Kota Bahru, Malaya in the Far East.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Bowden (Pilot)
RAAF 405077 PO Logan, W A B (Observer)
RAF Sgt Clark, T L (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

Flt Lt Bowden (RAF) became a POW and in 1946 it was established that PO Logan (RAAF) drowned in the East China Sea after the aircraft crashed on 8 December 1941.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

424425 Flying Officer LOTON, Eric Rex

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/25/300

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: HB 217
Radio call sign:
Unit: 99 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator HB 217 of 99 (Madras Presidency) Sqn RAF, South East Asian Air Force, was detailed to carry out a daylight bombing operation against Dump No 1, North Rangoon, Burma. The aircraft crashed in the sea approx. 10 miles from Cox's Bazaar, India, at approx. 0730Z on 23 April 1945.

Crew:

RAAF 418529 FO Gibbs, H J (Pilot)
RAF FO Gulbert, B D (Pilot)
RAAF 424425 FO Loton, E R (Navigator)
RAF Flt Lt Sadlier, N A (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt Dunn, R J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt Bowman, D S J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Duckles, S (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Bebe, R C (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Steel, J S (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt McIntosh, A (Flight Engineer)

The aircraft was last seen flying low over the Bay of Bengal, when it hit the water and disappeared in the space of a minute. There were two survivors from the crash, Flt Lt Sadlier (RAF) and Flt Sgt Bowman (RCAF). They were picked up by launch 30 minutes later, but the other crew were not recovered.

In his statement Sadlier reported: I was flying as bombaimer in HB 217. We had just left the target Rangoon and were on our way home. Cheduba Island, Burma, was reached and course was set from the NW corner of the island. The navigator gave an ETA Sunderbans of 1404 hrs. Aircraft height was 5/6000 feet and sky cloudless and clear. I went back to the beam opposition and shortly after was joined by the 2nd Wireless operator. At about 1330 the Captain said he was going to feather No 3 engine. After a few minutes I felt a slight jolt and saw No 3 engine start. Shortly the Captain reported that the trimming tabs had jammed and he could not get it back. The engineer went back to check the cables with the aircraft yawing and skidding. The Captain told the crew to prepare for ditching. I

braced myself when close to the water, and then found myself under the water. I reached the surface near the 2nd wireless operator and trying to inflate my Mae West without success I hung on to Bowman. Apart from the navigator who was sitting on part of the wing and went down with the wreckage I saw no other crew member. Bowman and I were picked up by a cargo vessel after about 45 minutes.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402243 Flying Officer LOVE, Winston David

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/43/70

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: X 3725
Radio call sign:
Unit: 150 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington X 3725 of 150 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Snaith, Yorkshire, at 2307 hours on the night of 8/9th June 1942 to attack enemy target at Essen, Germany. It was one of seven Squadron aircraft detailed to attack the target. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and X 3725 did not return to base. The weather over the target was 8/9 tenths cloud cover and ground haze. The ground defences were active.

Crew:

RAAF 402243 FO Love, W D, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt Mandin, E F (Observer)
RAF Sgt Gray, L (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Protor, R D (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Dent, L (Gunner)

In 1950 following investigation and enquiries no trace of the missing crew could be found. The crew were recorded as missing with no known grave.

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406622 Flying Officer LUTZ, Robin Proudfoot

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/43/74

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: Z 8658
Radio call sign:
Unit: 104 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z 8658 of 104 Sqn RAF, Middle East took off at 2146 hours on the night of 14/15th July 1942 for an operational mission on Tobruk. No signal was received from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Horton, P C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Smith, K S (Pilot)
RAAF 406622 FO Lutz, R P (Observer)
RAF Sgt Pitcher, F J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt Hutchinson, W C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Smith, E P (Air Gunner)

In a later statement by the one survivor of the missing aircraft, Sgt Smith (RAF) reported "the aircraft had reached the target and bombed successfully despite low cloud. On the way home one engine gave trouble and failed completely near Sidi Barrani. The Captain immediately set course for emergency Landing Ground 224, but could not maintain height on the good engine. He ordered the jettison of all loose equipment. This did not make much difference and at a position a few miles south east of Daba with the aircraft nearing the ground, the Captain ordered the crew to stand by for a crash landing. Owing possibly to darkness he appears to have misjudged his height and the aircraft struck the ground violently at high speed and immediately burst into flames. Smith who was only slightly injured struggled clear, but because of the heat was unable to render any assistance to any other crew who all lost their lives. Sgt Smith was picked up the same day by Arabs who handed him over to an advanced unit of the 7th Armoured Division."

In 1948 the Imperial War Graves Commission concluded that as there was no trace of any graves of the 5 missing crew members, they were registered as having no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

413398 Pilot Officer LYNCH, Edward Thomas

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/25/134

Aircraft Type: Beaufighter
Serial number: NE 421
Radio call sign:
Unit: 603 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter NE 421 of 603 (City of Edinburgh) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station, Gambut, Middle East, at 1355C hours on 11 April 1944 together with three other Sqn aircraft, for an offensive sweep of Antikithera, Serephos, Paros, Nios, Santorin and Caso.

The formation of 4 Beaufighters arrived without incident at Serephos at 1608C, swept the west, north and eastern coasts and climbed overland to run into Livadhi Bay in the middle of which a 150 ton caique painted grey, was anchored.

The four aircraft formed into fairly close line astern to attack the caique on which light ack-ack positions were observed at the bow, stern and amidships. The leading and second aircraft made their attacks scoring hits, and WO Lynch then made the third attack with two pairs of 25lb R.P., the first pair undershooting and the second pair hitting amidships. The pilot of the 4th attacking aircraft reported seeing a flash comparable with a strike of an explosive bullet, beneath the starboard engine nacelle of NE 421 flown by WO Lynch. Other crews saw black smoke trail from the starboard engine of NE 421 which continued to fly straight and level for one and a half minutes at 100 feet. The aircraft then turned starboard through 45deg. and lose height; at 1612C hours in position 37.05N 24.32E the starboard wing appeared to drop to the vertical, and in the intervening twenty feet before hitting the sea, the starboard engine burst into flames. The impact with the sea was marked by a large flash and explosion and the machine disintegrated.

The three remaining aircraft circled for 5 minutes and reported seeing wreckage and burning debris, including a semi inflated dinghy. There was no sign of any survivors. Some photographs of the crash scene were taken. No R/T message was received from NE 421 after the attack and before it crashed.

Crew:

RAAF 413398 PO Lynch, E T (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Sykes, C C (Navigator/Wireless)

It was later recorded that the missing crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400476 Flying Officer MAC DONALD, Alexander Gordon

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/41/63

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: R 5639
Radio call sign: VN -
Unit: 50 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R 5639 of 50 Sqn RAF Took off from RAF Station Swinderby, at 2135 hours on 17 August 1942 to attack Osnebruk, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off, and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Bunbury, J S, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400476 FO MacDonald, A G (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Mitchell, S R (Air Bomber)
RAAF 405094 Sgt Mears, A T (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Gallagher, M P (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Simpson, P (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Phillips, G (Rear Gunner)

Following extensive searches and enquiries by the Missing Research and Enquiry service which failed to find any trace of the missing aircraft or crew, in 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404282 Pilot Officer MAC DONALD, John Campbell

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/47/89

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: Z 7418
Radio call sign:
Unit: 55 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z 7418 of 55 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Fuka, at 1800Z hours in formation with a Blenheim flown by PO Downer, to carry out a sea sweep against enemy shipping reported off the coast of Cyrenaica, and return to Sidi Barrani. The sweep was carried out as ordered. As it became dark the formation leader put his formation keeping lights on for the 2nd aircraft to keep formation, which it did. It also switched on his navigation lights.

As they were still over enemy territory, the leader instructed 2nd Lt Murphy to switch off his navigation lights. He failed to comply with this order. The message was flashed by Aldis lamp. While passing Derna the 2nd aircraft disappeared from sight at approx 1700z hours. The leader continued on his flight and landed at Sidi Barrani at 1805Z. At approx 1835Z an aircraft circled Sidi Barrani and fired off the correct recognition signal cartridge. The aircraft did not attempt to land but made off in an easterly direction. It failed to re-appear. A search next day by 2 Blenheims from the Squadron failed to find any trace of the missing aircraft.

Crew:

SAAF 2nd Lt Murphy (Pilot)
RAAF 404282 PO MacDonald, J C (Observer)
RAAF 400182 Sgt Pender, J J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1948 the search for the missing aircraft was abandoned, the crew being registered as having no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404971 Pilot Officer MAC DONALD, John William

Sources:

NAA: A705, 163/46/72

AWM65, 3274

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: VB 3452
Radio call sign:
Unit: 72 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire VB 3452 of 72 Sqn RAF together with other Squadron aircraft was instructed to carry out a sweep over the Djedaida area. The formation broke up into pairs to attack an enemy target and VB3452 dived into attack. Nothing further was seen of the aircraft after this and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404971 PO MacDonald, J W (Pilot)

It was recorded in 1949 that PO MacDonald was missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

412616 Flying Officer MAC DONALD, Newton

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/26/876

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: BM 414
Radio call sign:
Unit: 276 Sqn RAF

Summary:

While orbiting dinghies off Dunkirk under control of 15081G.C.I., on 5 April 1945 on an ASR sortie, FO MacDonald flying Spitfire BM 414 complained of a rough running engine and asked for a vector to base. His section leader saw black smoke begin to puff out from the exhausts of both tanks and the prop seemed to be windmilling.

Flames began to appear around the air intake beneath the fuselage and black smoke started to emit continuously from the exhaust and engine cowlings. Shortly after the vector was given the aircraft went into a steep dive from 1500 feet pulled up sharply at 50 feet went over onto its back, lost height and hit the sea. The Section leader flew repeatedly over the position which was about 8 miles from Dunkirk, but saw no sign of wreckage or of the pilot. At the time there was no ack ack fire experienced from Dunkirk.

Crew:

RAAF 412616 FO MacDonald, N (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

420586 Flying Officer MAC LENNAN, William Alexander

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/26/563

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: LL 400
Radio call sign:
Unit: 644 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax LL 400 of 644 Sqn RAF took off at 0146 hours on 31 August 1944 on a special 38 Group operation over Europe. The aircraft was due to return at 0543 hours, but nothing further was heard after take off, and the aircraft did not return to base.

Crew:

RCAF FO Caverley (Pilot)
RAAF 420586 FO MacLennan, W A (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Kentch, S G (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Tuhey, B J (Air Gunner)
RAAF 414783 WO Folbigg, S A (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Fitzgerald, G B (Flight Engineer)

In 1950 the crew were recorded as having no known grave.

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

404566 Flying Officer MACKAY, Graham Gordon

Source:

NAA: NA705, 163/46/56

Aircraft Type: Blenheim

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 211 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On 13 February 1942, six Blenheims of 211 Sqn RAF, led by Wg Cdr Bateson went after lunch to escort a convoy. The formation was given a wrong pinpoint so they could not find the convoy. Coming back at dusk the formation ran into a storm over Palembang. Four of the aircraft landed at another aerodrome. One of the two remaining Blenheims ditched in the sea near Banka Island, whilst nothing was heard of the remaining Blenheim flown by FO Mackay. It was thought possible that the aircraft may have crashed in the jungle, but nothing was known of the aircraft or the missing crew.

Crew:

RAAF 404566 FO Mackay, G G (Pilot)

RAAF 400541 PO Oddie N H (Observer)

RAAF 406150 FO Payne, J H (Observer)

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

414809 Flying Officer MACKAY, Stuart Walter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/572 Micro Film No 463 OAFH,
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War, Page 284, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NA 545
Radio call sign:	KN – R
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NA545 took off from RAF Full Sutton at 2315 hours on the night of 16/17th June 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. NA545 was one of seven aircraft from the Squadron that failed to return from the mission.

Crew:

RAAF 417330 PO Bird, H W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R A Castle-Hall, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A B Freemantle, (Navigator)
RAAF 414809 FO Mackay, S W (Air Bomber)
RAAF 429838 Flt Sgt R J Warren, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt F A Meeghan, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt J A Lauder, J A (Rear Gunner)

It was later established that the aircraft crashed in the sea off the coast of Holland, and all the crew were killed.

PO Bird and Sgt Castle-Hall are buried in the Terschelling (West Terschelling) General Cemetery, Locality Friesland, Netherlands. Terschelling is one of the Frisian Islands lying off the north coast of Holland. West Terschelling is the main village on the island.

Sgt Freemantle is buried in the Sage War Cemetery Locality Oldenburg, Niedersachsen, Germany. Sage is a village 24kms south of Oldenburg, a town 43kms west of Bremen. Flt

Sgt Warren is buried in the Texel (Den Burg) Cemetery, :Locality Noord-Holland. Texel is one of the West Frisian islands and Den Burg is its main town.

Sgt Lauder is buried in the Vlieland General Cemetery, Locality Friesland, Netherlands. Vlieland is one of the Frisian Islands off the north coast of Holland,

FO Mackay and Flt Sgt Meeghan have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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

409641 Flying Officer MACLEAN, Roderick Orr

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/26/280

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: MB 908
Radio call sign:
Unit: 541 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire MB 908 of 541 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Benson, near Oxford, at 1009 hours on 4 November 1943 to carry out a photo recce over the Bordeaux area and other points in the south of France. At 1030 hours at a height of 27,000 feet the aircraft plot of MB 908 faded at position 4930N 0912W. No message was received from the aircraft and attempts made to contact the aircraft at 5 minute intervals were unsuccessful. Subsequent ASR searches were also unsuccessful.

Crew:

RAAF 409641 FO Maclean, R O (Pilot)

In a 1949 report FO Maclean was recorded as having lost his life at sea.

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SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS IN WORLD WAR 2 AND MISSING WITH
NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403364 Flying Officer MACRAE, Duncan George Fletcher

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/26/553

AWM65, 3301

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: ML 406
Radio call sign:
Unit: 118 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire ML 406 of 118 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Peterhead, Scotland on 23 August 1944, being one of four aircraft detailed to carry out formation and cine head firing practice over the sea. The leader seeing the weather was deteriorating turned back for the land. During the turn Black 3 who was deputy leader crossed over and gaining height disappeared into cloud at about 300 feet which presumably he had not seen.

About 15 seconds later another member of the flight saw an aircraft dive out of the cloud and into the sea. The Section turned back to the spot and found an oil patch. ASR launches and aircraft were sent out immediately but searches for several hours found nothing. The pilot would have had insufficient time to bale out and little hope of survival from the impact. The crash position was in the sea north east of Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

Crew:

RAAF 403364 FO Macrae, D G F (Pilot)

In 1946 it was concluded that FO Macrae lost his life at sea.

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

407329 Pilot Officer MAGOR, Eric Albert

Source:

NAA: NA705, 163/25/98

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: C 7510
Radio call sign:
Unit: 45 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Six Blenheim aircraft of 45 Sqn RAF including C 7510, took off on 19 November 1941 to carry out a cloud cover bombing raid on Sidi Rezegh aerodrome. Two aircraft including C 7510 failed to return. Four others reported unable to reach target on account of lack of cloud cover.

Crew:

RAAF 407329 PO Magor, E A (Pilot)
RAAF 406167 Sgt Macliver, T S (Air Observer)
RAAF 406138 PO Cain, A J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1946 it was recorded that no trace of the missing crew could be found, and the search was abandoned.

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

402092 Pilot Officer MALLABY, George Gilmour

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/137/176.

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: AL 566
Radio call sign:
Unit: 159 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator AL 566 of 159 Sqn RAF, Middle East, on 15th July 1942, formed part of two formations of aircraft on an operational sortie to Benghazi, Middle East. In report by Sqn Ldr Beck leader of one of the formations, he stated "The 2 formations were engaged by enemy fighters over the target. AL 566 was on Beck's port side in No 3 position in formation in the run up to the target.

There was heavy and accurate flak over the target and just after releasing the bombs, AL 566 was seen to fall back and lose height. An enemy fighter dived onto the aircraft which made a steep turn to port. Both aircraft circled each other for a short time then AL 566 was seen to spiral into the sea. Sqn Ldr Beck considers that AL 566 was hit by flak and in endeavouring to evade the enemy fighter stalled causing a spin. The spin may have been due to damage to controls by flak." Reports by other crews saw the aircraft crash into the sea. No parachutes were seen.

Crew:

RAAF 402134 PO Pottie, J G, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402634 Flt Sgt Birk, H E (Pilot)
RAF WO Miller, W S (Observer)
RAAF 402036 PO Leisk, H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 402092 PO Mallaby, G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
Sgt Fell, M G (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hodge, J S

Flt Sgt Birk (RAAF) was buried in the Benghazi Military cemetery.
In a 1948 report it was concluded that the remainder of the crew were lost at sea.

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

414416 Pilot Officer MANTTAN, Reginald Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/27/65 166/18/52 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 32 Operational Trg RCAF

Summary:

Whilst flying over the sea in a night flying test on 14 March 1943, an aircraft of No 32 Operational Training Unit, RCAF Patricia Bay, flown by PO A.W.J. Hunt (RAAF), was seen to crash into the sea in Saanich Inlet, Vancouver Island, Canada. All the crew were killed instantly on impact.

Crew:

RAAF 420343 PO Hunt, A W J (Pilot)

RAAF 414416 PO Manttan, R G (Navigator)

The other two crew were members of the RCAF.

The remains of PO Hunt (RAAF) were later recovered and interred in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, with no trace of PO Manttan being found. He has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Ottawa Memorial, Canada.

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

420022 Flight Lieutenant MAPLETOFT, Claude

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/27/798.

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: KG 964
Radio call sign:
Unit: 224 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator KG 964 of 224 Sqn RAF took off at 2207 hours on 25 February 1945 from RAF Station Milltown, Morayshire, Scotland, to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the vicinity of the Swedish coast. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off, and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Ponting, R W, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Hadlow (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 420022 Flt Lt Mapletoft, C (1st Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt Chadwick (2nd Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Williams (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Flt Sgt Murphy (Wireless Operator/Air)
RCAF Flt Sgt Gallipeau (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Jackson (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Bliss (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Davies (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Carter (Air Gunner)

The remains of Flt Sgt Gallipeau (RCAF) was washed ashore at Varberg, Sweden, and in 1948 the remaining 10 crew members unaccounted for were recorded as missing lost at sea.

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

402244 Squadron Leader MARSHALL, Richard Sampson Orlebar DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/27/55

Citation File ref: AWM88, GH File L/65, RAAF 1

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Aircraft Type: Beaufort
Serial number: DD 899
Radio call sign:
Unit: 39 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufort DD 899 of 39 Sqn RAF took off at approx 2355 hours from RAF Luqa, Malta on 3 March 1943 to attack shipping in the vicinity north of Cape San Vito and the aircraft failed to return. The target of 2 M.V's accompanied by 3 D.R's, was located but not attacked owing to a very heavy smoke screen having been laid. Light Ack Ack was experienced by other aircraft operating against the same target.

One of the survivors from the missing aircraft Sgt Evans (RAF) who was picked up by N.S.L. approx one mile N.E. of Gozo, in a later statement reported "the position of the crash was 1350E 3620N. I believe the rest of the crew were imprisoned in the aircraft when it sank, for when I recovered consciousness and climbed into the dinghy, I saw no sign of them in the water – bearing in mind the only light was coming from pieces of burning wreckage on the sea. I heard no answer to my calls to them."

Crew:

RAAF 402244 Sqn Ldr Marshall, R S O, DFC (Pilot)

RAAF 404383 PO Paterson, D H (Observer)

RAF Flt Sgt Parker, J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt Evans, L A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

Subsequent searches revealed no trace of the missing members of the crew, and in 1946 it was recorded that they were missing lost at sea.

Citation:

DFC: PO Marshall, R.S.O., carried out a successful attack on an Italian Naval Force in 1942. (GH File L/65, RAAF 1).

This officer has taken part in several successful raids on enemy shipping. In June 1942, he participated in an attack on an Italian Naval force. Although his aircraft was severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire, he flew it back to base. In September 1942, he participated

in an attack on a convoy of 4 merchant vessels, heavily escorted by 11 destroyers and fighter aircraft. In spite of this formidable opposition, Pilot Officer Marshall released his torpedo from close range. His aircraft was damaged by fire from enemy fighters but he evaded them and flew safely to base. Throughout he has displayed great skill and courage. He was killed in action on 3 March 1943. (Page 230 Michael Maton)
(Landon Gazette 2 October 1942, Page4273, Position 2)

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SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS IN WORLD WAR 2 AND MISSING WITH
NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402060 Flying Officer MARSHALL, Sydney Douglas

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/44/93

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: N 6030
Radio call sign: LS – P
Unit: 15 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling N 6030 of 15 Sqn RAF took off at 1405 hours on 18 July 1941 from RAF Station Wyton, to carry out a raid on Wesel, Germany. An SOS signal was heard from the aircraft at 1600 hours on the return journey, but nothing further was heard from N 6030 which did not respond to signals.

Crew:

RAAF 402060 FO Marshall, S D (Pilot)
RAF PO McCallum, J D W (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt White, C G (Observer)
RAF Sgt Frost, A W D (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Davies, K G H (Air Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt Higginson, A J
RAF Sgt Mayor, G H

In 1946, it was established that the remains of PO McCallum (RAF) were washed ashore at Texel on 13 August 1941 and buried at Texel Municipal Cemetery, Denburg. Sgt Frost (RAF) was buried at Amsterdam New East Cemetery. Sgt White (RAF) was washed ashore at Noordwijk on 7 August 1941 and buried in the Noordwijk Municipal Cemetery. Sgt Davies (RAF) was washed ashore on 12 September 1941 North Holland, and buried in the Military Cemetery Huisdunen, near Den Helder.

In 1947 it was recorded that FO Marshall (RAAF), and the two remaining crew members Sgt Higginson (RNZAF) and Sgt Mayor (RAF) were missing lost at sea.

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

400373 Flying Officer MARTEL, Maurice Joseph

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/44/132

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: AM 776
Radio call sign:
Unit: 698 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hudson AM 776 of No 608 (North Riding) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station Wick, Caithness, Scotland at 1445K hours on 17 March 1942 to carry out a Stander patrol. Nothing was seen or heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Two hours after the aircraft was due back at base a fighter plot which faded six miles south of Wick, may possibly have referred to AM 776. A search of the area where the aircraft might have come down was fully covered but was unsuccessful.

Crew:

RAAF 400373 FO Martel, M J (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Routledge, J W (Observer)
RAF Sgt Evans, G G A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Marshall, A J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1949 it was recorded that FO Martel and crew were lost at sea.

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

417096 Pilot Officer MARTIN, Virgil Austin

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/27/284

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: DV 339
Radio call sign: QR – W
Unit: 61 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV 339 of 61 Sqn RAF left RAF Station Skellingthorpe, Lincoln, at 1721 hours on 26 November 1943 on a bombing operation on Berlin. Since its departure no communication was received from the aircraft which failed to return to base and all members of crew reported missing. Pilots of other aircraft on the same operation reported clear visibility, no cloud with slight ground haze. Fighters were met en route also on the return journey.

In the target area there was considerable searchlight activity and heavy flak. Fires were well concentrated and visible many miles away. No observations were made by other crews which could have been related to the non-return of DV 339.

Crew:

RAAF 408917 PO McAlpine, J G, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Vine, E (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 414024 PO Harris, H W (Navigator)
RAAF 417096 PO Martin, V A (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Sheald (Wireless Operator/Air)
RCAF Sgt Varey, B H (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Oldfield, H S (Air Gunner)

In 1949 the crew were recorded as missing with no known grave.

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

413220 Pilot Officer MASON, Donald William

Source:

NAA: A9300, Barcode 5261593

RAAF Casualty file not held by Archives

Aircraft Type: Typhoon

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 198 Sqn RAF

Summary:

A Typhoon of 198 Sqn RAF flown by PO Mason on an operational mission on 18 June 1944 over Caen, France, The aircraft did not return from the mission and the pilot was reported missing.

Crew:

RAAF 413220 PO Mason, D W (Pilot)

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

401386 Flight Lieutenant MAYBERRY, Clement Cambell

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/27/245

Aircraft Type: Sunderland
Serial number:
Radio call sign:
Unit: 204 Sqn RAF

Summary:

A Sunderland aircraft of 204 Sqn RAF crashed when landing on return from an operational flight in the vicinity of Gambia, West Africa, at approx 1005pm on 1 October 1943.

The aircraft approaching to land, overshot and made a second circuit. On the second circuit the aircraft again overshot and crashed. The aircraft struck the water in a nose down attitude and turned completely over on impact.

Of the 10 crew, seven injured crew members were rescued and 3 were missing.

Crew:

RAAF 401386 Flt Lt Mayberry, C C (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Todd, C
RAF Flt Sgt Baker, J E
RAF Sgt Boyens, L
RAF Sgt Wishoe, M
RAF Sgt Barnes, W T
RAF Sgt Lees, H M
RAF Sgt Ford, S J
RAF Sgt Davies, W S
RCAF Sgt Jorgenson, D J

In 1948 it was recorded that the three missing crew members Flt Lt Mayberry (RAAF), Sgt Wishoe and Sgt Barnes (RAF) had lost their lives at sea.

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

408917 Pilot Officer MCALPINE, John Gilbert

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/26/304

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: DV 339
Radio call sign: QR – W
Unit: 61 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV 339 of 61 Sqn RAF left RAF Station Skellingthorpe, Lincoln, at 1721 hours on 26 November 1943 on a bombing operation on Berlin. Since its departure no communication was received from the aircraft which failed to return to base and all members of the crew reported missing. Pilots of other aircraft on the same operation reported clear visibility, no cloud with slight ground haze. Fighters were met en route also on the return journey.

In the target area there was considerable searchlight activity and heavy flak. Fires were well concentrated and visible many miles away. No observations were made by other crews which could have been related to the non return of DV 339.

Crew:

RAAF 408917 PO McAlpine, J G, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Vine, E (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 414024 PO Harris, H W (Navigator)
RAAF 417096 PO Martin, V A (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Sheald (Wireless Operator/Air)
RCAF Sgt Varey, B H (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Oldfield, H S (Air Gunner)

In 1949 the crew were recorded as missing with no known grave.

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

404655 Flight Lieutenant MCCALLUM, Kenneth George Campbell

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/26/366

Aircraft Type: Catalina
Serial number: AJ 160
Radio call sign:
Unit: 205 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Catalina AJ 160 of No 205 Sqn RAF Ceylon, crashed in a night take off at 22045Z hours on 1st February 1944 at Kelai drome. Kelai is one of the northern islands of the Maldivian group located in the Indian Ocean approx 470 miles due west of Ceylon. The aircraft was detailed to search for and rescue the crew of a torpedoed merchant vessel. Practically all the survivors from the torpedoed vessel were rescued by the Squadron.

The weather was good on take and off the aircraft attained a height of 25 feet after passing the fourth flare and then crashed. The DG's did not explode and the cause of the accident is not known. The aircraft finished lying in 50 feet of water with salvage not possible.

A Squadron memorial service was held over the sunken aircraft.

Crew:

RAAF 404655 Flt Lt McCallum, K G C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Linn, S G (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Jefferies, A S (Pilot)
RAF FO Allison, F I (Navigator)
RAF FO Webb, P W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Grant, P A E (Fitter Maintenance/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Jacobs, H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF WO Grier, W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Davies, C (Fitter 2E)
RAF Flt Sgt Westby, W H (Flight Engineer)

The body of one RAF member of the crew was recovered, and in 1949 the remainder of the crew were recorded as lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402801 Flight Lieutenant MCCARTNEY, Thomas Stephens

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/90/190

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: KG 537
Radio call sign:
Unit: 117 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Dakota KG 537 of 117 Sqn RAF of Air Command S.E.Asia left Syhet at 0636hrs local time on 30 July 1944, for position 2515N, 9640E and 2517N 9658E to carry out an operational supply drop mission. The last message received from the aircraft stated 'being attacked by Japanese fighters at 2450N 9555E, south of Chindwin, Burma'. The aircraft failed to return to base and nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt O'Reilly, B G L (Pilot)
RAAF 402801 Flt Lt McCartney, T S (Navigator)
RAAF 406038 PO Baggs, F H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF WO Young, H C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401712 Pilot Officer MCCOLL, Kenneth Septimus

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/5/108

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: HR 713
Radio call sign: EQ – F
Unit: 408 Sqn RCAF

Summary:

Halifax HR 713 of 408 (Goose) Sqn RCAF, took off at 1945 hours on the night of 3 April 1943 from RAF Station Leeming, to carry out bombing operations over Essen, Germany. Nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew after take off.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Lt Gamble, R H P (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt Jarrett, D L (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 405537 PO Black, C N (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 401712 PO McColl, K S (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hawkins, A J (Navigator Bombaimer)
RCAF FO Ray, E R (Air Gunner) (An American serving in RCAF)
RAF Sgt Barker, R W (Flight Engineer)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

410699 Flying Officer MCCURDY, Thomas Neil

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/17/717 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 399,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ND 807
Radio call sign: OF – P
Unit: 97 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND 807 of No. 97 (Straits Settlements) Sqn RAF took off on 27 August 1944, from RAF Station Coningsby, Lincolnshire, for operations against Koningsberg, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off which did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 410699 FO McCurdy, T N Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Bell, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 423287 FO Hawkes, F S (Navigator)
RCAF PO Stern, M (Air Bomber)
RCAF WO W S Bryans, (2nd Air Bomber)
RAAF 426617 Flt Sgt Keys, N R (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Owen, T R G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Swolf, R (Rear Gunner)

In a later statement by Sgt Swolf who became a POW and returned safely to the UK on 15 May 45, he reported “Flt Sgt Owen (RAF) baled out before me. The remaining six of the crew were still in the aircraft when I left. The aircraft crashed in the sea 10 miles off the Danish coast. Swolf presumed that the six crew members either blew up with the aircraft or drowned.”

The only body recovered was that of Flt Sgt Owen which was washed ashore at Grebbestad, Sweden on 18 October 1944.

In a 1946 report it was established that the aircraft crashed into the sea between Sejero and Sjaelland and that only one crew member survived Sgt Swolf. The missing six crew members were recorded as lost at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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

413011 Flying Officer MCDERMOTT, Leonard Brian

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/26/351

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: JF 585
Radio call sign:
Unit: 92 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire JF 585 of No 92 (East India) Sqn RAF of the Desert Air Force being flown by FO McDermott on patrol on 24 January 1944, called up his Section Leader on R/T at 0850 hours when approx 6 miles south of Gaeta Point, and reported that his engine had failed and that he was about to bale out. This he was seen to do but for some reason on reaching the sea he did not get into his dinghy.

Prolonged and meticulous searching at a low altitude failed to locate him. The position was recorded as 41.07deg N, 13.38deg E.

Crew:

RAAF 413011 FO McDermott, L B (Pilot)

In 1948 search parties in Italy were unable to find any trace of the wrecked aircraft or of the pilot, and it was recorded that FO McDermott had been lost at sea.

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

30029 Flying Officer MCDERMOTT, Robert James

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/26/785

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: FK 740
Radio call sign:
Unit: 521 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hudson FK 740 of 521 Sqn RAF was detailed to carry out a meteorological flight from RAF Station Langham, Norfolk, to the vicinity of the Norwegian coast and return to the Wick airfield in Northern Scotland. Climbs of up to 18,000m feet were to be made during the flight for the purpose of securing weather data.

FK 740 took off at 4.15am in fairly good weather. At 6.12am distress signals were received the aircraft and its position was plotted immediately by 2 RAF radio stations. No further signals were received from the aircraft nor was any trace found from comprehensive searches made.

Crew:

RAAF 30029 FO McDermott, R J (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAAF 418117 Flt Sgt Holian, J P (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Fl Lt Huntley
RAF FO Hinton
RAF Flt Sgt Gray
RAF Sgt Travitt

In 1948 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

430310 Flying Officer MCDONALD, Ernest Henry

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/26/850

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: FK 739
Radio call sign:
Unit: 251 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hudson FK 739 of 251 Sqn RAF was detailed on 17 March 1945 to carry out a meteorological reconnaissance in the North Atlantic Ocean from RAF Station Reykjavik, Iceland, in an area between 61.40N and 63.30N, and 24deg W and 26deg W.

The aircraft took off just after midnight, and was in contact with Base for the major part of the sortie, but on the return flight shortly after dawn, when about 1 hour to 1.10 hours out from base, all communication from the aircraft ceased. Searches were carried out by aircraft in the following days but without success.

Crew:

RAF FO Hughes, W A (Pilot)
RAF FO Evans, W T (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 430310 FO McDonald, E H (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 422902 FO Yorkston, G C (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Fielding, RA (Meteorologist, Air Gunner)

In 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

429239 Pilot Officer MCGRATH, Angus Albert

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/26/813

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: NF 909
Radio call sign: PM – J
Unit: 103 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF 909 of 103 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, Elsham Wolds, Barnetby, Lincolnshire, on the night of 23/24 February 1945 for a mission against Pforzheim, Germany. The aircraft did not return to base, and nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew after take off.

Crew:

RAAF 428697 FO Hart, C S, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Godfrey, M C (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Lord, K F (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Williams, K C (Navigator)
RAAF 429239 PO McGrath, A A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Rich, W D (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Jones (Rear Gunner)

In a later statement by Sgt Godfrey (RAF) a POW, he reported that the other RAF crew members viz : Flt Sgt Lord, Flt Sgt Williams, Sgt Rich and Sgt Jones were all safe as POW's, but no news was received concerning FO Hart and PO McGrath (RAAF members) who were reported missing.

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SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS IN WORLD WAR 2 AND MISSING WITH
NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407273 Flying Officer MCINERNEY, Thomas Taylor

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/47/118

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number:
Radio call sign:
Unit: 211 Sqn RAF

Summary:

ON 13 February 1942 six Blenheims from 211 Sqn RAF led by Wg Cdr Bateson, went out on a low level shipping attack off the Sumatra coast. The formation ran into a storm, did not locate the target, and the storm was so bad they could not see the flare path at Palembang 11. The aircraft were due back at 6pm, but four aircraft landed at Palembang 1 about 10pm.

PO Chalmers (RAF), pilot of FO McInerney's aircraft could not find either drome and after circling until the petrol ran low, decided to force land in the sea. The aircraft came down heavily, and neither Chalmers or Kendrick saw McInerney the other crew member get out of the aircraft. Chalmers and Kendrick, who had Mae Wests on, spent the night in the water and were picked up by boat the next morning and taken to Batavia. It was apparent that McInerney could not have survived although he had his Mae West on.

Crew:

RAF PO Chalmers, D (Pilot)
RAAF 407273 FO McInerney, T T (Observer)
RAF Sgt Kendrick, G (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401527 Pilot Officer MCKENNAN, Ian Samuel

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/141/683

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: W 5447
Radio call sign:
Unit: 104 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington W 5447 of 104 Sqn RAF took off at 1814 hours on 12 April 1943 to attack Manzel Teminni which is approx 25 miles south of Cape Bon, Tunisia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 401527 PO McLennan, I S, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Akehurst, L R (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt McConville, F H (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Righam, E A (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Bayford, F V (Front Gunner)
RAF Sgt Drayton, W J (Air Gunner)

In 1949, following enquiries and investigations, it was concluded that the missing crew lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

413233 Pilot Officer MCKILLOP, Ronald Patrick Arthur

Sources:

NAA: A9300, Bar Code 5244366

AWM65, 3404

Aircraft Type: Typhoon

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 245 Sqn RAF

Summary:

A Typhoon aircraft of 245 (Northern Rhodesian) Sqn RAF, flown by PO McKillop, was reported missing from air operations from UK on 30 December 1943.

Crew:

RAAF 413233 PO McKillop, R P A (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

13071 Flying Officer MCLEAN, Hugh James Alexander

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/26/818

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: HX 224
Radio call sign:
Unit: 58 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax HX 224 of 58 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, Outer Hebrides, at 1625 hours on 25 January 1945, to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the Skaggeiak. The aircraft and crew did not return to base from this mission.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Frazer, R G R, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Lomas, J E (2nd Pilot)
RCAF WO Arnold, N J (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt Duncan, J (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 13071 FO McLean, H J A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Hammerton, H R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF WO Lee, G W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Brett, R W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1948 it was recorded that the above crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401243 Pilot Officer MCLENNAN, Hugh Alexander DFM

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/26/40

AWM65, 3420

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 485
Radio call sign: GT -
Unit: 156 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 485 of 156 Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station Warboys, Huntingdonshire, at 1807 hours on 19 February 1943 to carry out a bombing attack on Wilhelmshaven, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and the aircraft and crew did not return to base.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Sgt Case, T M, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Welch, H (Navigator)
RAAF 401243 PO McLennan, H A, DFM (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Denby, J W (Flight Engineer)
RNZAF Sgt. Cuthbert, E (Front Gunner/Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Bayliss, E P G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt Tremblay, P Y C (Rear Gunner)

Citation:

DFM: On one night in July 1942, 401243 Sgt McLennan was the wireless operator of an aircraft detailed to attack Duisberg. When nearing the target area, the pilot was compelled to dive the aircraft violently, and Sgt McLennan was thrown from his position in the astro-hatch. A box of incendiaries bombs broke loose from its stowage, and the contents were scattered in the rear of the aircraft. One of the bombs became ignited, setting a further one alight and filling the aircraft with sparks and smoke.

With his bare hands Sgt McLennan picked up one of the blazing bombs and endeavoured to throw it out through the escape hatch. He was unable to open the hatch but with great presence of mind, he pushed the burning bomb through the fabric of the fuselage. In spite of burns to his hands, he picked up the remaining bomb and disposed of it in a similar manner. By his prompt and courageous action, this airman averted an extremely serious situation.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403083 Flight Lieutenant MCLEOD, Dudley Ronald

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/26/681

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: JP 333
Radio call sign:
Unit: 58 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax JP 333 of 58 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, Outer Hebrides, on the evening of 29 November 1944, to attack enemy shipping in the Skagerrak area. During the night a signal was received from the aircraft at 2020 hours that they had attacked a large enemy ship with bombs and estimated two hits. There was no indication of damage to the aircraft and nothing further was heard from JP 333 which did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 403083 Flt Lt McLeod, D R, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Turner, E A (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 424005 FO Heath, R D (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Grogden, G (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Hughes, T (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Massey, J W (Wireless Operator Mechanic/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Bidwell, R C
RAF Flt Sgt Crook, R W (Wireless Operator/Air)

In a 1949 report it was stated that all efforts to find the missing aircraft and crew were unsuccessful and the crew were recorded as missing lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404007 Pilot Officer MCLEOD, Eric William

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/47/55

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: R 1155
Radio call sign:
Unit: 20 Operational Training RAF

Summary:

Wellington R 1155 of 20 Operational Training RAF during an operational training flight on 25 March 1941, crashed into the sea 4 miles north of Kingston, Moray Firth, Spey, Scotland.

Crew:

RAAF 404007 PO McLeod, E W (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Ritchie, J F
RAF Sgt Crosswell, W A
RAF Sgt Murray, H S
RAF Sgt Wilkinson, W P
RAF Sgt Turner, A J
RAF Sgt Salt, H C
RAF Sgt Whittaker, G
RAF PO Ford, F H S

Fl Lt Ritchie (RAF) was buried at Brechin, Scotland, but no trace of the remainder of the crew was found, and it was recorded that they were lost at sea.

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425732 Flight Lieutenant MCMULLAN, Harcourt Hunter

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/26/450

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: LL 192
Radio call sign:
Unit: 138 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax LL 192 of 138 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Tempsford, near Sandy, Bedfordshire, at 2230 hours on the night of 7/8 May 1944, with a number of Squadron aircraft on a special mission. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 425732 Flt Lt McMullan, H H, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Stannard (Navigator)
RCAF FO Murray, K J (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Steynes, J B (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt McPherson, A A (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Smith, L L J (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Boffey, R (Flight Engineer)

The remains of FO Stannard were washed ashore at Stromstad, Sweden. Sgt Steynes' body was washed ashore at Grebbestad, Sweden, and Sgt Smith was buried in Northern Denmark. The remainder of the crew were recorded as lost at sea.

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409182 Flying Officer MCNAUGHTON, George Erikson

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/26/65

Aircraft Type: Catalina
Serial number: FP 154
Radio call sign:
Unit: 210 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Catalina FP 154 of 210 Sqn RAF took off at 0812 hours on 22 March 1943 on an anti-submarine sweep off the north west of Cape St Vincent, Portugal. At 1523 a signal from base recalling the aircraft by 1915 hours was acknowledged. As no ETA was received by 1800 hours, the aircraft was called on all operational frequencies but no reply was received.

A signal was received from the Air Attache, Lisbon stating that an aircraft thought to be a Catalina flew low over Sagres and crashed into the sea at 1600 hours on 22 March. No survivors were picked up but the bodies of two Sergeants were recovered. A later signal advised that the aircraft passed close to Cape St Vincent in direct line for Sagres point, climbed to avoid buildings and did a sharp turn to starboard crashing into the sea 50 yards from the centre of Sagres at 1542 hours. At the time visibility was very bad and it appears the aircraft was flying very low beneath a cold front in the vicinity of Cape St Vincent and was unaware of the presence of land due to bad visibility and possibly the S.E. being unserviceable. The aircraft appears to have climbed and turned at the same time and stalled into the sea when trying to avoid land.

Crew:

RAF FO French, M J (Pilot)
RAF Sgt McKim, E (Pilot)
RAAF 409182 FO McNaughton, G E (Observer)
RAF Sgt Field, C (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Orton, G J (Fitter Mechanic/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Gibson, G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Smith, E J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Marsh, E H S (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt McLean, I L (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Campbell, R J

The bodies of Sgt's Orton and Gibson were recovered and buried at Cape St Vincent cemetery, whilst the remaining missing crew members were recorded as lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

413321 Flying Officer MCPHERSON, Cecil Alexander

Source:

NAA: NAA 705, 166/26/369

Aircraft Type: Beaufighter
Serial number: JL 432
Radio call sign:
Unit: 2 (C) Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter JL 432 of 2(C) Operational Training RAF took off from RAF Station Catfoss, near Hull, East Yorkshire, in the early hours of the morning of 10 February 1944 on a cross country non operational training flight. The weather was satisfactory.

Regular wireless signals were received up to 0445 hours that everything was going as planned. The aircraft then should have been on the west coast leg of the flight between Northallerton and Filey. After this nothing further was heard from the aircraft.

Searches by aircraft during the day were unsuccessful. Later that day the Coast Guard reported that part of an aircraft was washed ashore, and it was positively identified as part of the missing JL 432.

F1 Lt Lipscombe's body was washed ashore at Withernsea and buried at Speen cemetery, England. The remains of FO McPherson were not recovered and in 1949 it was recorded that he was lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 413321 FO McPherson, C A (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Lipscombe (Navigator)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406457 Flying Officer MEATON, Russell William

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/27/5

Aircraft Type: Sunderland
Serial number: N 9209
Radio call sign:
Unit: 230 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Sunderland N 9209 of 230 Sqn RAF was detailed to carry out a ten hour anti-submarine patrol in protection of a convoy between Alexandria and Port Said. The aircraft left Alexandria at 1600 hours on 1 January 1943. Messages were received from the aircraft until 1730 hours and at 2045 hours it was reported in the vicinity of Port Said.

Nothing further was heard from the aircraft from 0230 hours to 0830 hours on 2 January 1943. Wreckage was discovered off Port Said and at 1100 hours the remains of the Captain identified but could not be recovered from the sea.

The cause of the accident is not known, but it is assumed that the aircraft dived to investigate a suspicious spot, and failing to pull out in time crashed into the sea.

Crew:

RAAF 402076 FO Holcombe, R H, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 406457 FO Meaton, R W (Pilot)
RAAF 400012 FO Clayton, L S (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Webber, L J (Observer)
RAF Sgt Darge, W G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Daniels, A G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Dean, M (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Cpl Barnard, J (Fitter 2E/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Butcher, V F (Air Gunner)
RAF Cpl Nicholas, E A F (Fitter 2E/Air Gunner)
RAF LAC Savidge, J (Fitter MA/Air Gunner)
RAF LAC Purkiss, W L (Radio Mechanic)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406570 Flying Officer MESSER, Allan Kenneth Burt

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/27/34

Aircraft Type: Bisley
Serial number: BA 315
Radio call sign:
Unit: 162 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Bisley BA 315 of 162 Sqn RAF on 29 January 1943 as a result of a flying accident, crashed into the sea at position 230 deg. from and 3 miles off Saida, Algiers, with the crew and passenger missing believed drowned.

Crew:

RAAF 406570 FO Messer, A K B (Pilot)
RAAF 406323 Flt Sgt Backhouse, H F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Cheyne, A W (Observer)
RAF AC2 Stone, C E (Pax)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403758 Flight Lieutenant MEYER, Bruce Sydney

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/44/172

Aircraft Type: Warwick
Serial number: BV 409
Radio call sign:
Unit: 281 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Warwick BV 409 of 281 Sqn RAF was engaged on an air/sea rescue search over the Irish Sea on 26 April 1944. When a lookout in the second pilot's seat reported a dinghy to starboard, the pilot turned to starboard losing height from 500 feet to 200 feet, at which time a spin to starboard developed. The starboard wing tip hit the sea and broke off, with the aircraft crashing straight into the sea. The aircraft crashed approx 68 miles west of Liverpool.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt West, R J (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Turner, H (Navigator)
RAAF 403758 Flt Lt Meyer, B S (1st Wireless Operator)
RCAF PO Wensel, C G (2nd Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt Sgt Connelly, A (3rd Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt Sgt Herbert, R (Air Gunner)

One survivor (Flt Sgt Connelly RAF) escaped through the upper turret and was picked up by a trawler. The remaining 5 crew members were recorded as missing lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

422612 Flying Officer MILLAR, Thomas Roberts

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/27/603 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: KH 158
Radio call sign:
Unit: 31 Sqn SAAF

Summary:

On the night of 12 October 1944, Liberator KH 158 of 31 Sqn SAAF was one of 16 Squadron aircraft detailed to drop supplies to Italian partisans operating in the foothills of the Alps at the west end of the PO valley.

KH 158 took off at 1613 hours from Celone landing ground, to drop supplies 12 miles east north east of Genoa. The night was dark with strata cumulous clouds building up northwards from the Appenines, with tops of 8-10000 feet.

Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

SAAF Major Urry, S S (1st Pilot)
RAF FO Hudspith, G E (2nd Pilot)
SAAF Lt Collard, G A (Observer)
SAAF Lt Lordan, P J (WTAG)
RAAF 422612 FO Millar, T R (BombAimer)
RAF Sgt Fitzgerald, R C (SAG)
SAAF WO1 Bloch, L B (Air Gunner)
SAAF Lt Armstrong, H W (Air Gunner)

In 1949 it was recorded that the crew were missing with no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401010 Pilot Officer MILLGATE, Keith MID

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/45/213

Aircraft Type: Maryland
Serial number: AH 372
Radio call sign:
Unit: 60 Sqn SAAF

Summary:

Maryland AH 372 of 60 Sqn SAAF took off at 1430Z hours on 7 December 1942, to carry out a photo survey flight in the Mersa Bregaba – El Agheila area, in the Middle East. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off.

At 1730Z an attempt was made to contact the aircraft but no reply was received. At 1800Z 285 Wing advised aircraft accidents and they have requested them to contact 212 Group and 3 SAAF Wing to see if the aircraft was plotted by them. Negative replies received. All units were then signalled asking for any news of the aircraft – no replies were received.

Crew:

SAAF Lt Brooks, L E (Pilot)
RAAF 401010 PO Millgate, K, MID (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt Donald, A M (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Gray, P M (Air Gunner)

With no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found from post war investigations and enquiries, it was concluded in 1948 that the crew were missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

423156 Flying Officer MILLIGAN, William Charles

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/27/881

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: LK 259
Radio call sign:
Unit: 206 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator LK 259 of 206 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, Leuchars, Fife, Scotland, at 2020 hours on 8 April 1945, to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the Skaggerak area. The aircraft's ETA for return to base was 0645 hours on 9 April, but it failed to return.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Howell, R L, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Upman, C T (2nd Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt McDonald, J E (Navigator)
RAF FO Stass, A C (Navigator)
RAF FO Heatlie, J A W (Navigator)
RAAF 423156 FO Milligan, W C (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 423813 FO Milne, K W (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF WO Poole, P (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Jekome, M (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Mason, A W A (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Ellison, G A (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Barton, A J (Flight Engineer)

It was later established that the remains of Sgt Ellison (RAF) was washed ashore at Marstrand Island on the west coast of Sweden, and that the body of FO Heatlie (RAF) was washed ashore near Skagen on the north east coast of Jutland, Denmark, approx 30 miles south west of Marstrand Island.

In 1949 with no trace of the remaining missing crew members being found, it was recorded that they were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

423813 Flying Officer MILNE, Keith Walkom

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/27/880

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: LK 259
Radio call sign:
Unit: 206 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator LK 259 of 206 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Leuchars, Fife, Scotland, at 2020 hours on 8 April 1945, to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the Skaggerak area. The aircraft's ETA for return to base was 0645 hours on 9 April, but it failed to return.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Howell, R L, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Upman, C T (2nd Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt McDonald, J E (Navigator)
RAF FO Stass, A C (Navigator)
RAF FO Heatlie, J A W (Navigator)
RAAF 423156 FO Milligan, W C (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 423813 FO Milne, K W (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF WO Poole, P (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Jekome, M (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Mason, A W A (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Ellison, G A (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Barton, A J (Flight Engineer)

It was later established that the remains of Sgt Ellison (RAF) was washed ashore at Marstrand Island on the west coast of Sweden, and that the body of FO Heatlie (RAF) was washed ashore near Skagen Island on the north east coast of Jutland, Denmark, approx 30 miles south west of Marstrand Island.

In 1949 with no trace of the remaining missing crew members being found, it was recorded that they were lost at sea.

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410075 Flying Officer MINOGUE, John Joseph

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/27/483

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HF 391
Radio call sign:
Unit: 612 Sqn RAF

Summary:

HF 391 of 612 (County of Aberdeen) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station, Chivenor, North Devon, UK, on the night of 22/23rd June 1944, to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the English Channel and was due to return the next morning. The aircraft failed to return with the crew missing.

Crew:

RAAF 410075 FO Minogue, J J, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Steel (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 425108 FO Arnell, J L (Navigator/bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Atkins, J A (1st Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Maltby, W H (2nd Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt I'Anson, B (3rd Wireless Operator/Air)

It was later concluded that the missing crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411799 Flight Lieutenant MOFFITT, Frederic Delmege

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/28/346

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: FL 931
Radio call sign:
Unit: 86 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator FL 931 of 86 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Tain, Ross-shire, Scotland, at 0255 hours on 26 June 1944 to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the North Sea. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 411799 Fl Lt Moffitt, F D, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 434069 FO Whitby, S W (2nd Pilot)
RAF FO Pearson, H (1st Navigator)
RAAF 427942 Sgt Richardson, K I (2nd Navigator)
RAAF 424197 Sgt Mason, L O H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 419678 Sgt Williams, J G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt O'Bierne (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Leighton, G G (Wireless Operator Mechanic/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Moffitt, I T (Flight Engineer)

With no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found from post war investigations and enquiries, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400626 Flying Officer MOLONEY, Thomas George

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/45/133

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: Z 9101
Radio call sign:
Unit: 15 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z 9101 of 15 Operational Training Unit RAF in transit from RAF Station Portreath to Malta, crashed into the sea near Europa Point, Gibraltar, just before midnight on 9 January 1942.

In a later statement by the one survivor Sgt Harrison (RAAF) he reported "Z 9101 crashed into the sea in flames at a point somewhere off Europa Point, Gibraltar, approximately 15 minutes after take off at 2326 hours on 9 January 1942. Sgt Atherton (RAAF) and the remainder of the crew with the exception of Sgt Morris (RAF) were trapped in the front portion of the aircraft and were killed instantly. The aircraft sank very quickly and I was fortunate enough to be able to get clear of the fuselage and reach the surface where I was rescued by a patrol launch from 202 Sqn Gibraltar. I was later told in hospital that no wreckage or other crew members were found."

Crew:

RAAF 400626 FO Moloney, T G, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400630 PO Patterson, J (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 404332 Sgt Atherton, W S (Observer)
RAAF 408018 Sgt Harrison, K H (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hall, G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Morris, A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

PO Patterson (RAAF) was buried in the British Cemetery at Malaga. Following post war enquiries, it was recorded that FO Moloney (RAAF) and the 2 RAF members of the crew were lost at sea, and Sgt Atherton (RAAF) was initially reported as missing, His casualty file records that his body was later recovered by the Royal Navy 20 miles east of Gibraltar and buried at sea. AWM 237(63) records that Atherton's name is entered on the Gibraltar Special Memorial.

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412627 Pilot Officer MOORE, Donald Francis

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/28/178

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: EF 453
Radio call sign:
Unit: 199 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling EF 453 of 199 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Lakenheath, Bradon, Suffolk at 1558 hours on the night of 4/5th November 1943, to carry out mining operations in the Kattegat area. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 412627 PO Moore, D F, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Welsh, D C (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Jones, V (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Richmond, A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Southgate, V J (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 413876 Flt Sgt Menere, D (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt Watson, P (Rear Gunner)

With no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found from post war investigations and enquiries, it was recorded that the missing crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

423822 Flight Lieutenant MORAN, William John

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/28/386

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: NF 952
Radio call sign: LS – Q
Unit: 15 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF 952 of 15 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Mildenhall, Suffolk, UK, at 2013 hours on the night of 26/27th August 1944, to attack Kiel, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 423822 Fl Lt Moran, W J, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Rennie, G (Navigator)
RAAF 429280 Flt Sgt Dyer, B D (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Logan, K V (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Donaldson, G B (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Faint, R D (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Brockett, W D (Flight Engineer)

With no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found following post war investigations and enquiries, it was recorded in 1948 that the missing crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

420901 Flying Officer MORGAN, Richard Holt

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/28/162

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: FL 911
Radio call sign:
Unit: 160 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator FL 911 of 160 Sqn RAF was detailed on 6 May 1944 to carry out an Air Firing and Depth Charge dropping exercise to the sea west of Puttalam, Ceylon. Take off was to be at 1530 hours. Six Mark V111 250lb depth charges were to be carried.

After take off the aircraft circled the aerodrome until the target aircraft had streamed its drogue. At about 1600 hours they were about 15 miles off the coast from Puttalam and the air firing exercise was completed. FL 911 then set a course of 200 deg, and flew for about 10 minutes further out to sea. At a position 35 to 40 miles from the coast, a smoke float was dropped from 2000 feet. At 1700 hours FL 911 was positioned for a low level attack on the float and height was lost to 50 feet.

Two 250lb depth charges were released. The pilot heard the charges explode immediately on release, and the nose of the aircraft was immediately thrown up, and required the combined efforts of both pilots to right it. The aircraft began to turn to port, and airspeed dropped to 110mph. Full aileron having failed to correct this turn, the starboard engines were throttled back, and full power on the port engines applied. At this time the only trimming gear operative was the rudder trim.

An SOS was sent out, but the aircraft still continued to lose height, and was ditched slightly tail down, when the aircraft broke in two. The estimated time between the explosion and ditching was 45 seconds.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Dean, J D, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 420901 FO Morgan, R H (2nd Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Wiseman, W R (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Cameron, A (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Dunkley, J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Cooper, G E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt Skinner, D H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Mabee, F T (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RNZAF WO Baker, T O P (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

RCAF PO Korsi, G (Gunner)
RAF FO McDonald, D F (1303 Met Flight)

Plus 2 gunners of No 148 Battery and 43rd LAA Regt RAA, Liason Duties. Of the thirteen crew members and passengers, only two survived the crash viz: FO Dean and WO Baker of the RNZAF.

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406047 Pilot Officer MOSS, John Henry

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/145/249

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: X 9986
Radio call sign:
Unit: 162 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington X 9986 of 162 Sqn RAF on 2 July 1942 was detailed to attack enemy concentrations in the battle area at night in the vicinity of El Daba Egypt. At approx 0200 hours over the target area a large flash was seen in the sky by other crews at about 6000 feet, followed by pieces of falling debris. To all witnesses it appeared that an aircraft had for some reason exploded in mid-air.

As another aircraft from 148 Squadron was missing it was believed very likely that these two aircraft had actually collided in mid-air, and their bombs had exploded. Other aircraft had several near escapes from the collision.

Crew:

RCAF Sgt Oulette, A P (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Hill, R L (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Doughty, A W (Observer)
RAF Sgt New, J W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 406047 PO Moss, J H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Wood, T G (Air Gunner)

With no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found following post war enquiries and investigations, in 1948 the missing crew were recorded as having no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407847 Flying Officer MOYLE, Ronald Albert

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/28/16

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: W 4835
Radio call sign: OF – H
Unit: 97 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W 4835 of 97 (Straits Settlements) Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, at 2348 hours on the night of 30/31st January 1943, to bomb a target at Hamburg, Germany. The weather was cloudy over the target. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 407847 FO Moyle, R A, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Brunning, W H (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Spurr, F (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Hunt, G J (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Davey, J P (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Thomas, P J (Mid Upper gunner)
RAF Sgt Loar, V (Rear Gunner)

With no trace of the aircraft or crew being found following post war enquiries, the missing crew were recorded in 1950 as having no known grave.

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411595 Pilot Officer MULLINGER, Robert Bruce

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/28/11

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: W 4372
Radio call sign: PH - G
Unit: 12 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W 4372 of 12 Sqn RAF took off at 1634 hours on 17 January 1943 from RAF Station Wickenby, UK, to bomb Berlin. No further news was received of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RNZAF Sgt Withell, E B, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 411739 PO Burrows, W G (Navigator)
RAAF 411595 PO Mullinger, R B (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 401528 Flt Sgt Neale, A F (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Hunter, J B (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Mitchell, A (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Richardson, L H (Rear Gunner)

The body of Sgt Mitchell, RAF was washed ashore at Nymindégab, on the south west coast of Denmark, and buried at Esberg, Denmark.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401171 Flying Officer MURPHY, Edward Scott DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/28/105

AWM65, 3780

Aircraft Type: Marauder
Serial number: MK 363
Radio call sign:
Unit: 14 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Marauder MK 363 of 14 Sqn RAF of the British North African Force, took off on 27 June 1943 to carry out a shipping recce between North Corsica and the east coast of Sardinia. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off, but on 28 June 1943, another Marauder on patrol sighted 3 airmen clinging to wreckage 60 miles off the east coast of Sardinia. Intensive air-sea rescue operations on the 28th and 29th June failed to locate these airmen again.

Crew:

RAF PO Francis, R K, Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF Flt Sgt Dules, R G (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 401171 FO Murphy, E S, DFC (Navigator)
RAAF 401492 WO Carnie, I D (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Sloggett, D W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Jealis, S

With no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found following post war enquiries, it was concluded in 1948 that the missing crew were lost at sea.

Citation:

DFC: Flying Officer Murphy, an accurate and exceptionally keen navigator, has taken part in numerous sorties. On several occasions he has sighted enemy convoys and the accuracy of his reports have enabled successful attacks to be made. He has always completed his reconnaissance with care and thoroughness, obtaining much valuable information.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

432022 Pilot Officer MURRAY, Aubrey George

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/28/564

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: PA 973
Radio call sign: OF – C
Unit: 97 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PA 973 of 97 (Straits Settlements) Sqn RAF, took off at 2335 hours on 20th March 1945 from RAF Station Coningsby, Lincolnshire, UK, to attack a target at Bohlen, Germany. Weather clear. Visibility good. Flak over target moderate to intense. Aircraft did not return to base and no evidence as to loss or whether aircraft shot down over target. No messages received from aircraft.

Crew:

RAAF 418813 FO Cottman, J D, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 432022 PO Murray, A G (Navigator)
RAAF 428596 WO Arney, H J (Wireless Operator)
RAAF 430103 Flt Sgt Coster, J S (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437562 Flt Sgt Petschel, V E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 430011 Flt Sgt Bull, L J (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Cross, J W (Flight Engineer)

With no trace of the aircraft or crew being found following post war investigations and enquiries, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had no known grave.

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424817 Pilot Officer MURRAY, Robert McAuly

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/28/484

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: HK 627
Radio call sign: LS – F
Unit: 15 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK 627 of 15 Sqn RAF took off at 1114 hours on 12 December 1944 from RAF Station Mildenhall, Suffolk, to bomb an enemy target at Witten, Germany. The aircraft was shot down in flames at Stockum, some 4 miles north north east of Witten and all the crew were believed killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Marsh, A F, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 429001 Flt Sgt Stuckey, V (Navigator)
RAAF 424817 PO Murray, R McA (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF FO Lee, S T (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Garrett, L (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Wade, J D (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Swainston, J (Flight Engineer)

In 1948 following investigations and enquiries, the remains of Flt Sgt Stuckey (RAAF) which were buried at Dortmund cemetery were re-buried in Reichswald Forest. The remains of Flt Lt Marsh and Sgts Garrett, Wade and Swainston (RAF) were also identified and re-buried in Reichswald Forest. No trace could be found of PO Murray (RAAF) or FO Lee (RAF) who are listed as missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

413088 Flight Lieutenant MYERS, Nelson Lorin

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/28/375

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: MH 994
Radio call sign:
Unit: 242 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Flt Lt Myers took off in MH 994 at 0945 hours on 13 August 1944 from Callenzana airfield together with nine other aircraft of 242 Sqn to strafe a radar installation at Cape Couronne near Marseilles, immediately prior to the invasion of Southern France.

The target area was reached at 1050 hours. Very intense heavy and extra intense light flak was encountered on nearing the target. Flt Lt Myers went in at low level to attack the target, was hit and the aircraft was seen to be emitting black smoke. When last seen he had climbed to about 600 feet, was heard on radio to say he had to bale out. He did not bale out and the aircraft dived into the sea at an angle. Myers was not seen to leave the aircraft and he was believed to have been killed instantly.

Crew:

RAAF 413088 Flt Lt Myers, N L (Pilot)

In 1949 it was recorded that Fl Lt Myers had lost his life at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407249 Flight Lieutenant NAPIER, Keith Mellis

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/29/110

Aircraft Type: Boston
Serial number: W 8306
Radio call sign:
Unit: 114 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Boston W 8306 of 114 (Hong Kong) Sqn RAF, Central Mediterranean Force, took off at 2104 hours on the night of 15 April 1944, to carry out a reconnaissance of shipping between Civitavecchia and Piombino on the west coast of Italy. The aircraft failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 407476 Flt Lt Wickes, D W (Pilot)
RAAF 407249 Flt Lt Napier, K M (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 407488 FO Bowman, A P, MID (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Poulson, S J W (Air Gunner)

In 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

413015 Pilot Officer NEEDS, Lancelot Kenneth

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/29/41

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 774
Radio call sign: HW – L
Unit: 100 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 774 of 100 Sqn RAF, took off From RAF Station Grimsby, Lincolnshire at 2000 hours on 23 August 1943 to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

20 other Squadron aircraft were detailed for this mission. Nothing unusual was experienced by the other aircraft during the mission, with 3 aircraft missing and all the rest returning safely.

Crew:

RAAF 413015 PO Needs, L K, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Whittier, P A (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Reay, R G (Navigator)
RCAF Sgt Hahn, R G (Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Jamieson, W B (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Stansfield, A (Mid upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Fletton, W S (Rear Gunner)

With no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found following post war investigations and enquiries, it was recorded in 1950 that the missing crew had lost their lives with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

414072 Pilot Officer NEGUS, Bruce Lindsay

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/29/63

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: W 4276
Radio call sign: EM – L
Unit: 207 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W 4276 of 207 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Spilsby, East Kirkby, Lincolnshire, at 1621 hours on 18 October 1943 to attack Hannover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Other aircraft on the same mission reported 10/10ths cloud over the target, with the defences of heavy flak being moderate and inaccurate, with some searchlight activity. Fighter opposition over the target area was accurate. It was later established that the aircraft was shot down over Germany.

Crew:

RAAF 414072 PO Negus, B L, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Davis, A H (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Laybourn, G W (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Emery, A K (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF PO Stringer, A W (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Morel, R N (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt McLean, J S (Air Gunner)

Sgt McClean (RAF) survived the crash and became a POW. In 1950 post war investigations and enquiries failed to reveal any trace of the missing crew members and they were recorded as having no known grave.

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420985 Flying Officer NEWTH, John Kendall

Source:

NAA: A9300, Bar Code 5247280

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: KG 690
Radio call sign:
Unit: 244 Sqn RAF

Summary:

FO Newth and FO Swire of 244 Sqn RAF were listed as missing believed killed in an air accident on 31 July 1944. The aircraft crashed into a cliff face, 6 miles west of Cape Risut near Salalah on the South Arabian coast.

Crew:

The crew of KG 690 were members of the RAF, and the aircraft carried 27 passengers, including the following passengers:

RAAF 420985 FO Newth, J K (Pilot)
RAAF 413913 FO Swire, C C (Navigator/Bombaimer)

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was recorded that FO Newth and FO Swire had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407181 Pilot Officer NITSCHKE, Richard Hasting

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/147/160

Aircraft Type: Tomahawk
Serial number: CC 452
Radio call sign:
Unit: 250 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Tomahawk CC 452 of 250 Sqn RAF flown by PO Nitschke was last seen engaged by enemy aircraft in the Benghazi area on the morning of 21 December 1941. The aircraft did not return to base and it was assumed that it had been shot down.

Crew:

RAAF 407181 PO Nitschke, R H (Pilot)

Following post war investigations and enquiries, it was recorded in 1948 that PO Nitschke had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406365 Pilot Officer NORMAN, Alexander

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/147/284

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: Z 8403
Radio call sign: PH - Z
Unit: 12 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z 8403 of 12 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Binbrook, on the night of 27/28th August 1942 to attack Kassel, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 406365 PO Norman, A (Pilot)
RAF PO Fallas, H (Navigator)
RCAF Sgt Wilson, S A (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Hughes, G (Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Broomhead, C J (Rear Gunner)

With no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1948 that the crew had lost their lives at sea.

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417875 Pilot Officer NORSWORTHY, Robert Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (62) NAA : A705, 166/43/1051 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 518
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Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	PB 678
Radio call sign:	TL – F
Unit:	ATTD 35 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB678 took off from RAF Graveley at 1040 hours on a day mission to bomb Cologne, Germany. When outbound at 10,000 feet and passing over the South Foreland coast on the Kent coast at 1133 hours, PB678 collided with Lancaster PB683 also of No 35 Sqn. Both aircraft fell into the sea and all the crew in both aircraft were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Clarke, R J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J C Mays, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF PO Currie, D R (Navigator)
RAAF 422774 WO W J Webb, (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 417875 PO Norseworthy, R K (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 411869 PO Craddock, T E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF PO J McGee (Rear Gunner)

Of the crew in PB678, PO Currie, and WO Webb are buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK.

Sgt Mays is buried at Harrow (Harrow Weald) Cemetery, Middlesex, UK
The other four members of PB678 have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK

All the crew aboard PB683 were members of the RAF.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400045 Pilot Officer OAK-RHIND, David Knaggs

Source:

NAA: A9300, Barcode 5251693

Aircraft Type: Hurricane
Serial number:
Radio call sign:
Unit: 242 Sqn RAF

Summary:

PO Oak-Rhind flying a Hurricane of 242 Sqn RAF was reported missing on air operations from UK on 21 May 1941.

Crew:

RAAF 400045 PO Oak-Rhind, D K (Pilot)

He was later presumed dead on 21 May 1941 and listed as missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400541 Flying Officer ODDIE, Neville Hargreaves

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/50/51

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number:
Radio call sign:
Unit: 211 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On 13 February 1942, six Blenheims of 211 Sqn RAF, led by Wing Cdr Bateson went after lunch to escort a convoy. The formation was given a wrong pinpoint so they could not find the convoy. Coming back at dusk the formation ran into a storm over Palembang. Four of the aircraft landed at another drome. One of the two remaining Blenheims ditched in the sea near Banka Island, whilst nothing was heard of the remaining Blenheim flown by FO Mackay. It was thought possible that the aircraft may have crashed in the jungle, but nothing was known of the missing aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 404566 FO Mackay, G G (Pilot)
RAAF 400541 PO Oddie, N H (Observer)
RAAF 406150 FO Payne, J H (Observer)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

408590 Flying Officer O'DEA, Donald John

Source:

NAA: 166/31/260

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: 42 – 110120
Radio call sign:
Unit: 530 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On the night of 28 October 1944, Liberator 420110120 of 530 Sqn RAF, 380 Bomb Group USAAF, 5th Air Force, failed to return from a mission to Macassar, NEI. The aircraft took off from Darwin at 1751 hours, manned by a RAAF crew of eleven. The following sequence of messages were received by Ops room No 380 Group:
281420Z No 3 out, Position 06.25S 120.50E course 120deg true.
281555Z 2 engines out, posn 0800S 123.35E.
281628Z Not likely to reach base. No 4 giving trouble. Preparing to ditch.
Darwin obtained a bearing of 340deg at 281640Z. Search ships and 4 B24's immediately began search, and B24's, B25's and Catalinas on subsequent days were unable to locate missing aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 408190 FO Harrison, A L, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 413969 WO Davidson, S H (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 416078 Flt Lt Cropley, A A (Navigator)
RAAF 408590 FO O'Dea, D J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 416861 WO Killen, K L J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 423587 Flt Sgt Barber, W R (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 408448 Flt Sgt Wilken, C L (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 36474 Sgt Jamieson, S H (Armament/Gunner)
RAAF 429432 Sgt Cook, J E (Air Gunner)
RAAF 62526 Sgt Bird, W J (Fitter 11A/Gunner)
RAAF 116993 LAC (Agt Flt Sgt) Anstey, F W (Flight Engineer)
ARMY VX21828 Major Latrelle, H R, AIF (Intel Officer) (Observer)

In 1949 it was recorded that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

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

404487 Flight Lieutenant O'DONOHUE, Thomas John DFM

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/148/211

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: BZ 926
Radio call sign:
Unit: 159 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ 926 of 159 Sqn RAF took off on 29 February 1944 at 1630 hours together with other Squadron aircraft for the target Rangoon, Burma. HZ 926 carried a bomb load of 6000 lbs.

According to eye witness accounts from the other 5 aircraft, 2 aircraft were seen over the target area to go down in flames and hit the ground. No distress signals were received from BZ 926 which did not return to base after the mission. Three aircraft were sent out on a parallel search but nothing was found of the missing aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Stanley, N J D, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Lentz, J H (Co-Pilot)
RAAF 404487 Flt Lt O'Donohue, T J, DFM (Navigator)
RAF WO Westermarck, J (1st Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt Sgt Lomas, J D (2nd Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt Sgt Harris, J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Chalcraft, S W (Beam Gunner)
RAF WO King, J W F (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Davis, N J (Flight Engineer)

Citation:

DFM: As Observer, Sgt O'Donohue has displayed high skill and devotion to duty. Amongst other successes he took part in a very successful attack on the Matford Works at Poissy when he obtained hits on the target with heavy bombs. On the night of the 12 April, 1942, when returning from a raid on the Ruhr his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter and severely damaged. Sgt O'Donohue was wounded in the leg but, despite considerable pain he remained at his post and skilfully navigated his aircraft back to the English coast.

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403830 Pilot Officer O'NEILL, Francis Roy

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/50/43

Aircraft Type:

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit:

Summary:

FO O'Neill, an Observer, who sailed from Halifax, Nova Scotia for the UK as a passenger on the SS Yngaren, was drowned when the ship was torpedoed and sunk at 0400 hours on 12 January 1942. SS Yngaren, a Swedish vessel, carried a crew of 34 and 6 passengers, of whom only two are known to have survived, a Dane and a Swede, who drifted for 30 days on a raft and ultimately landed at Greenock on 13 February 1942.

In 1949 it was recorded that FO O'Neill had lost his life at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

1567 Flying Officer O'NEILL, Robert Castle

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/294 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Liberator

Serial number: KG 973

Radio call sign:

Unit: ATTD 99 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberators EW286 and KG973 of No 99 (Madras Presidency) Sqn RAF, were part of a formation of 12 aircraft detailed for operations over Burma on 3 December 1944. The type of formation used was 3 vees of three aircraft each, each vee with a fourth aircraft stepped down and on each side.

The two aircraft in question were flying on the starboard section, EW286 as No 3 and KG973 as No 4. At 1529 hours, position 1332N 9800E on a heading of 120 deg true at 10,500 feet, the formation was forming into close formation after a sea crossing in very open formation. KG973 was approx 800 yards behind its leader and about 50 feet down. EW286 was approx 600 yards behind and about 20 feet down.

EW286 pulled up to the same height as the leader and KG973 gradually came forward. It appeared then that EW286 caught the slipstream of the leading aircraft forcing it down onto KG973. The tail unit of KG973 appeared to be broken off and the starboard main plane of EW286 bending and cracking. Both aircraft crashed almost immediately, one going down in flames and both bursting into flames on hitting the sea. No one was seen to get out.

Crew: KG973

RCAF	FO Jones, G E Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF	FO Parcell, E P
RAF	Flt Sgt J E J Farrow,
RAF	Flt Sgt Smith
RAAF	1567 FO O'Neill, R C (Wireless Operator)
RAF	Sgt W J D Pugh,
RCAF	Flt Sgt J R Milligan
RAF	Flt Sgt G E Tudor
RAF	Flt Sgt H Pickup
RAF	Flt Sgt A H Brameld
RAF	Flt Sgt J P Grimshaw

The names of the missing crew are commemorated on the Singapore Memorial. The Memorial stands in the Kranji War Cemetery, which is 22kms north of the City of Singapore on the north side of Singapore Island overlooking the Straits of Johore.

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

400646 Pilot Officer OUTHWAITE, William Grenbry

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/50/35

Aircraft Type: Hurricane
Serial number: Z 5212
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD 238 SQN RAF

Summary:

When returning from a Wing sweep over Al Adem on 23 November 1941, eleven Hurricanes from 238 Sqn RAF, encountered at El Gubi, 50 enemy aircraft comprising 30 JU87's and approx 20 ME109's and G50's. After the ensuing combat, Z5212 failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 400646 PO Outhwaite, W G (Pilot)

With no trace of the missing pilot being found following on post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1948 that PO Outhwaite had no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400288 Pilot Officer PARKE, Edwin Roy

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/53/115

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: Z7453
Radio call sign:
Unit: 17 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z7453 of 17 Operational Trg RAF took off from RAF Station Upwood on an operational training flight on 21 January 1942 when the aircraft was forced to ditch in the North sea approx 3 miles east of Filey, The route to be followed was Upwood – Dishforth – Filey – a point approx 80 miles east of Filey over the North sea – Filey –Base.

The air sea rescue service conducted searches over the area but no trace was found of the missing aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 400288 PO Parke, E R (Pilot)
RAF Sgt York, M
RAF Coakley, F

In 1948 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost there lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407801 Pilot Officer PAROISSIEN, Jim Cunningham

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/32/88

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: AD 593
Radio call sign:
Unit: 221 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington AD 593 of 221 Sqn RAF was detailed on 28 April 1943 to carry out a shipping strike 30 miles north north east of Ustica. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after it took off at 0055 hours, and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Sgt Keith, A L (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Brighurst, A W (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 407801 PO Paroissien, J C (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Sutherland, A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Lyle, G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

Following post war investigations, in a 1948 report it was recorded that “the aircraft was shot down and crashed into a cliff near Cape Bianco on 28 April 1943. On impact the aircraft exploded and burning wreckage was scattered over the beach. Cape Bianco is situated on the south coast of Sicily approx 13 miles south east of Sciacca.

Only a few remains were recovered from the wreckage by local inhabitants who buried them on the beach. All efforts to recover the remains were unsuccessful and it was concluded that they were subsequently washed away by tides, and that the missing crew had no known grave.”

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402878 Flying Officer PARTRIDGE, Dennis De Montfort

Source:

NAS: A705, 163/51/157

Aircraft Type: Beaufighter
Serial number: IT 4666
Radio call sign:
Unit: 227 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter IT 4666 of 227 Sqn RAF took off from Luqa Malta, at approx 1250 hours on 6 September 1942, as part of a squadron formation of 12 Beaufighters from 227 Sqn and 3 Beaufighters from 89 Sqn. The Beaufighters were escorting 9 Beauforts of 39 Sqn to attack an enemy convoy of 4 M.V's escorted by 10 DR's, north east of Ducato, Santa Maura, an island off the North West coast of Greece.

No messages were received from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base. It was assumed that IT 4666 was shot down by enemy fighters or damaged by heavy flak that was encountered on the strike.

Crew:

RAAF 402878 FO Partridge, J C (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Vivian, A W (Wireless Operator/Observer)

It was later recorded that the crew were missing with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404383 Flying Officer PATERSON, David Hamilton

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/32/45

Aircraft Type: Beaufort
Serial number: DD 899
Radio call sign:
Unit: 39 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufort DD 899 of 39 Sqn RAF took off at approx 2355 hours from RAF Station Luqa, Malta, on 3 March 1943 to attack shipping in the vicinity north of Cape San Vito and the aircraft failed to return. The target of 2 M.V's accompanied by 3 D.R's was located but not attacked owing to a very heavy smoke screen having been laid. Light ack ack was experienced by other aircraft operating against the same target.

One of the survivors from the missing aircraft Sgt Evans (RAF) who was picked up by N.S.L approx one mile N.E. of Gozo, in a later statement reported "the position of the crash was 1350E 3620N. I believe the rest of the crew were imprisoned in the aircraft when it sank, for when I recovered consciousness and climbed into the dinghy, I saw no sign of them in the water – bearing in mind the only light was coming from burning wreckage in the sea. I heard no answer to my calls to them."

Crew:

RAAF 402244 Sqn Ldr Marshall, R S O, DFC (Pilot)
RAAF 404383 PO Paterson, D H (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt Parker, J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Evans, L A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

Subsequent searches revealed no trace of the missing members of the crew, and in 1946 it was recorded that they were missing lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

412028 Pilot Officer PATRICK, Maxwell Morley DFC

Sources:

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

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

Summary:

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

Crew:

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

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

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

Citation:

DFC: As Bomb Aimer, PO Patrick has completed numerous operations against the
enemy, in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage
and devotion to duty.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402079 Wing Commander PAUL, Eric

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/32/120

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: FK 386
Radio call sign:
Unit: 117 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hudson FK 386 of 117 Sqn RAF left RAF Station Portreath, Cornwall, at 1737 hours on 3 June 1943 in transit for Gibraltar. The crew and passengers were returning to their respective headquarters in North Africa. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off, it being assumed that the aircraft was lost as a result of enemy action.

Crew:

RAF Gp Capt Yaxley, R G (Pilot) (249 Sqn)
RAF Wing Cdr Goodhigh, J (Pilot)
RNZAF FO McSheuby, J E J (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Edwards, J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Wing Cdr Burton, H F (239 Wing Hdqtrs)
RAF Wing Cdr Cotton, P T (Air Hdqtrs WD)
RAAF 402079 Wing Cdr Paul, E (Air Hdqtrs WD)
RAF Sqn Ldr Hawbury, O V (AHQ WD)
RCAF Flt Lt Buckley, J B (AHQ WD)
RAF Sqn Ldr Young, J K (NWAAF)

In 1949 it was recorded that all personnel on board had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411817 Flying Officer PAUL, Keith Walter

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/32/15

Aircraft Type: Mosquito
Serial number: DD 777
Radio call sign:
Unit: 157 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DD 777 of 157 Sqn RAF took off at 2000 hours on 20 January 1943 for an operational patrol. The aircraft was handed over to the Sector Controller at Trimley, who issued several vectors which brought DD 777 to within one and a half miles astern of an enemy aircraft at 12000 feet, approx 30 miles east of Clacton.

At approx 2225 hours the pilot of DD 777 reported "out of control", but the aircraft failed to respond to the Controller to repeat the message. All subsequent efforts to communicate with the aircraft failed.

A night search was undertaken by 117 Sqn aircraft as well as air sea rescue boats as well as at first light next morning. No trace was found of the missing aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 411817 FO Paul, K W (Pilot)
PO Cronin, C P F (Navigator/WT)

In 1949 it was recorded that the crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406150 Flying Officer PAYNE, Joseph Henry

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/51/124

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number:
Radio call sign:
Unit: 211 Sqn RAF

Summary:

On 13 February 1942, six Blenheims of 211 Sqn RAF, led by Wing Cdr Bateson went after lunch to escort a convoy. The formation was given a wrong pin point so they could not find the convoy. Coming back at dusk the formation ran into a storm over Palembang. Four of the aircraft landed at another drome. One of the remaining Blenheims ditched in the sea near Banka Island, whilst nothing was heard of the remaining Blenheim flown by FO Mackay. It was thought possible that the aircraft may have crashed in the jungle, but nothing was known of the aircraft or the missing crew.

Crew:

RAAF 404566 FO Mackay, G G (Pilot)
RAAF 400541 PO Oddie, N H (Observer)
RAAF 406150 FO Payne, J H (Observer)

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406868 Pilot Officer PEARCE, Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/32/252 166/21/103 Micro Film No 463 OAFH
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Flying Fortress
Serial number: FK 206
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD 220 SQN RAF

Summary:

Flying Fortress FK 206 of 220 Sqn RAF on a non-operational flight on 4 December 1943, crashed in the sea two and a half miles north of Lagens, Azores. It took off normally but two miles from the end of the runway it turned to starboard and either dived or stalled into the sea. The cause of the crash is not known

Crew:

RAF FO Mompis, D R (1st Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt R Morrison, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 408252 PO Johnson, J G (Observer)
RAAF 406868 PO Pearce, A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF PO Lawson, H (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF WO2 C T Flack, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt M P Campion, George Cross (Air Gunner)
RCAF WO Boudrearlt, (Air Gunner)

PO Johnson, WO Flack and WO Boudrearlt are buried in the Lagens War Cemetery Azores. The remaining missing members of the crew have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

408266 Flying Officer PEARSALL, Alan Louden

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/32/318

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: PA 863
Radio call sign:
Unit: 16 Sqn ATTD RAF

Summary:

FO Pearsall flying Spitfire PA 863 of 16 Sqn RAF, RAF Station Northolt, Middlesex, had been briefed to carry out on 8 March 1944, a photo sortie north-east of Calais. Just after he had completed his task, he called up on Button C stating the engine had stopped.

Approx 4 minutes after his first intimation of engine trouble, and on instructions from Bradwell Bay he baled out over the sea at 2000 feet. From the 1st transmission to time of bale out he was in constant touch by R/T with Bradwell, Bay and Manston.

11 Group Controller immediately despatched search aircraft. Owing to the fact that the pilot did not go over to Button D (Biggin Hill), no accurate fix was made. Bradwell Bay and Manston both obtained bearings, but owing to their respective positions relative to the aircraft, obtained a very inaccurate bearing only.

ASWR craft did not go out. There were gale conditions in the Channel and no sight of the pilot or dinghy had been obtained from search aircraft. The search continued for two days with nil result.

Crew:

RAAF 408266 FO Pearsall, A L (Pilot)

With no trace of the missing pilot being found following post war enquiries and investigations it was recorded in 1948 that FO Pearsall had lost his life at sea and had no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede UK.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406490 Flying Officer PEARSE, Eric Francis Kennedy

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/51/133

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: V 9620
Radio call sign:
Unit: 113 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim V9620 of 113 Sqn RAF took off on a sortie on the morning of 23 May 1942, and failed to return to base. Information later received from 221 Group advised that the aircraft had crashed in jungle country in the Eastern States. A revolver belonging to a crew member of V9620 and FO Griggs log book was recovered from the wreckage and later received by the unit.

Crew:

RAAF 406490 FO Pearse, E F (Pilot)
RAAF 406382 FO Grigg, C D (Observer)
RAAF 407362 Sgt Germein, J F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

It was established in 1942 that the aircraft had crashed in the jungle, four miles north east of Ompi Bazaar, India, and 20 miles south of Agartala. The aircraft was burnt out and the crew of three found dead. They were buried at the scene of the crash near a small village of Bahurambari, at 9141E and 2344.6 seconds N. Later exhumation was not possible due to remoteness of the location, and inability to identify the locality of the burial site.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

417881 Flying Officer PEPPER, Francis Laurence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/32/615, 166/12/150, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Sunderland
Serial number: W 6009
Radio call sign:
Unit: 4(C) Operational Trg School RAF

Summary:

On the 14th January 1945, Sunderland W6009 took off from RAF Station Aness, Ross-Shire Scotland, on a non-operational armament training exercise. The aircraft crashed off shore near Ferrytown, Doronach Firth, Scotland at 1340 hours..

Crew:

RAAF	429929 FO Crompton, A W	Seriously injured
RAAF	405596 FO Marstella, R T (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	436397 PO Bugg, E N	Seriously injured
RAAF	426656 Flt Sgt McLeod, O N	Seriously injured
RAAF	437444 Flt Sgt Pryor, M C	Seriously Injured
RAAF	423487 Flt Sgt Griffiths, J J (Wireless Operator Air)	Missing
RAAF	414626 Sgt Laing, O W (Flight Engineer)	Killed
RAAF	433805 Sgt Freudenstein, W J W	Seriously injured
RAAF	441309 Sgt Wadel, R R	Seriously injured
RAAF	443289 Flt Sgt Evers, E (Air Gunner)	Missing
RAAF	417881 FO Pepper, F L (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)	Missing

The bodies of FO Marstella and Sgt Laing were recovered from the sea and buried at Harrogate RAF Cemetery, Yorkshire. No trace was found of missing crew members FO Pepper and Flt Sgt's Griffiths and Evers, who lost their lives at sea. They have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

414508 Flying Officer PERRY, Leonard Charles

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/32/248

Aircraft Type: Oxford
Serial number: W 6637
Radio call sign:
Unit: 3 (P) Advanced Flying RAF

Summary:

Oxford W 6637 of 3 (P) Advanced Flying RAF was detailed for local flying on the afternoon of 3 December 1943. The aircraft took off from RAF Station South Cerney, Cirencester, Gloucester, at 1455 hours. FO Perry was the instructor with Sgt Styles the pupil pilot. The aircraft failed to return to base.

The aircraft was without IFF and RT when flying in the doubtful weather on 3 December. There was a rapid deterioration in the weather after take off although another instructor succeeded in landing at South Cerney an hour and 25 minutes after FO Perry took off from Southrop. A series of Observer Corps plots were received extending from Worcester area at 1807 hours and the Chepstow Filton area at 1839hrs.

No trace of W 6637 or of the crew could be found, it being considered that the aircraft must have crashed either in the Bristol Channel or the Welsh Hills.

Crew:

RAAF 414508 FO Perry, L C (Instructor Pilot)
RAAF 421767 Sgt Styles, W T (Pupil Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

408874 Flying Officer PETERS, Albert Otto

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/32/217

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: BZ 818
Radio call sign:
Unit: 53 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ 818 of 53 Sqn RAF took off at 2130 hours from RAF Station, St Eval, Cornwall, on 13 June 1944, to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in support of major operations then in progress. A message was received from the aircraft late at night indicating that a submarine had probably been sighted and was about to attack. Nothing was subsequently heard from the aircraft which failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Carmichael, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Stevens, E E (2nd Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt McKeown, J T (1st Navigator)
RAAF 408874 FO Peters, A O (2nd Navigator)
RAF FO White, V R (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 422537 Flt Sgt Curner, R H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 422425 Flt Sgt Campbell, K J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Shaw, J W (Air Gunner)
RAAF 422221 Flt Sgt Martin, I E (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Lusher, V N (Flight Engineer)

With no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found following post war enquiries and investigations, it was concluded in 1949 that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

412655 Pilot Officer PETERSON, Robert Finlay

Source:

NAA : A705, 166/21/9, A705, 166/20/14 (Digitised),
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: DF 691
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington DF 691 of 142 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Blida at 0230 hours on 23 February 1943, to attack the docks at Bizerta, Tunisia. The ETA to the target was 0515 hours. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Several crews saw an aircraft crash into the sea north of Bizerta, but they could not identify the aircraft.

The route recommended was as follows : Base – Cape Bengut – La Galite – Bizerta – La Galite – 37.30N, 0500-E – Base.

Crew:

RAAF 406567 PO Jensen, A M Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 412655 PO Peterson, R F (Navigator)
RAAF 411788 Flt Sgt Jowers, A (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Marples, F R (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt Hill, E (Air Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives at sea and have no known graves. Their names are commemorated on the Malta Memorial, Malta. The Memorial is situated in the area of Floriana and is easily identified by the Golden Eagle which surmounts the column.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

409451 Flying Officer PHILLIPS, Phillip Henry

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/32/99

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: DV 168
Radio call sign: PH – F
Unit: 12 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster DV 168 of 12 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Wickenby at 2118 hours on 17 August 1943 on an operational mission over Peenemunde, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off, and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Slade, F B, DSO, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Carpenter, G R (Navigator)
RAF PO MacIntyre, J F B (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF PO Manning, C W (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Chapman, S (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409451 FO Phillips, P H (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Myers, L (Rear Gunner)

With no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

417409 Flying Officer PIKE, John Walter

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/32/187

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: MP 710
Radio call sign:
Unit: 3 (C) Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Wellington MP 710 of 3 (C) Operational Training RAF, took off from RAF Station Haverfordwest, Wales, on a non-operational night flying exercise on 17 September 1943.

Following take off at 2010 hours on 17 September, normal transmission signals were received from the aircraft from time to time. At 2340 hours a distress signal from the aircraft was picked up by D/F stations and a fix was transmitted. MP 710 was believed to have made a forced landing in the Irish sea. Subsequent searches were made with no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found.

Crew:

RCAF FO Davis, H E (1st Pilot)
RAF PO Dudley, S J (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 417409 FO Pike, J W (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Vose, E (1st Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Toyne, J (2nd Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Cockerill, D (3rd Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

Following post war investigations, it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea and had no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

434575 Pilot Officer PITTENDRIGH, Robert Nisbert

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/32/771

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: KN 202
Radio call sign:
Unit: 194 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Dakota KN 202 of 194 Sqn RAF was scheduled to take off from base at 1455 hours on 3 May 1945 after being briefed to land supplies at Payagi, Burma. The aircraft and crew were last seen by the Duty Ops Officer at the time the aircraft took off. Since then nothing further was heard from the aircraft.

At 1146 hours the aircraft was reported overdue to the HQ 341 Wing, and an air-sea-jungle search organised. All aircraft returned to base with nil results.

Crew:

RAAF 10769 PO Walton, G A (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Wright (Pilot)
RAAF 432007 PO Leavey, T K F X (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 421488 PO Gunn, P M (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 434575 PO Pittendrigh, R N (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Kemp, Gunner

A 1953 report by the Far East Graves service stated "local villagers stated that a two engine British aircraft was forced to land a few miles from Payagi in the forest area in May 1945 which was still occupied by the enemy. None of the crew were brought in or buried or taken prisoner. The villagers had no knowledge of graves near the wrecked aircraft or elsewhere. The fate of the crew could not be ascertained and the graves were unlocated after a search."

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

418707 Pilot Officer POLLIE, Geoffrey Charles Oscar

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/33/405

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: KN 556
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTS 194 SQN RAF

Summary:

Dakota KN 556 of 194 Sqn RAF, which was scheduled for an early morning take off on 25 July 1945 which was delayed until 0900 hours due to heavy rain rendering the runway unserviceable. The aircraft was carrying a load of R.E's stores for their destination at Toungoo, Burma. When the aircraft finally took off at 1007 hours nothing unusual was noticed by Flying Control, with no rain at the time, cloud 7-9/10ths and ceiling of 400/500 feet.

At 1720 hours the aircraft was reported overdue to 341 Wing Ops who initiated overdue procedures. As two of the three aircraft going to Toungoo had arrived after taking off approx 6 hours previously, Control gave KN 556 an extra hour before reporting the aircraft overdue.

Nothing further was heard until the Thursday evening, 26 July 1945, when two members of 62 Squadron who had been fishing near the mouth of the Chuang, Akyab Beach, returned to camp and reported finding Dakota wreckage. Panels washed ashore had KN 556 and "U" Markings.

Owing to the state of the tides and difficult tracks through mangrove swamps, it was impossible to search until the next morning when the tide was low. The identification of the wreckage of KN 556 was beyond question with small pieces scattered along the beach, but there was no sign of the crew or of bodies washed ashore.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Mumby, T L, DFM (1st Pilot)
RAF WO Greenway, E J (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 418707 PO Pollie, G C O (Navigator)
RAAF 422284 PO Vaughan, W (1st Wireless Operator)
RAAF 426255 PO Glasgow, G H (2nd Wireless Operator)

A 1956 report recorded the crew as missing with no known grave.

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

400290 Pilot Officer POLLOCK, Philip Rowland

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/52/84

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: AM 663
Radio call sign:
Unit: 500 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hudson AM 663 of 500 (County of Kent) Sqn RAF, took off at 0700 hours on 17 February 1942, from RAF Station, Binham, Norfolk, UK, to carry out an anti-shipping patrol off the Dutch coast. No communication was received from the aircraft, but an IFF plot which may have been AM 663 returning was seen to fade out approx 30 miles off the coast from Cromer (Norfolk) at 0957 hours.

Crew:

RAAF 400290 PO Pollock, P R (Pilot)
RAAF 402635 Sgt Brady, J B (Observer)
RAF Sgt Hewitt, D W (Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt Sgt Webb (Air Gunner)

With no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that the crew had lost their lives at sea and they would be commemorated on a Memorial to those deceased members who have no known grave.

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

414079 Pilot Officer PORDAGE, Harry

Source:

AWMJ 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/33/253 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: BZ 943
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD 86 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ 943 of 86 Sqn RAF took off at night on 18th November 1944 from RAF Station Tain, Scotland, on a non-operational training flight using the Leigh Light. The aircraft crashed in the sea about 11 miles north east of Banff, Scotland. Continuous searches for any survivors were made by aircraft and rescue launches.

Crew:

RAAF 414079 PO Pordage, H (Navigator)
RAAF 420389 WO Hough, G F (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 422349 WO Noble, I R S (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 420786 WO Peck, R J (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 421360 WO Mellon, J (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 411302 FO Easterbrook, S D (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Lt Gates
RAF Flt Sgt McCabe
RAF PO Humphreys, J A (Wireless Operator Air)
RNZAF FO Norrie

The remains of FO Easterbrook (RAAF) and Flt Sgt Humphreys (RAF) were recovered, but the remaining crew members were listed as having lost their lives at sea.

FO Easterbrook is buried in the Bellie Burial Ground, Moray shire, Scotland.
PO Humphries is buried in the Liverpool (Anfield) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.
The other missing crew members have no known grave, and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS IN WORLD WAR 2 AND MISSING WITH
NO KNOWN GRAVE.

21526 Pilot Officer PORTER, Raymond Robert George

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/33/85

Aircraft Type: Hampden

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: No 6 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

A Hampden aircraft of No 6 Operational Trg RAF on a night navigation training exercise on 16 October 1943, but the aircraft did not return to base from this exercise. The last radio contact was at 1949 hours on the 16 October. All emergency measures were taken to make contact with the aircraft but were unsuccessful. Searches were conducted for five days, but no trace could be found of the missing aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 21526 PO Porter, R R G (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)

RAAF 423098 Sgt Smith, M C B (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)

Plus 2 members of the RAF.

In 1945, the wreckage of a Hampden aircraft and the remains of 4 crew were located north of Maggie Lake on Vancouver Island, Canada. The crash occurred on a hill in mountainous and wooded country, with access being too difficult to bring out the unidentifiable remains. A burial party including an RCAF Chaplain proceeded to the scene of the crash on Monday 30 July 1945, to conduct a funeral service and effect burial.

In 1949 the Imperial War Graves Commission advised that it was not possible for the grave to be registered and to place a permanent headstone over the grave, and that the crew would be commemorated on a memorial to the missing at Ottawa, Canada.

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

402134 Pilot Officer POTTIE, John Campbell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/152/199 163/92/82 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: AL 566
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD 159 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator AL566 of 159 Sqn RAF, Middle East, on 15th July 1942, formed part of two formations of aircraft on an operational sortie to Benghazi, Middle East. In a report by Sqn Ldr Beck leader of one of the formations, he stated "The 2 formations were engaged by enemy fighters over the target. AL 566 was on Beck's port side in No 3 position in formation in the run up to the target.

There was heavy and accurate flak over the target and just after releasing the bombs, AL 566 was seen to fall back and lose height. An enemy fighter dived onto the aircraft which made a steep turn to port. Both aircraft circled each other for a short time then AL 566 was seen to spiral into the sea. Sqn Ldr Beck considers that AL 566 was hit by flak and in endeavouring to evade the enemy fighter, stalled causing a spin. The spin may have been due to damage to controls by flak." Reports by other crews saw the aircraft crash into the sea. No parachutes were seen.

Crew:

RAAF 402134 PO Pottie, J C F, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402634 Flt Sgt Birk, H E (Pilot)
RAF WO Miller, W S (Observer)
RAAF 402036 PO Leisk, H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 402092 PO Mallaby, G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 402118 Sgt Fell, M G (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Hodge, J S

Flt Sgt Birk (RAAF) was buried in the Benghazi Military cemetery.

In a 1948 report it was concluded that the remainder of the crew had lost their lives at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. The Memorial forms the entrance to the El Alamein War Cemetery. Alamein is a village, by passed by the main coast road, approx 130kms west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400820 Flight Lieutenant POULTON, Norman Thomas Riggall DFM

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/33/117

AWM65, 4232

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 216
Radio call sign:	GT-W
Unit:	156 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB216 of 156 Sqn took off from RAF Station Warboys at 16.28hrs on 16 December 1943, to carry out a bombing attack on Berlin. At 18.45hrs a fix was obtained of the aircraft over North Sea in position 52.22N 02.48E, approx 200 miles from base. No further message received from the aircraft which did not return to base. Aircraft and crew lost without trace.

Crew:

RAAF 403490 Flt Lt Aubert, C O, DFM, Captain (Pilot)

RAF Flt Sgt Fisher

RAAF 400999 Flt Lt Samuel, J F, DFC (Navigator)

RAF Sqn Ldr Hadley, R, DFC

RAAF 400820 Flt Lt Poulton, N T R, DFM (Bombaimer)

RAAF 403766 FO Smith, R S, DFC (Wireless Operator)

RCAF Flt Lt Trilsbeck, T, DFC

RAAF 406873 Flt Lt Powell, L J, DFC (Rear gunner)

Citation:

DFM: This airman, Flt Sgt Poulton of No12 Sqn has taken part in a large number of operational sorties, including such heavily defended targets as Berlin, Essen, Hamburg and Wilhelmshaven where heavy anti-aircraft fire and searchlight opposition were encountered. Throughout his operational career, Flt Sgt Poulton has shown great coolness in guiding his pilots to the target with complete disregard of enemy opposition and his outstanding enthusiasm has been an inspiration to his fellow bomb aimers.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406873 Flight Lieutenant POWELL, Leslie John

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/33/116

AWM65, 4233

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 216
Radio call sign:	GT-W
Unit:	156 Sqn RAF

Summary:

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Crew:

RAAF 403490 Flt Lt Aubert, C O, DFM, Captain (Pilot)

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RAAF 400820 Flt Lt Poulton, N T R, DFM (Bombaimer)

RAAF 403766 FO Smith, R S, DFC (Wireless Operator)

RCAF Flt Lt Trilsbeck, T, DFC

RAAF 406873 Flt Lt Powell, L J, DFC (Rear gunner)

Citation:

DFC: Pilot Officer Powell of No 12 Sqn has participated in successful sorties against targets at Essen, Wilhelmshaven, Hamburg, Milan and Berlin, and has at all times displayed great devotion to duty and set an example worthy of attainment.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

425210 Pilot Officer PRATT, Lancelot George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/18 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 284,
Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	NA 508
Radio call sign:	KN – A
Unit:	ATTD 77 SQN RAF

Summary:

Halifax NA508 took off from RAF Full Sutton, Yorkshire at 2315 hours on the night of 16/17th June 1944, detailed to bomb Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415498 PO Blair, R A W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H L Moore (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 425210 PO Pratt, L G (Observer)
RAAF 423597 Flt Sgt G A Armstrong, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 410370 WO J P O'Meara, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427807 FO Date, J M (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D G Tastin, (Tail Gunner)

A 1947 report by a Missing Research & Enquiry team stated “ the Communal Police at Neumer-Amstel reported that the aircraft crashed in flames at Neumer-Amstel on the night of 16/17 June 1944. German documents confirmed that only one body was recovered that of WO O'Meara.” He is buried at the Bergen-Op-Zoom War Cemetery, Locality Noord-Brabant, Netherlands.

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

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

420487 Pilot Officer PRIDDLE, David Allan

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/33/140

Aircraft Type: Mosquito

Serial number: HX 857

Radio call sign:

Unit: 487 Sqn Royal New Zealand Air Force

Summary:

Mosquito HX 857 of 487 Sqn RNZAF took off from RAF Station Gravesend, Kent, on 13 March 1944, for daytime operations to attack construction works at Herbouville. On the return journey, HX 857 was seen by another crew to make an unsuccessful forced landing in the sea 30 miles from the enemy coast, after being hit by ack-ack fire over enemy territory. Ack-Ack fire had disabled one engine of HX 857 and on the way out the aircraft was hit by ack-ack fire again. The aircraft broke up on impact with the water.

Although the position was circled for an hour, nothing was seen of the crew after the aircraft hit the water.

Crew:

RNZAF PO Barriball (Pilot)

RAAF 420487 PO Priddle, D A (Navigator)

In 1949 it was recorded that the crew had lost their lives at sea.

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

415916 Flying Officer PUGH, Harold Kenneth

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/33/345

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: RG 564
Radio call sign: C8 – P
Unit: 640 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax RG 564 of 640 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Leconfield, East Yorkshire, on 18 April 1945 to attack Heligoland, Germany. The aircraft carried 9 x 1000 ANM, 4 x 500 MC, 7600 rounds ammo, and enough fuel for 7 hours flying. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off, and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415916 FO Pugh, H K, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Whittenbury, J (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Probert, W (Air Bomber)
RAAF 427782 WO Franklin, H K (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Knowles, G A (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Lishman, A R (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Jacques, R T (Flight Engineer)

Sgt Lishman's (RAF) body was recovered from the sea and is buried in the Hamburg British Military Cemetery. Other bodies were also recovered but could not be identified and were buried as unknown airmen.

In 1949 it was recorded that FO Pugh and the other unaccounted for members of the crew had lost their lives at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

425099 Flight Lieutenant PURRY, Ronald Leonard

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/33/180

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LL 889
Radio call sign: LS – B
Unit: 15 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL 889 of 15 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Mildenhall, Suffolk at 2331 hours on 14 June 1944 to bomb Le Havre, France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 425099 Flt Lt Purry, R L, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Weir, J K (Navigator)
RAAF 410839 PO Goodridge, N (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Gilleade, R H (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Nixon, T L (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Cantwell, C F (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Rolfe, R J (Flight Engineer)

Flt Sgt Gilleade (RAF) who survived the crash later stated “the aircraft was hit apparently by a rocket, when crossing the coast on the return journey from Le Havre at 7000 feet. The pilot advised the controls were unserviceable, the aircraft was on fire and he immediately instructed the crew to abandon the aircraft. Gillespie remembers nothing further until he landed on the ground and had no details on the fate of any other member of the crew.”

It was later established that PO Goodridge (RAAF) was buried in Leval Aux Clercs Communal Cemetery, Fecamp, France.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

429347 Flying Officer QUAN, William Patrick

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/34/24

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: LW 538
Radio call sign: MH – N
Unit: 51 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW 538 of 51 Sqn RAF took off on 19 August 1944 from RAF Station, Snaith, near Goole, Yorkshire, to attack a target at Sterkrade, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 429347 FO Quan, W P, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Franklin, P F J (Navigator)
RAAF 423579 Flt Sgt Anderson, E J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419721 Flt Sgt Kempson, K K (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt McLaren, E L (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Cartwright, J E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Adams, K E C (Rear Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations when no trace of the missing aircraft or crew was found, it was recorded in 1950 that the crew had no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401567 Flying Officer QUICK, Arthur William Frederick

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/34/11

Aircraft Type: Mosquito
Serial number: DK 285
Radio call sign:
Unit: 1655 Mosquito Trg RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DK 285 of 1655 Mosquito Training Unit, RAF, took off at 2205 hours on 5 November 1943 on a cross country night flying exercise. The crew were briefed to fly at 25,000 feet the target being the Isle of Man. The aircraft was due back at 0100 hours, but did not return to base.

An aircraft was seen to dive into the sea about one mile out between Port Greenock and Derby Head, Isle of Man, and it was considered that this might have been DK 285. Aircraft searched during the night, and air sea rescue aircraft took off shortly after daylight and thoroughly searched the area during the day with nil results.

Crew:

RAAF 400276 FO Hallett, P T L (Pilot)
RAAF 401567 FO Quick, A W F (Navigator)

In 1949 it was recorded that the crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

409443 Flying Officer QUINTON, Lloyd Frederick

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/34/6

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: JA 703
Radio call sign: KM – W
Unit: 44 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA 703 of No 44 (Rhodesia) Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Dunholm Lodge, Lincoln, at 2002 hours on the night of 5/6th September 1943, to attack Mannheim, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RCAF PO Stiver, D E, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Edwards, C R (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt McNair, A (Navigator)
RAAF 409443 FO Quinton, L F (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Chaplain, K (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Mosey (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Davies, R E (Rear Gunner)

Post war it was established that the aircraft crashed at Mannheim-Sandhofen on the east bank of the Rhine, and that all the crew were killed instantly in the crash. The remains of PO Stiver, Sgt McNair and Sgt Edwards are buried at the Durnbach War Cemetery, and in 1950 it was recorded that the remaining four members of the crew had no known grave.

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

402540 Flying Officer RAY, David Arnold

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/54/50

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: AM 563
Radio call sign:
Unit: 53 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hudson AM 563 of 53 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, North Coates, Lincoln, on 24 February 1942 on an anti-shipping patrol. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 402540 FO Ray, D A (Pilot)
RCAF PO Franklin (Navigator)
RCAF PO Knight (Wireless Operator)
RCAF PO Davis (Wireless Operator)

PO Knight subsequently became a POW, and in a 1948 statement he reported that “the aircraft hit the mast of a ship and burst into flames after crashing on an ice floe. A portion of the aircraft in which Knight was sitting broke away from the burning portion and he managed to make his escape on to the ice, from which he was rescued. The burning portion of the aircraft broke through the ice and sank quickly.

PO Knight stated that he heard nothing from the other crew after hitting the mast and although the boat that rescued him made a search for other survivors their efforts were unsuccessful. Later the crew of the ship stated that they only saw one figure on the ice floe before the aircraft sank, and coupled with the fact that the weather was bitterly cold, any person thrown out beyond the limit of the search would not have survived. PO Knight is certain that he was the only survivor.”

In 1948 it was recorded that the three missing crew members had lost their lives at sea.

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

409458 Pilot Officer REED, Alan Percival

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/35/104

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HE 580
Radio call sign:
Unit: 142 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington HE 580 of 142 Sqn RAF, British North African Force, took off from RAF Station Kairouan, at 2053 hours on 13 July 1943 to attack an enemy target at Messina, Sicily. The route was from Base – Kelibia – Corridor – Cape San Marco- Milazza – Messina, and return by the same route. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Evans, I B C, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 409458 PO Reed, A P (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Sykes, S O (Navigator)
RAF PO Burn, L H (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Avery, N (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Surette, D (Air Gunner)

In 1948 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

405186 Pilot Officer REEVE, Lowell Ernest

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/35/4

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: VB 857
Radio call sign:
Unit: 243 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire VB 857 was scrambled at 1455 hours on 7 January 1943 to intercept an enemy raid on Bone Harbour, Algeria. PO Reeve and his leader attacked two enemy aircraft 30 miles north east of Base. The Section then split up and the Leader (Fl Lt Lyons) last heard from Reeve approx 20 miles west of Bizerta, Tunisia.

Crew:

RAAF 405186 PO Reeve, L E (Pilot)

In 1948 it was recorded that PO Reeve had lost his life at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

421464 Pilot Officer REID, James Warwick Davison

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/35/461

Aircraft Type: Dakota
Serial number: KJ 927
Radio call sign:
Unit: 357 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Dakota KJ 927 of 357 Sqn RAF India, failed to return to base from a ferry flight mission in Burma on 10 February 1945. A wireless message from KJ 927 reported the aircraft over the target area in cloud in position 25.45 N 93.25 E, and that the turbulence was excessive with the aircraft almost uncontrollable.

There was no report of a forced landing and it was assumed that the aircraft had crashed as the range limit had been exceeded.

Crew:

RAAF 421464 PO Reid, J W D, Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO Hartely (Navigator)
RAAF 425109 WO Begg, J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Longhurst, T L (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Nathaniel, T (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was recorded that the missing crew had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411381 Pilot Officer RENNO, James Darcy William DFM

Sources:

AWM 237 (65) AWM 645 (4343) Commonwealth War Graves records
NAA: A705, 166/35/63

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 705
Radio call sign: HW – C
Unit: 100 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 705 of 100 Sqn RAF took off at 1125pm from RAF Station Grimsby, Lincolnshire, on the night of 2/3rd August 1943 to attack the target Hamburg, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base. 24 aircraft from 100 Sqn were on this mission. All returned to base safely except ED 705. Crews reported severe electrical storms in the target area and en route from the target. Several reported severe icing and 10/10ths cloud to a great height.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Howgill, R R, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Hope, M R (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Best, C H (Navigator)
RAF FO Christie, W D (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411381 PO Renno, J D W, DFM (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Gardiner, E E (Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt Raven, H R (Air Gunner)

Following post war investigations and enquiries, it was established that the body of FO Christie (RAF) was washed ashore at Strand, Heligoland on 11 August 1943 He is buried in the Hamburg Cemetery, Germany. Flt Lt Howgill is buried in the Kiel War Cemetery, Germany.

It was assumed that other five crew members had lost their lives at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial tot the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

Citation:

DFM: One night in May 1943, Flt Sgt Renno was Wireless Operator/Air Gunner of an aircraft of 100 Sqn detailed to attack Bochum. When nearing the target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Two engines were put out of action, while other equipment was damaged. Despite this, the pilot Wing Cdr McIntyre continued to the target and bombed it.. Not until the task was accomplished did Sgt Renno inform his Captain that he had been wounded in the stomach and thigh. The Captain skilfully flew the aircraft on two engines back to base and effected a crash landing. Despite his injuries Flt Sgt Renno worked his wireless apparatus on the return flight obtaining bearings which were of great assistance. Both these members of aircraft crew displayed great courage and determination, Wing Cdr McIntyre was awarded the DFC.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411831 Flying Officer RICHARDSON, Eric Anthony

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/35/191

Aircraft Type: Mitchell
Serial number: FW 159
Radio call sign:
Unit: 45 Group (AT) Canada RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FW 159 of 45 Group (AT) Canada, RAF, took off at 0607Z hours on 6 December 1943 from Goose, Labrador, Canada, for Reykjavik, Iceland. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to arrive at its destination. An air sea search was instituted but no trace of the missing aircraft or crew were found.

Crew:

Civilian Mr Salmon, H E, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Forster, W F (1st Officer)
RAF PO Darling, D R (Navigator)
RAAF 411831 FO Richardson, E A (Radio Operator)

In 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406409 Pilot Officer RICHARDSON, Frank Howard

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/35/35

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: Z 7927
Radio call sign:
Unit: 11 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z 7927 of 11 Sqn RAF took off at 1130 hours on 14 March 1943, together with 2 other Blenheims to drop incendiaries on enemy positions in Burma. At 1245 hours the formation was attacked by 9 enemy fighters. Z 7927 broke formation with its starboard engine smoking and crashed near the village of Hparabyn, Burma. The village is located about 25 miles north of Akyab, Burma.

Crew:

RAAF 406409 PO Richardson, F H (Pilot)
RAAF 401018 FO Williams, M G (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 407374 Flt Sgt Osborn, S A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

It was later established that FO Williams managed to extricate himself from the wreckage but was burned. He was taken by villagers to hospital and thence to Maungdaw hospital where he died of injuries. He was buried in the cemetery at Maungdaw. The villagers stated that both PO Richardson and Flt Sgt Osborn were killed instantly in the crash, and they were buried on high ground near the wreck of the aircraft and the grave marked with a wooden cross.

In 1949 a search party visited the scene of the crash which was located about half a mile from the village of Hparabyn, Burma at 20.41N, 92.34E. However the search party could not locate the grave of the two missing crew members and it was recorded that they had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411383 Pilot Officer RICKETTS, Stanley John DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/35/124

AWM 65, 4371

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 378
Radio call sign:
Unit: 1662 Conversion RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 378 of 1662 Conversion Unit RAF took off on 14 August 1943 from RAF Station Blyton, near Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, on a cross country non-operational training flight. The proposed route was Blyton – Alston – Mull of Galloway – St Davids Head to position 53.40N 3.35W to Bury St Edmunds to Blyton.

The aircraft last reported in at about 4.15pm in a position off the Mull of Galloway, but nothing was heard from the aircraft after that and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF Wing Cdr Trail, A W T, DFC (1st Pilot)
RAF Sgt Middleton, E W (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Sgt Tomchyshyn (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Smith, D (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Witham, W F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Kendall, K (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Griffiths, D E (Rear Gunner)
RAAF 411383 PO Ricketts, S J, DFC (Air Bomber) (Instructor)

In 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

Citation:

DFC: Warrant Officer S.J.Ricketts of No. 460 RAAF Squadron has taken part in a large number of operational sorties, the majority of which have been against the enemy's most heavily defended targets in Germany, Italy and Occupied France. He has obtained some excellent photographs. An outstanding bomb aimer, WO Rickett's cheerful confidence at the height of battle has been an inspiration to all with whom he has flown.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403699 Flying Officer RIDING, Harry

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/35/27

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 599
Radio call sign:	HW – S
Unit:	100 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 599 of 100 Sqn RAF took off at 1838 hours from RAF Station Grimsby, Lincolnshire, on 4 March 1943, being one of four Squadron aircraft to carry out an operational sweep over Western France, from Cherbourg to Bordeaux and return. Two of the aircraft returned safely, one crashed and nothing further was heard of ED 599.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Curle, R A, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Challoner, C S (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Hart, D A (Observer)
RAAF 411113 FO Crapp, E C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 403699 FO Riding, H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 416149 Sgt Durdin, G W (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Gooch, D L (Air Gunner)

A 1948 report stated that Flt Lt Curle's body was recovered from the sea near St Nicholas on 3 April 1943 and buried at Chateau Cemetery, Isle d'Oleron. St Nicholas is on the north-west coast of France approx 30 miles North West of La Rochelle.

Ile d'Oleron is located off the French coast about 35 miles south east of St Nicholas. No trace of the aircraft was found which it was assumed crashed in the sea, with the remaining crew members lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402754 Pilot Officer RIDLEY, John Kenneth DFM

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/35/21

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: R5743
Radio call sign: OL – K
Unit: 83 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R 5743 of 83 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Wyton Huntingdon, at 1815 hours on 19 February 1943 to attack Wilhelmshaven, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base. It was assumed that R5743 had been shot down by flak or by night fighters.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Bright, J A, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402754 PO Ridley, J K, DFM (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Scheildknecht, A E (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt McAlister, J H (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Holmes, J S (Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt Sgt Merrett, R L (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Knill, L (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Knill's (RAF) body was washed ashore at Borkum Island (Frisian Group) and is buried at Oldenburg British Military Cemetery, Germany.

In 1949 it was recorded that the remaining six crew members had lost their lives at sea.

Citation:

DFM: Flt Sgt Ridley of 83 Sqn RAF has displayed a very high standard of navigational skill while flying on operational missions. His consistent accuracy has invariably enabled his crew to arrive at the objective at the right moment. On one sortie against Hamburg, the entire journey to and from the target was completed on 3 engines and in spite of the consequent difficulties, Flt Sgt Ridley efficiently and calmly navigated the aircraft and assisted in accomplishing a highly successful mission. In all respects this airman has set a fine example.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404365 Pilot Officer RITCHIE, Douglas John

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/55/130

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: Z 6099
Radio call sign:
Unit: 13 Operational Trg, RAF.

Summary:

Blenheim Z 6099 took off from RAF Station Bicester at 0910 hours on 28 August 1941 to carry out a cross country training flight to the Isle of Man and return. The route was Base – Worcester – Prestatyn – Calf of Maw – DR 53.20N 5.00W - St Tudwals – Point Lynas - Prestatyn – Worcester – Base.

Position reports were received from the aircraft at 1009 hours (Worcester) and 1042 hours (Prestatyn), but nothing further was heard and the aircraft did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404365 PO Ritchie, D J, Captain (Pilot)
(No other crew details available).

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402063 Pilot Officer ROBERTS, Arthur Donald

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/55/136

Aircraft Type: Hurricane
Serial number:
Radio call sign:
Unit: 615 Sqn RAF

Summary:

A Hurricane aircraft of 615 (County of Surrey) Sqn RAF, flown by PO Roberts on an operational flight, was shot down into the sea near Gravelines, France, on 27 September 1941.

Crew:

RAAF 402063 PO Roberts, A D (Pilot)

PO Roberts had previously been credited with damaging one Junkers 88 on 14 May 1941.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400292 Flight Lieutenant ROBERTS, Edwin Ronald Brook.

Source:

NAA: A705,166/36/105

Aircraft Type: Catalina
Serial number: FP 302
Radio call sign:
Unit: 209 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Catalina FP 302 of 209 (Hong Kong) Sqn, RAF East Africa, was engaged off Mombassa on 20 August 1943 in non operational low level practice attacks at night when the aircraft struck the sea and was wrecked. A separate wing was found floating after the accident but sank in tow.

An air search after daybreak observed nothing afloat nor were any bodies recovered. It seems the aircraft struck the sea unintentionally while searching for the practice target with special equipment.

Crew:

RAF Wing Cdr Wallace, C E, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400292 Flt Lt Roberts, E R B (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Inglis, J M (Pilot)
RAF FO Field, D B (Air Gunner (S))
RAF Sgt O'Leary, D W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Snowdon, J M (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Mallon, E (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Borrill, S (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Hallas, E (FMA/Air Gunner)
RAF LAC Edwards, N (ACH/GU, Pax)

In 1948 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

415358 Flight Lieutenant ROBERTS, Kimberley DFC

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/36/200

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LL 783
Radio call sign:
Unit: 619 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL 783 of 619 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Dunholme Lodge, Lincoln, at 0055 hours on 7 June 1944 to attack Caen, France, and failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 415358 Flt Lt Roberts, K, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Forrest, J (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Lott, J W (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt DeViall, W H (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Tucker, J H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Williams, L E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Wyand, G H (Rear Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, the remains of FO Wyand, PO Lott and Flt Sgt Williams were located and re-interred at Bayeaux British Cemetery, France, and those of Flt Sgt Tucker buried at Tilly-Sur-Seules, France.

The remains of the remaining member of the crew including Flt Lt Roberts (RAAF) could not be located and they have no known grave.

Citation:

DFC: PO Roberts of 619 Sqn was pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Stuttgart one night in March 1944. Whilst over the target area, the rear gunner Flt Sgt King (RAAF), reported an enemy aircraft closing in to attack. PO Roberts took the necessary evading action but the bomber was hit by the enemy's bullets and sustained damage. Even so he cleverly manoeuvred to a position from which the rear gunner was able to engage the enemy. Following a well burst of fire from his guns, the enemy aircraft was seen to dive towards the ground, out of control and with its engines on fire. PO Roberts then completed his bombing run and afterwards flew the damaged aircraft to base. This officer displayed commendable skill, courage and devotion to duty. The rear gunner at the time was also awarded a DFM.

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401141 Pilot Officer ROBERTSON, Neil Farquhar

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/36/56

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: BB 256
Radio call sign:
Unit: 58 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax BB 256 of 58 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station St Eval, near Wadebridge, Cornwall, on an anti-submarine patrol on 7 May 1943. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 401141 PO Robertson, N F, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt Fisher, L A
RAF Sgt Brickles
RAF Sgt Randall, J M
RAF Sgt Bridge, R G
RAF Sgt Matey, W
RAF Sgt Brett, L T

In 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402191 Flying Officer ROCHE, John Worrall

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/55/151

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: Z 6184
Radio call sign:
Unit: 254 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z 6184 of 254 Sqn RAF on an operational flight, was observed by other aircraft at approx 9.45pm on 27 December 1941, being attacked by two ME 109's over the Vaagso Island off the coast of Norway. The starboard engine was on fire, Z 6184 lost height and was last seen disappearing over a ridge of the fiord opposite Vaagso Island. Explosions were then heard and a column of black seen from behind the ridge.

Crew:

RAAF 402191 FO Roche, J W (Pilot)
RAF PO Halsall, D A
RAF Sgt Silk, F H

Later PO Halsall body was recovered from the sea and buried at Stavne Civil cemetery, Trondheim, Norway. It was later recorded that the remaining two crew members had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407276 Flying Officer ROGERS, Ronald Llewellyn

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/55/183

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z 9820
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	113 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Blenheim Z 9820 of 113 Sqn RAF crashed on 19 April 1942 while carrying out a low level attack on an enemy drome at Allanmyo, Burma, near the Irrawaddy River, it being presumed the aircraft was brought down by ack-ack fire. The target is approx 180 miles North West of Rangoon, Burma.

Z 9820 set out with other squadron aircraft and the attack was successfully carried out. After the attack, Z9820 was slightly behind the formation and was seen to dip suddenly and to somersault into a clump of trees. An eye witness to the crash, Sgt White an air gunner in one of the aircraft stated "the vic of 5 aircraft had just left the target with Z9820 flying No 4 and a few hundred behind the formation. As we turned to port the aircraft appeared to dip slightly and then burst into flames just above tree top height. It then dropped on the trees and somersaulted for a time still in flames. The plane was covered in thick black smoke and smoking fiercely when we were miles away."

Crew:

RAAF 406527 FO Hickey, M M (Pilot)
RAAF 407276 FO Rogers, R L (Observer)
RAAF 406139 Sgt Campbell, E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1953 it was established that the aircraft crashed south of Allanmyo at 1921N 9514E at a village called Thahnga, 20 miles north of Allanmyo. The wreckage was scattered over a wide area, but no remains of the missing crew were located.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

424322 Flying Officer ROLLS, Patrick Morley

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/35/506

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: RF 145
Radio call sign: CF – Z
Unit: 625 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster RF 145 of 625 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Kelstern, near Louth, Lincolnshire on 16 March 1945 to attack the target Nurnberg, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 424322 FO Rolls, P M, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Jones, D B (Pilot/Engineer)
RAAF 436573 Flt Sgt Ryan, T M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 433648 Flt Sgt Rhodes, R C (Navigator)
RAAF 435192 Flt Sgt Teague, T W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 437369 Flt Sgt Tarrant, C J (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Clark, G A (Rear Gunner)

In a later statement by Flt Sgt Ryan (RAAF) who became a POW he reported “I assume the other 6 members of the crew were in the aircraft when I baled out. I have no definite information regarding their probable fate. I saw no parachutes nor did I receive any information regarding these men after my descent. Approx 5 minutes before reaching the target, the aircraft was hit by a night fighter. The aircraft burst into flames somewhere aft of my compartment. The Captain ordered bale out and I baled out at 16,000 feet. The aircraft appeared under control but evidently badly in flames. Assuming that the aircraft crashed soon after my leaving, that would be 5 minutes before Nurnberg. We were on a north east heading and carrying a full bomb load when hit, and there may have been a mid-air explosion.”

Following post war enquiries and investigations, the remains of Sgt Jones (RAF) were identified as that which fell at Burtlein on the night of 16 March 45, and were interred at Durnbach War Cemetery, Germany. Burtlein is approx 14 miles south west of Nurnbach. No trace of the aircraft or of other members of the crew was found, and in 1949 it was recorded that the missing members have no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

124764 Flying Officer ROLSTON, Archibald George

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/36/537

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: NG 222
Radio call sign:
Unit: 1654 Heavy Conversion RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NG 222 of 1654 Heavy Conversion Unit RAF, took off from RAF Station Wigsley at 1125am on 12 April 1945, on a cross country training flight in England, finishing up with an air sea firing exercise over the Wash off the east coast of England.

At 2.15pm a message was received from the aircraft requesting a weather report, which was cloudy with slight haze, visibility 4 miles. The report was acknowledged at 2.15pm. There was no further contact however with the aircraft which failed to reply to a signal from base sent at 3.40pm for a report on its position and an ETA.

Searches were subsequently made and the body of Flt Sgt Darby (RAF) was recovered from the sea at Northclates, near Grimsby, Lincoln. There was however no trace found of the missing aircraft or remaining crew members.

Crew:

RAAF 35027 Flt Sgt Wedd, C W Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 428057 FO Smith, B P (Observer)
RAAF 124764 FO Rolston, A G (Bombaimer)
RAAF 432885 Flt Sgt Sharp, J W (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Baker
RAF Sgt Chapman
RAF Sgt Hope
RAF Flt Sgt Darby
RAF Flt Sgt Hardman

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

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414089 Pilot Officer ROOKE, William James

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/36/101

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: JA 851
Radio call sign: EA – P
Unit: 49 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA 851 of 49 Sqn RAF took off at 2143 hours from RAF Station Fiskerton, Lincolnshire on the night of 17/18th July 1943 to attack Peenemund, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Tomlin, T E, DFC
RAF Sgt Watson, K E
RAAF 414089 PO Rooke, W J (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Davies, W A, MID
RAF Sgt Stancliffe, C
RAF Flt Sgt Tonkin, T, DFM
RAF Flt Sgt Silvester, G B, DFM

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was established that the aircraft had crashed approx 5kms west of Nordborg, Denmark, and the remains of PO Tomlin (RAF) were located buried at Abenra Cemetery, Denmark. The remains of any other member of the crew were not however located and they have no known grave.

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405605 Pilot Officer ROSE, Walter Henry DFC

Sources:

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

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

Summary:

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

Crew:

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

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

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

Citation:

DFC: WO Rose came to 156 Squadron with a high reputation as an operational pilot
which has since been enhanced by the skill and determination with which he has pressed
home his attack on varied targets in Germany, Italy and occupied territory. He has set a
high example by his gallantry and tenacity of purpose.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

18839 Flying Officer ROSS, Ian Stewart

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/36/441

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: NF 992
Radio call sign: KC – B
Unit: 617 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NF 992 of 617 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, at 0846 hours on 12 January 1945 to attack shipping and U-Boat pens at Bergen, Norway. Whilst in the target area at approx 1300 hours, the aircraft was seen to lose an engine. The bombs were jettisoned and the aircraft set course for base.

An enemy fighter attacked and was believed to have damaged the aircraft. NF 992 was successfully ditched at 59.57N 04.15E. Another Lancaster circled the position and reported the position. Five or more members of the crew were seen to climb onto the wing. Another returning aircraft reported seeing 7 members of the crew.

The machine was still afloat after 30 minutes. An ASR Warwick subsequently dropped an airborne lifeboat and it is believed survivors got on board. The Warwick then left the area on the approach of hostile aircraft. No further news was then received or heard of the missing crew.

Crew:

RAAF 18839 FO Ross, I S, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Walter, W (Flight Engineer)
RAF WO Anderson, S R (Navigator)
RAF FO Tiley, E G (Air Bomber)
RAF FO Ellwood, M, DFM (Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt Sgt Griffiths, L D (Air Gunner)
RAF FO McKellar, A F (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was established that the body of FO Ellwood (RAF) was washed ashore on the Aasvar Islands, and interred at Nessna Churchyard Cemetery, Norway.

In 1949 it was recorded that the remaining members of the crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401287 Flying Officer ROWLING, Percy William

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/55/253

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: W 4382
Radio call sign: VN -
Unit: 50 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W 4382 of 50 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Skellingthorpe, Lincolnshire, at 1705 hours on the night of 17/18th December 1942 to attack a target at Soltau, Germany. The aircraft failed to return to base and the loss was attributed to enemy action.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Atkinson, J C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Martin, F (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 401287 FO Rowling, P W (Navigator)
RAAF 404622 PO Smith, H W J, DFM (Air Bomber)
RAAF 402604 Sgt O'Neill, J C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 407956 FO Walker, C W (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Reilly, J M (Air Gunner)

Post war investigations and enquiries failed to reveal any trace of the missing aircraft or crew, and in 1950 it was recorded that the crew had lost their lives with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

411668 Pilot Officer SALMOND, William Clive

Source:

NAA: A9300, Bar code 5259612

RAAF Casualty File not available

Aircraft Type: Hampden

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 489 Sqn Royal New Zealand Air Force

Summary:

PO Salmond was reported missing on air operations on 23 January 1943. No other details are available concerning the circumstances or of other members of the crew.

Crew:

RAAF 411668 PO Salmond, W C (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400999 Flight Lieutenant SAMUEL, John Frederick DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/37/280

AWM65, 4537

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 216
Radio call sign:	GT-W
Unit:	156 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB216 of 156 Sqn took off from RAF Station Warboys at 16.28hrs on 16 December 1943, to carry out a bombing attack on Berlin. At 18.45hrs a fix was obtained of the aircraft over North Sea in position 52.22N 02.48E, approx 200 miles from base. No further message received from the aircraft which did not return to base. Aircraft and crew lost without trace.

Crew:

RAAF 403490 Flt Lt Aubert, C O, DFM, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Fisher
RAAF 400999 Flt Lt Samuel, J F, DFC (Navigator)
RAF Sqn Ldr Hadley, R, DFC
RAAF 400820 Flt Lt Poulton, N T R, DFM (Bombaimer)
RAAF 403766 FO Smith, R S, DFC (Wireless Operator)
RCAF Flt Lt Trilsbeck, T, DFC
RAAF 406873 Flt Lt Powell, L J, DFC (Rear gunner)

Citation:

DFC: PO Samuel has completed a very creditable operational tour as navigator. He has taken part in sorties to such strongly defended enemy targets as Berlin, Munich, Hamburg and the Ruhr. His co-operation, coolness and determination have contributed in a large measure to the success secured by his crew. Despite the most severe opposition PO Samuel has invariably displayed cool courage and devotion to duty.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402882 Squadron Leader SAVAGE, John Ronald

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/37/133

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: EF 392
Radio call sign: MG – N
Unit: 7 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster EF 392 of 7 Sqn RAF took off at 2328 hours on 24 June 1943 from RAF Station Oakington, Cambridge, on a bombing mission to Wuppertal, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 402882 Sqn Ldr Savage, J R, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Erington, S A
RAF Sgt Spanton, D R
RAF Sgt Caley, A
RAF WO Haines, F J
RCAF Sgt Morrison, N R
RAF Sgt Cox, G H
RAF Flt Sgt Barnes, S H

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was established that the body of Flt Sgt Barnes (RAF) was recovered from the sea and buried at Bergen General Cemetery, Holland. It was recorded in 1949 that the remaining members of the crew had lost their lives at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407951 Flying Officer SAWLEY, Gordon Harold

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/56/133

Aircraft Type: Whitley
Serial number: VN 1486
Radio call sign:
Unit: 19 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Whitley VN 1486 of No 19 Operational Training Unit, RAF, took off from Base at 2148 hours on 13 August 42 to carry out a night cross country training flight followed by a bombing detail.

The aircraft returned to base on completion of the cross country flight at 0207 hours on 14 August 1942 and without landing informed control by R/T that it was proceeding on the bombing detail. The aircraft was observed by the Observation Post at 0215 hours to be approaching from the south west over Ferres. It continued north then turned east.

It was then seen to make a swoop from 2000 feet to 1000 feet and shortly it disappeared from sight. A few seconds later the aircraft was heard to crash into the sea and catch fire approx 1.5 miles north of the drome. The weather at the time was good.

Aircraft and rescue launches were quickly on the scene but only pieces of wreckage were found. The position of the crash was approx 1.5 miles west of Findhorn, Scotland.

Crew:

RAAF 407951 FO Sawley, G H (Pilot)
RAF PO Osborne
RAF Sgt McCutcheon
RAF Sgt Graham
RAF Sgt Banham

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

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

434671 Flying Officer SCHMIDT, John Allan

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/37/712

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: KM 278
Radio call sign:
Unit: 358 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator KM 278 of 358 Sqn RAF took off from base at 1442 hours on 22 January 1945 to carry out a Special flight over S E Asia. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Mayhew, S D, Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO Eames, N C (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Roberts, W G (Navigator)
RAF PO Hughes, J (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Butt, V F (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 434671 FO Schmidt, J A (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Perry, J R (Flight Engineer/Gunner)
RAF Sgt Moore, F W (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was later recorded that the missing crew had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400492 Pilot Officer SCOTT, Douglas Andrew

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/160/119

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: X 9882
Radio call sign: BL – W
Unit: 40 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington X 9882 of 40 Sqn RAF took off from Alconbury drome at 2315 hours on the night of 14 October 1941 to bomb Nurnberg, Germany. At 0251 hours the aircraft sent a message “task abandoned”, and on its way home a QDN was received at 0654 hours on the 15 October.

At early morning on 15/10 enemy wireless messages were intercepted from which it appeared the German rescue services had located the crew of an aircraft in the Channel and a vessel escorted by aircraft had left Le Treport to pick up the crew. At the time it was thought that the crew were from X 9882, but later doubt was expressed by No 3 Group, and it was not assumed that the crew had been saved.

Crew:

RAF Sgt Hiscock, J R Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400492 PO Scott, D A (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt Cambray, J P B (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Dymott, B C (1st Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Thomas, A J (2nd Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt White, J H (Rear Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1948 that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

410421 Flying Officer SERPELL, Clifford Wilson

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/37/338

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: LN 330
Radio call sign:
Unit: 215 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN 330 of 215 Sqn RAF took off at night of 3/4th March 1944 to attack the target area at Zyatkwın Drome, north of Rangoon. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414409 Flt Sgt Kewish, W K (Pilot)
RAAF 410421 FO Serpell, C W (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAF FO Bailey (Wireless Operator)
RCAF FO Ooey, J D H (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Welch, A N (Air Gunner)

Following post war investigations and enquiries it was established that the aircraft had crashed near the village of Nabebin not far from the target. The aircraft exploded on impact and all the crew were killed instantly. The Japanese buried the remains in a grave not far from the village, but after the lapse of time and the growth of forest vegetation in the tropical country, the grave could not be located.

In 1954 it was recorded that the crew had lost their lives and had no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

412714 Flying Officer SHANAHAN, Michael O'Meara

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/38/271 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: JA 681
Radio call sign: GT -
Unit: ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA 681 of 156 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Warboys, Huntingdonshire, UK, at 1948 hours on 3 September 1943, to carry out a bombing attack on Berlin. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 412714 FO Shanahan, M O, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T Hoyle, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409485 Flt Lt Stafford, H M (Navigator)
RAF 413552 PO Denyer, N H (Air Bomber)
RAAF 406772 PO Collins, J C (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Wilson, G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 411243 PO Dodds, D L (Rear Gunner)

All the crew are missing and have no known graves. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

265250 Flying Officer SHARP, Gordon Cameron

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/37/127

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: EN 298
Radio call sign:
Unit: 72 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire EN 298 of 72 (Basutoland) Sqn RAF, took off from Hal Far, Malta at 1830 hours on 20 June 1943, being one of four aircraft scrambled. The other pilots reported that at 1900 hours when at 26,000 feet and 10 miles south of Pozzallo, Sicily, they saw 2 ME 109's flying south west towards Gela.

WO Gear (RAF) was Red 3 and FO Sharp was Red 4 in the formation of 4 aircraft. The enemy aircraft were engaged and in the ensuing action, FO Sharp when at 16,000 feet was shot down and crashed about 3 miles west of Biscari, Sicily. FO Sharp was not seen to bale out of the aircraft.

Crew:

RAAF 265250 FO Sharp, G C (Pilot)

Following post war enquiries and investigations when no trace of the missing airman could be found, it was recorded in 1949 that he had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400638 Pilot Officer SHARPE, William George

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/161/320

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: AD 637
Radio call sign:
Unit: 148 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington AD 637 of 148 Sqn RAF was detailed to attack enemy stores in Benghazi Harbour on the night of 13/14th November 1942. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after it took off at 1933 hours, and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 400638 PO Sharpe, W G (Pilot)
RAF PO Davidson, I G E (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Jones, J M (Observer)
RCAF Sgt Lane (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 404044 Flt Sgt Thomson, J L M (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Swift (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1948 that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

408707 Flight Lieutenant SHEA, Kenneth George

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/37/1002

AWM65, 4648

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: AL 504
Radio call sign:
Unit: 231 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator AL 504 departed RAF Station Northolt at 2300Z hours on 26 March 1945 for Ottawa via Lagens, Azores on a Special Flight carrying VIP's. ETA Lagens was 0810Z on March 27th. Last contact by Prestwick was at 0716Z on 27 March. With the aircraft overdue at Lagens an air sea rescue search was instituted. Dinghies, wreckage and an oil patch were sighted at position 40.30N, 20.17W, but no trace of the crew or passengers were found.

Crew:

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

RAF FO Brodie, A B (Co-Pilot)

RCAF Flt Lt Buchanan, D (Navigator)

RAAF 408707 Flt Lt Shea, K G (Navigator)

RCAF WO Spence, D J (Flight Engineer)

Radio Officer Mr Williams, F W, UK Civilian

Flight Clerk Mr Bannister, V I C, UK Civilian

Passengers:

Commander Brabner, DSO, DSC, MP

Air Vice Marshall Sir Peter Drummond, KCB, DSO, CBE, MC

Sir John Abraham

Mr Jones, Mr Robinson, Mr Tweetyman

Sqn Ldr Plum

It was subsequently that the crew and passengers had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402025 Pilot Officer SHERIDAN, John Bromley

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/56/63

Aircraft Type: Maryland
Serial number: AH 285
Radio call sign:
Unit: 39 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Maryland AH 285 of 39 Sqn RAF took off from Fuka satellite at 1640 hours on 5 May 1941 to carry out a strategical and photo recce of Derna, Martuba, El Timimi, El Gazala and the area between Tobruk and Bardia. As the aircraft had not returned to base by mid-day, all aircraft proceeding to that area were requested to keep a lookout, but with nil result.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Mills, G O (Pilot)
RAAF 402025 PO Sheridan, J B (Observer)
RAF Sgt Turner, A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF PO Allen, R D (Air Gunner)

With no trace of the aircraft or crew being found following post war enquiries and investigations, the missing crew were recorded as having no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

425765 Flying Officer SHERRY, Brian George

Source:

NAA: A9300, Bar Code 5260134

Nil Casualty file available

Aircraft Type: Boston

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 55 Sqn RAF

Summary:

FO Sherry was recorded as missing on air operations in the vicinity of Casarga, Italy, on 23 February 1945.

Crew:

RAAF 425765 FO Sherry, B G (Pilot)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

428055 Pilot Officer SHIELD, Vernon Rippon

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/37/649

Aircraft Type: Mosquito
Serial number: PZ 346
Radio call sign:
Unit: 248 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Mosquito PZ 346 of 248 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Banff, Scotland on the afternoon of 7 December 1944, flying in a formation of four Squadron aircraft, detailed to attack shipping in Alesund Harbour, Norway.

The formation overshot the Harbour and were turning over Gessen airfield to go back to make an attack, when 15 to 20 ME 109's intercepted and attacked.

Two Mosquitoes including PZ 346 did not return to base from this mission, and it was assumed that they had been shot down in the ensuing combat. It was reported that one aircraft had crashed into the sea and the other one had one engine on fire.

Crew:

RCAF FO Wing, K C (Pilot)
RAAF 428055 PO Shield, V R (Navigator)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402258 Flying Officer SILVA, Geoffrey DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 163/57/213

AWM65, 4679

Aircraft Type: Catalina
Serial number: RP 232
Radio call sign:
Unit: 210 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Catalina RP 232 took off from RAF Station Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset, UK at approx. 7pm on 13 June 1943, to carry out a patrol in the Bay of Biscay. It should have returned to base on the afternoon of 14 June 1943. The aircraft failed to return and it was concluded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 402258 FO Silva, G, DFC (Pilot)
RAAF 401358 FO Albon, R B (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Fosh
RAF FO Randolph, W M
RAF Sgt Modges
RAF Flt Sgt Everitt
RAF Brockenshire
RAF Sgt Meares
RAF Sgt Reid
RAF PO Gardiner

Nil musterings on file for RAF members.

Citations:

DFC: In July 1942, PO Silva captained an aircraft detailed to attack Dusseldorf. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The wireless operator was wounded and the rear turret was damaged. Despite this, the attack was pressed home and the target bombed successfully. Shortly after leaving the objective the aircraft was intercepted by an enemy fighter, fire from which caused considerable damage. In most hazardous circumstances PO Silva displayed courage and fortitude in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

413675 Pilot Officer SIMPSON, Kenneth John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/37/203 166/18/164 Digitised
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War : Page 304,
Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: EE 970
Radio call sign: BU – B
Unit: ATTD 214 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling EE970 of 214 (Federated Malay States) Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station
Chedburgh, Suffolk at 2042 hours on the night of 31st/1st September 1943 detailed to
bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to
base.

Crew:

RAAF 413675 PO Simpson, K J, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt H M Diebel, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J A Giblin, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt D Daulby, (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J E Chisholm, (Air Bomber)
RCAF Sgt W R Case, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 420469 Flt Sgt D C Houghton, (Air Gunner)

In 1947 it was established that the aircraft crashed in the Russian Zone of Germany at
Jutterbug, quite close to Berlin. There were four survivors from the crash viz: Sgt's
Diebel, Case, Giblin, and Daulby who were POW's. The survivors stated that Flt Sgt
Houghton was killed having baled out without a parachute. Flt Sgt Houghton's grave is
located in the Berlin 1939-45 War Cemetery. PO Simpson has no known grave and his
name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

415279 Pilot Officer SIMPSON, Ross McCulloch

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/37/248

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: LK 379
Radio call sign: WP – F
Unit: 90 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling LK 379 of 90 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Tuddenham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, at 1718 hours on 18 November 1943, to bomb Mannheim, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

The route was Beachy Head – Cayeux – Target – Posn 49.12N 08.08E – 48.50N 05.00E – 50.00N 0115E - Beachy Head – Base. The ETA back at Base was 2309 hours.

Crew:

RAAF 415279 PO Simpson, R Mc C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Brown, D A (Navigator)
RAF FO Blain, D E (Air Bomber)
RNZAF Flt Sgt Ussher, O N (Wireless Operator)
RAAF 415531 Flt Sgt Heason, L W (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Sykes, E W (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Holloway, D L (Flight Engineer)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was established in 1947 that on 18 November 1943 between 1930 and 2000 hours, an aircraft had attempted to make a forced landing on Biedesand Island and it had been previously damaged. It collided with a tree and exploded scattering wreckage over a wide area.

In 1950, following exhumation of graves in Lampertheim Cemetery (8 miles north of Mannheim), the remains of Flt Sgt Sykes, Flt Sgt Ussher (RAF), and Flt Sgt Heason (RAAF) were identified. Another two remains could not be identified. These remains are now interred at Bad Tolz (Durnbach), British Military Cemetery, which is 28 miles south of Munich, Germany. The remains of the remaining two crew members could not be found.

It was recorded that PO Simpson (RAAF) had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

420289 Pilot Officer SKILLEN, Ernest Alfred

Sources:

NAA: A9300, Bar Code 5263121

RAAF Casualty file not held by Archives

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Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ME 572
Radio call sign: VN – Z
Unit: 50 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ME 572 of 50 Sqn RAF, took off from RAF Station, Skellingthorpe, at 2054 hours on 12 April 1944, to bomb Aachen, Germany. The aircraft and crew were lost without trace.

Crew:

RAAF 420289 PO Skillen, E A, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt MacIntosh, D T
RAF Sgt Watson, D
RAF FO Fletcher, E Mc G
RAF Sgt Stickells, A M
RAF Sgt McKenna, C C
RAF Sgt Davies, P M

PO Skillen (RAAF) was presumed to have lost his life on 12 April 1944 and has no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

425232 Pilot Officer SKINNER, George Alfred

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/37/376

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ND 573
Radio call sign: KM – S
Unit: 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.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

423263 Flying Officer SLINN, Geoffrey Herbert Brandon

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/37/636

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: LK 151
Radio call sign: NF – E
Unit: 138 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling LK 151 of 138 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Tempsford, near Sandy, Bedfordshire, on 27 November 1944, on a special mission to drop supplies to the Danish resistance and an agent, at a position 13 kms east north east of Assens. The drop position was 55.17N, 1006E, approx 2kms north of Glamsbjerg on the Danish Isle of Fyn.

The drop was successfully completed, but there were no further messages from the aircraft and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 425800 Flt Lt Witham, R R, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF FO McHale, T P (Navigator)
RAAF 423263 FO Slinn, G H B (Air Bomber)
RAF PO Elleman, C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Naylor, K (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Bedgood, A H (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Berrett, R H (Flight Engineer)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

421460 Flying Officer SMITH, Archibald Pollock

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/1002

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: KG 936
Radio call sign:
Unit: 203 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator KG 936 of 203 Sqn RAF took off from Kankasantura at 0440Z hours on 20 March 1945 on an operational sortie together with 5 other Liberators of 203 Sqn. The mission was to attack shipping and port installations at Uleeheue on the northern tip of Sumatra. The six Liberators had a successful flight to the target.

KG 936 and D/203 approached the target together. Flt Lt Fletcher (D/203) reported that on approaching the anchorage at Uleeheue, he noticed KG 936 abreast of and slightly below and to port of his plane. The attack was made individually by each aircraft. Ack-ack was experienced and at least one shell was seen to burst under KG 936.

After the attack, KG 936 was slightly lower than the other aircraft which was at 50 feet. Both aircraft flew away from the target heading north. KG 936 was seen to crash into the water, float for a few seconds and then sank. The time was 1204Z. D/203 circled the crash site at position 05.37N, 95.13E, and saw a wing and fuel cell floating, but no sign of any survivors.

Crew:

RCAF FO Morris, S W, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Grant, L M J (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 421460 FO Smith, A P (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt Peters, E (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Lang, A M (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Collins, W A (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Leftwich, E E (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Silkstone, J D (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Herd, A (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Oakden, D C (Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

428057 Flying Officer SMITH, Brian Patten

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/1027

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	NG 222
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1654 Heavy Conversion RAF

Summary:

Lancaster NG 222 of 1654 Heavy Conversion Unit RAF, took off from RAF Station Wigsley at 1125am on 12 April 1945, on a cross country training flight in England, finishing up with an air sea firing exercise over the Wash off the east coast of England.

At 2.15pm a message was received from the aircraft requesting a weather report, which was cloudy with slight haze, visibility 4 miles. The report was acknowledged at 2.15pm. There was no further contact however with the aircraft which failed to reply to a signal from base sent at 3.40pm for a report on its position and an ETA.

Searches were subsequently made and the body of Flt Sgt Darby (RAF) was recovered from the sea at Northclates, near Grimsby, Lincoln. There was however no trace found of the missing aircraft or remaining crew members.

Crew:

RAAF 35027 Flt Sgt Wedd, C W
RAAF 428057 FO Smith, B P (Observer)
RAAF 124764 FO Rolston, A G (Bombaimer)
RAAF 432885 Flt Sgt Sharp, J W (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Baker
RAF Sgt Chapman
RAF Sgt Hope
RAF Flt Sgt Darby
RAF Flt Sgt Hardman

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

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

404622 Pilot Officer SMITH, Henry William Joseph DFM

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/55/253

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4382
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	50 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W 4382 of 50 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Skellingthorpe, Lincolnshire, at 1705 hours on the night of 17/18th December 1942 to attack a target at Soltau, Germany. The aircraft failed to return to base and the loss was attributed to enemy action.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Atkinson, J C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Martin, F (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 401287 FO Rowling, P W (Navigator)
RAAF 404622 PO Smith, H W J, DFM (Air Bomber)
RAAF 402604 Sgt O'Neill, J C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 407956 FO Walker, C W (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Reilly, J M (Air Gunner)

Post war investigations and enquiries failed to reveal any trace of the missing aircraft or crew, and in 1950 it was recorded that the crew had lost their lives with no known grave.

Citation:

DFM: Sgt Smith is an air bomber of outstanding personality. With a calculating courage he has always shown a complete disregard of danger in his determination to place his bombs on the target. He has taken part in many successful sorties, at times despite poor visibility and intense enemy opposition. One night in August he took part in a mission calling for high standard of navigation and achieved complete success.

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

423077 Flying Officer SMITH, Kenneth Victor

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/730

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: HK 544
Radio call sign: KO – U
Unit: 115 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster HK 544 of 115 Sqn RAF took off From RAF Station Witchford, Cambridgeshire, at 0831 hours on 18 October 1944, to attack Bonn, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 423077 FO Smith, K V, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Greener, T (Navigator)
RAF FO Skelton, I G (Air Bomber)
RAAF 417567 Flt Sgt Denholm, R R (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Constable, J C (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Mason, E T (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Rutson, G J (Flight Engineer)

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was recorded in 1950 that the missing crew had no known grave.

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

403766 Flying Officer SMITH, Robert Sidney DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/38/370

AWM65, 4762

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	JB 216
Radio call sign:	GT-W
Unit:	156 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB216 of 156 Sqn took off from RAF Station Warboys at 16.28hrs on 16 December 1943, to carry out a bombing attack on Berlin. At 18.45hrs a fix was obtained of the aircraft over North Sea in position 52.22N 02.48E, approx 200 miles from base. No further message received from the aircraft which did not return to base. Aircraft and crew lost without trace.

Crew:

RAAF 403490 Flt Lt Aubert, C O, DFM, Captain (Pilot)

RAF Flt Sgt Fisher

RAAF 400999 Flt Lt Samuel, J F, DFC (Navigator)

RAF Sqn Ldr Hadley, R, DFC

RAAF 400820 Flt Lt Poulton, N T R, DFM (Bombaimer)

RAAF 403766 FO Smith, R S, DFC (Wireless Operator)

RCAF Flt Lt Trilsbeck, T, DFC

RAAF 406873 Flt Lt Powell, L J, DFC (Rear gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was recorded that the missing crew had no known grave.

Citation:

DFC: FO Smith as wireless operator has completed numerous operations against the enemy, in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty.

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

402409 Flying Officer SMITH, Rodney Wyben

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/57/167

Aircraft Type: Sunderland
Serial number: W 3977
Radio call sign:
Unit: 201 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Sunderland W 3977 of 201 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Lough Erne, on a 'Strike' sortie at 1543 hours on the 5 February 1942. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 402409 FO Smith, R W (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Smith
RAF PO Bartlett
RAF FO Kitchin
RAF Flt Sgt Clare
RAF Flt Sgt Mason
RAF Sgt Jacobson
RAF Sgt Nutt
RAF Sgt Rolfe
RAF Sgt Jones
RAF Sgt Smith
RAF AC1 Hopkinson

Nil musterings available for RAF members.

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1950 that the missing crew had no known grave.

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

420493 Pilot Officer OBERG, Albert Edward

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/31/322

AWM65, 3986

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ND 475
Radio call sign: DX -
Unit: 57 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ND 475 of 57 Sqn RAF from RAF Station East Kirby, Lincolnshire, had taken part in a raid on an enemy target in France, and was on its return flight when it crashed 2 miles south east of Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire, at 0133 hours on 19 April, 1944. The aircraft was returning with the main bomber force, when it dived vertically into the ground at high speed and was completely destroyed by the impact and fire.

It is not known whether the crash was caused by enemy action as it was completely destroyed.

Crew:

RAAF 420493 PO Oberg, A E, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425129 PO Culliford, R F (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt Kinnes, W D
RAF Sgt Crossley, E F
RAF Flt Sgt Pizzey, H
RAF Sgt Richards, J S
RAFR Sgt Adams, H H
RAF Sgt Wills, J R

The remains of Sgt Wills were recovered and interred, with the remaining crew recorded as having no known grave.

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

412730 Flying Officer SMITHSON, William Thomas Wright

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/23

Aircraft Type: Cherlie 87

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: Royal Air Force Ferry Command, RCAF.

Summary:

FO Smithson was a passenger in a Cherlie 87 Aircraft missing on an operational flight on 17 January, 1943. The aircraft departed from Accra, Africa, at 1130pm local time on a flight to Natal on the east coast of Brazil, approx 158 miles north of Pernambuco, but failed to reach its destination.

Crew:

The aircraft was crewed by US personnel of the US Transport Command, and carried RCAF, RAAF and civilian passengers.

RAAF 412730 FO Smithson, W T W (Navigator, (Pax))

RAAF 412150 Sgt Lamb, H V (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner, (Pax))

The body of one U.S.passenger, Major Mills, was found on a life raft in the vicinity of Natal. But no trace of the other passengers or crew was found.

In 1948 it was recorded that the missing RAAF passengers had lost their lives at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402069 Flying Officer SOMERVILLE, Eric Neville

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/57/279

Aircraft Type: Maryland
Serial number: AH 298
Radio call sign:
Unit: 203 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Maryland AH 298 of 203 Sqn RAF took off at 0700 hours on 15 April 1942, to shadow an enemy convoy in the Mediterranean. During this patrol an enemy convoy was sighted near Malta and shadowed until 1245 hours, when a message was received from the aircraft giving an ETA Malta of 1315 hours.

Nothing further was heard from the aircraft which did not return to base. It is possible that it was shot down into the sea as a large number of enemy aircraft were operating in the area at the time.

Crew:

RAAF 406006 FO Halbert, J B (Pilot)
RAAF 402069 FO Somerville, E N (Observer)
RAAF 404042 Sgt Rogers, H (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Gordon, N (Air Gunner)

It was concluded that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

408785 Flying Officer SORENSEN, Francis Edward

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/830

Aircraft Type: Mosquito
Serial number: KB 536
Radio call sign:
Unit: No 45 Group RAF

Summary:

Mosquito KB 536 of No 45 Group RAF took off on 10 December 1944 from RAF Station Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada, for a ferry flight to the U.K. Conditions of low visibility prevailed at take off. The aircraft was last heard from shortly after take off and then nothing. Subsequent searches located wreckage of the aircraft in shallow water about 12 miles south of Summerside, and a quarter of a mile off shore from Sea Cow Head.

Crew:

RNAF Sub Lt Breck, S (Pilot) (Royal Norwegian Air Force)
RAAF 408785 FO Sorensen, F E (Navigator/Wireless Operator)

In 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

425375 Flying Officer ST LEDGER, Peter Sylvester Anthony

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/213

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: EE 915
Radio call sign: AA – X
Unit: 75 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling EE915 of No 75 (New Zealand) Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Mepal, near Ely, Cambridge, at 2234 hours on 30 July 1943 to attack Remscheid, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Sgt Darney, J N Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF Sgt Stone, R J (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Evans, R G C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Davies, G C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt Vercoe, T J (Air Gunner)
RAAF 425375 FO St Ledger, P S A (Air Gunner)
RAF FO Robinson, L D (Flight Engineer)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1950 that the missing crew had no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

409485 Flight Lieutenant STAFFORD, Hume Melville

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/38/271 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: JA 681
Radio call sign: GT -
Unit: ATTD 156 SQN RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JA 681 of 156 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Warboys, Huntingdonshire, UK, at 1948 hours on 3 September 1943, to carry out a bombing attack on Berlin. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 412714 FO Shanahan, M O, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt T Hoyle, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 409485 Flt Lt Stafford, H M (Navigator)
RAF 413552 PO Denyer, N H (Air Bomber)
RAAF 406772 PO Collins, J C (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Wilson, G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 411243 PO Dodds, D L (Rear Gunner)

All the crew are missing and have no known graves. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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

402619 Flying Officer STAIN, Roy Roberts DFM

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/373

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: JB 711
Radio call sign: GT – W
Unit: 156 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB 711 of 156 Sqn RAF, Path Finder Force, took off from RAF Station Warboys, Huntingdon, at 0035 hours on 24 December 1943, to attack Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Warfield, N, DFM, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Hill, J J (Navigator)
RAAF 402619 FO Stain, R R, DFM (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Rees, T E (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Manley, F J (Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt Morgan, F H (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Daniel, R N V (Rear Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1950 that the missing crew had no known grave.

Citation:

DFM: Flt Sgt Stain as a member of 460 Sqn RAAF, has taken part in numerous operations against targets in Germany and occupied Europe, sixteen of which were over heavily defended industrial areas of the Ruhr and Rhineland. Possessing a fine fighting spirit he has set an example by his keenness and devotion to duty.

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

413683 Pilot Officer STANGER, Frank Phillip

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/420

Aircraft Type: Beaufighter
Serial number: LZ 141
Radio call sign:
Unit: 252 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter LZ 141 of 252 Sqn RAF took off on 9 February 1944 in a formation of four Beaufighters making an offensive sweep of the Eastern Aegean Sea. At 1313 hours at Patmos whilst off Zulufi, a convoy of 2 small vessels of 1000/2000 tons plus an escort vessel in position 37.20N, 26.47E, course 11deg, speed 11 knots. It is thought that two Arado's were also circling the convoy.

An R/T message from LZ 141 stated "Turn about port". About this time another Beaufighter sighted 3 enemy aircraft slightly above and some 2000 yards north west of the formation. IN the ensuing encounter this same aircraft saw one Beaufighter dive into the sea pursued by an enemy aircraft 50 yards behind. It is thought that the remaining two Beaufighters were chased towards the south west by the other two enemy machines.

Three Beaufighters were reported missing from this encounter, including LZ 141.

Crew:

RAAF 413683 PO Stanger, F P (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Reynolds, S L (Navigator/Wireless)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

422817 Flying Officer STANTON, John Edward

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/956

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: LK 272
Radio call sign:
Unit: 138 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling LK 272 of 138 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Tempsford, near Sandy, Bedfordshire, at 1939 hours on 26 February 1945, together with other Squadron aircraft on a special mission to drop containers at a point in Norway, 3kms north of Flintiseter and 23kms south east of Torpe. Nothing was heard from LK 272 after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Cornwallis, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Pepworth, S A (Navigator)
RAAF 422817 FO Stanton, J E (Air Bomber)
RAAF 29856 WO Tovey, B D (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt Hagarty, S S (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Cory (Air Gunner)
RAF FO Cornell, L J, DFC (Flight Engineer)

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

414432 Flying Officer STARKOFF, Victor DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/38/613

AWM65, 4824

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: LK 794
Radio call sign: LK – Q
Unit: 578 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax LK 974 of 578 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, Burn Nr Selby, Yorkshire at 0520 hours on 18 July 1944 to bomb Caen, France. On the outward leg of the operation an accident occurred when at 8000 feet the starboard engine caught fire and the aircraft crashed at Bisham in the County of Berkshire, UK.

The tail gunner abandoned the aircraft on instructions from the Captain. The remainder of the crew crashed with the aircraft which was blown to pieces by the bombs exploding.

Crew:

RAAF 414432 FO Starkoff, V, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Fink, J F (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Morgan, I (Air Bomber)
RCAF PO Hopper, L H (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt Nicholson, G T (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Clarke, J E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt Sloan, H C (Rear Gunner)

Apart from Flt Sgt Sloan who baled out and survived, the remainder of the crew are commemorated in a special memorial for those with no known grave in RAF Cemetery North Hinksey, Berkshire.

Citation:

DFC: FO Starkoff as pilot/captain of aircraft, has completed numerous operations against the enemy, in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

414522 Flight Lieutenant STARTIN, George Charles

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/163 385

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LL 744
Radio call sign: VN – B
Unit: 50 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL 744 of 50 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Skellingthorpe, Lincoln, at 2210 hours on the night of 22 May 1944 to bomb Brunswick, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414522 Flt Lt Startin, G C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Duggan (Flight Engineer)
RCAF WO Linton, F M (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt Lawrence, K G (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Reid, G (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt McIlwaine, W E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hopkinson, E (Rear Gunner)

The bodies of WO Linton and Sgt McIlwaine were recovered from the sea. WO Linton is buried at Sage War Cemetery, and Sgt McIlwaine at Bergen Op Zoom War Cemetery, Holland.

In 1949 it was recorded that the remaining missing crew members had lost their lives at sea.

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

421472 Pilot Officer STEAD, Sidney Richard

Source:

NAA: A9300 Barcode 5240714

Aircraft Type: Halifax

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 624 Sqn RAF

Summary:

It is recorded in the above service record file that PO Stead was missing on air operations in the Mediterranean area on 27 April 1944. His file records also that he had completed 13 operations.

Crew:

RAAF 421472 PO Stead, S R (Navigator)

No other crew details are available and a RAAF Casualty file is not held at Archives.

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

404812 Pilot Officer STEPHENS, Owen Campbell

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/57/134

Aircraft Type: Hurricane
Serial number: Z 4539
Radio call sign:
Unit: 208 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hurricane Z 4538 of 208 Sqn RAF took off at 0720 hrs local time on 24 January 1942 to carry out a tactical recce in the Antelat-Agadabia-Zuteina area, Libya. The aircraft failed to return from this mission. The last known position was the Agadabia area.

Crew:

RAAF 404812 PO Stephens, O C (Pilot)

With no trace of the missing aircraft or pilot being found following post war enquiries, it was recorded in 1948 that PO Stephens had no known grave.

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

412742 Pilot Officer STEVENS, John Bede Polding

Source:

NAA: A705, 32/4/231

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: EW 873
Radio call sign:
Unit: 7 Operational Trg RCAF

Summary:

Hudson EW 873 of No 7 Operational Training Unit, RCAF, took off at 0115Z hours on 28 August 1943 on a night training flight from Nova Scotia, Canada. At 0125 hours a signal from the aircraft said "A/c at 100 feet" and at 0158 hours a further signal was received saying "changing frequency to Y3."

At 0210 hours a message from the aircraft requested it's signal strength. They were advised that it was strength 2 and very weak. EW 873 replied that station signal was being received at strength 3.

EW 873 was called again at 0230hours and thereafter repeatedly but nothing further was heard from the aircraft, and it did not return to base.

The navigation route of EW 873 approximately one hour after leaving base, would position the aircraft over the Gulf of St Lawrence.

Crew:

RAF PO Impey, F E (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Oakley, J J (Navigator)
RAAF 412742 PO Stevens, J B P (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Crummey, C B (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

It was later recorded that the missing crew had no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403822 Flying Officer STEWARD, Horace

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/57/235

Aircraft Type: Hurricane
Serial number:
Radio call sign:
Unit: 33 Sqn RAF

Summary:

A Hurricane aircraft of 33 Sqn RAF flown by FO Steward took off at 0645am on 4th November 1942, being one of a formation of twelve Sqn aircraft detailed to strafe enemy motor transport vehicles on the road east of Galal.

While over the target area the formation encountered ack-ack fire and one aircraft was hit and seen to crash into the ground. Immediately after the formation was attacked by ME 109 enemy aircraft and another Hurricane was seen to dive into the sea. It is not known which of the two Hurricanes was flown by FO Steward, but he did not return to base from this mission. The pilot of the other plane shot down became a POW in Italy.

Crew:

RAAF 403822 FO Steward, H (Pilot)

Following post war investigations and enquiries, it was recorded in 1949 that FO Steward had lost his life at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400545 Flight Lieutenant STEWART, David McLellan

Source:

NAA: A9300, Bar Code 5256450

Nil Casualty file available

Aircraft Type: Blenheim

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 211 Sqn RAF

Summary:

In a letter from RAAF London, it was reported that Flt Lt Stewart was classified as missing near Java on 21 February 1942. He was a member of a crew of Sgt Burrage which left Kiladjati, Java, in a Blenheim aircraft of 211 Sqn RAF to raid shipping in the river near Palembang.

The crews of other aircraft engaged on the same raid stated that the formation ran into a heavy storm before reaching Sumatra and was split up. Independent attacks were carried out but nothing was seen or heard of Sgt Burrage's aircraft after the formation parted company.

Crew:

RAAF 400643 Sgt Burrage, J A (Pilot)

RAAF 400545 Flt Lt Stewart, D McL (Observer)

RAAF 404298 Sgt McDonald, M (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403229 Flying Officer STEWART, Kenneth Murray

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/33/256

Aircraft Type: Beaufighter
Serial number: JL 942
Radio call sign:
Unit: 143 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter JL 942 of 143 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station St Eval, Cornwall on 25 August 1943, being one of a formation of six Squadron aircraft detailed to carry out an interceptor patrol in the Bay of Biscay area. The formation was attacked by enemy fighters, and other aircraft reported seeing JL 942 shot down and crashing into the sea. Only two of the six aircraft returned to base from the mission.

Crew:

RAAF 403229 FO Stewart, K M (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Bunting, W J (Navigator (W))

With no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found following post war enquiries, it was recorded in 1949 that they had lost their lives at sea.

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

402890 Pilot Officer STOKES, Francis Frey

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/390

Aircraft Type: Anson
Serial number: EG 220
Radio call sign:
Unit: 12 Radio School (ATT RAF)

Summary:

The crew of Anson EG 220 of 12 Radio School RAF were briefed to search for an Oxford aircraft missing from the morning training flight on 29 December 1943. EG 220 took off at 1335 hours and proceeded on a square search around a position 12 miles from St Athan on a bearing of 260deg. (the last known position of the Oxford).

After searching this area EG 220 was ordered to search along the northern edge on the Radio School flying area, which extends to the St Goven lightship south of Pembroke Dock, and to return to base by 1630 hours. At 1615 the weather was cloudy 6/10ths with a base of 1/2000 feet. Visibility 6-10 miles.

Various messages were received from EG 220, with the final message sent at 1622 hours "I am closing down now", which is the normal closing down signal prior to landing. As the aircraft did not land, flying control was notified at 1645 hours, and search procedures instituted. The following day all available aircraft conducted searches without success.

Crew:

RAF FO Gibson, R (Pilot)
RAF PO Guthrie, T (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 402890 PO Stokes, F F (Wireless Operator./Air Gunner)

Following further investigations and enquiries, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea in the Bristol Channel area.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402620 Flying Officer STOKES, Mark Arthur

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/344

Aircraft Type: Beaufighter
Serial number: T 3384
Radio call sign:
Unit: 54 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter T 3384 of 54 Operational Training RAF took off on 23 November 1943 from RAF Station Charterhall, Berwickshire, on a night training non operational flight over the sea. The pilot of another aircraft taking part in the same exercise reported the weather was satisfactory for some time until he encountered cloud and hit severe rain. Severe icing was encountered at 9000 feet.

Cooper's aircraft lost height very rapidly but the aircraft was brought under control at 7000 feet. He then tried to contact Barber without success. Cooper last heard Barber say he was icing very badly and something about out of control. The casualty occurred approx 40 miles from RAF station Charterhall, and both crew of T 3384 were believed drowned.

Crew:

RAAF 413335 Flt Sgt Barber, R G H (Pilot)
RAAF 402620 FO Stokes, M A (Navigator (W))

In 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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

4048 Pilot Officer STORY, Donald William

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/410

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: JB 654
Radio call sign: LE - C
Unit: 630 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster JB 654 of 630 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station East Kirkby, near Spilsby, Lincolnshire, at 2346 hours at night on 28 January 1944 detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 4048 PO Story, D W, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt James, D E (Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Peacock, F J (Navigator)
RAF FO Cairns, H W L (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Barrington, G (Wireless Operator/Air)
RCAF PO Barrons, H J (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Dove, G (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1950 that the missing crew had no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403823 Flying Officer STRANTZEN, Richard Joseph Heuston

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/719

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: RM 639
Radio call sign:
Unit: 682 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Spitfire RM 639 of 682 Sqn RAF, Central Mediterranean Force, was detailed on 8 October 1944 to carry out a photo reconnaissance of Vienna. RM 639 carried a 90 gallon overload tank, which provided enough fuel for a 550 miles sortie. The weather was good for flying. The aircraft did not return to base and it was assumed that it was lost due to enemy action. Overdue procedures were initiated with nil result.

Crew:

RAAF 403823 FO Strantzen, R J H (Pilot)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 FO Strantzen had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

408535 Flying Officer STUART, Frank

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/72

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: AL 587
Radio call sign:
Unit: 511 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator AL 587 of 511 Sqn RAF took off from Gibraltar at 1036 hours on 23 March 1943 for Lyneham, UK. At 1349 hours an SOS was received from the aircraft from its then position of 43.40N, 10.40W. Subsequent searches were unsuccessful in finding the missing aircraft which did not reach its destination.

German radio stated that two four engine aircraft, one with British markings, were shot down in the Bay of Biscay on 23 March 1943.

Crew:

AL 587 was crewed by RAF and RCAF members, and carried a mix of RAF, RNZAF, RCAF and RAAF passengers.

RAAF 408535 FO Stuart, F (Pilot) was a passenger in AL 587, and it was recorded in 1948 that he had lost his life at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404555 Flight Lieutenant SWEENEY, Gordon DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 163/57/238

AWM65, 4937

Aircraft Type: Mosquito
Serial number: DZ 591
Radio call sign:
Unit: 105 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DZ 591 of 105 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Markham, Norfolk, at 1942 hours on 22 October 1943 to attack Knapsack. DZ 591 also carried special radar equipment, and had a load of 3 x 500 lb and 1 x 250lb bombs. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404555 Flt Lt Sweeney, G, DFC (Pilot)

RAF Flt Lt Wood, W G (Navigator)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1950 that the missing crew had no known grave.

Citation:

DFC: As Captain and Navigator of aircraft respectively, PO Sweeney and FO Tettenborn of 9 Sqn RAF carried out a low level attack on an aircraft factory at Warnemunde one night in May 1942. Skilfully avoiding the beams of a large number of searchlights, PO Sweeney pressed home his attack and released his bombs on two buildings, around which aircraft on the ground were dispersed, and on three nearby sheds.

The aircraft was flown so low to ensure accuracy that some of the aircrew thought it was on fire as it passed over the smoke and flames caused by the explosions. Little damage was sustained however, and the aircraft was flown safely back to base. Throughout the operation both PO Sweeney and FO Tettenborn displayed perfect teamwork, great skill and undaunted courage.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

413913 Flying Officer SWIRE, Conrad Clifford

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/642

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	KG 690
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	244 Sqn RAF

Summary:

FO Newth and FO Swire of 244 Sqn RAF were listed as missing believed killed in an air accident on 31 July 1944. The aircraft crashed into a cliff face, 6 miles west of Cape Risut near Salalah on the South Arabian coast.

Crew:

The crew of KG 690 were members of the RAF, and the aircraft carried 27 passengers, including the following passengers:

RAAF 420985 FO Newth, J K (Pilot)

RAAF 413913 FO Swire, C C (Navigator/Bombaimer)

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was recorded that FO Newth and FO Swire had no known grave.

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

416725 Pilot Officer SYME, John

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/38/355

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 920
Radio call sign: LE – D
Unit: 630 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 920 of 630 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station East Kirby, Lincolnshire, at 0031 hours on 4 December 1943, to attack Leipzig, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416725 PO Syme, J, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Leggott, G (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Hubbert, E (Navigator)
RAF FO Doherty, N C (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Cattley, D (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Heron, J (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Swinchatt, K (Air Gunner)

Sgt Cattley (RAF) who survived the crash of ED 920 later stated “After being hit from an underneath attack and the plane almost out of control, the skipper gave the order to jump. Whilst proceeding to the rear escape exit, an explosion occurred which blew me out. Whilst descending by chute, I saw the aircraft hit the ground in flames.”

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was established that at 0400 hours on 4 December 1943, a burning four engine aircraft was observed circling the village of Volgfelde in an apparent attempt to crash land in a nearby field. It suddenly plunged to the ground and crashed 2/300 metres south west of the village. There was a large explosion and it was assumed that it had its bomb load on board. The aircraft burnt fiercely for two hours.

The graves of FO Doherty, Sgt Heron and Sgt Swinchatt were located in the Volgfelde Cemetery, but the remains of the other missing crew members could not be located and have no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403157 Flying Officer TAIT, Collin Kenneth

Sources:

NAA: A705, 163/58/76

AWM65, 4951

Aircraft Type: Spitfire

Serial number:

Radio call sign:

Unit: 602 Sqn RAF

Summary:

FO Tait of 602 City of Glasgow) Sqn RAF took off at 1300 hours on 8 June 1942, to engage enemy aircraft over St Omer, France. When the aircraft was on the way back a message was received from the aircraft at 1400 hours, asking if base was receiving him. The message then faded out. At the time the position was calculated to be near the French coast between Mardyck and Calais. The aircraft did not return to base. Air/sea rescue searches were made but were unsuccessful.

Crew:

RAAF 403157 FO Tait, C K (Pilot)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1948 the FO Tait had lost his life at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

432034 Pilot Officer TANNER, Norman Willie Neville

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/39/536

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: NA 193
Radio call sign:
Unit: 1652 Conversion RAF

Summary:

Halifax NA 193 of 1652 Conversion Unit RAF, took off from RAF Station Marston Moor, Yorkshire, at 2225 hours on 4 April 1945, on a non-operational night training exercise "Bullseye" to Scapa Flow. The aircraft was due back at 0305 hours on 5 April, but it did not return to base.

Air sea rescue launches located large amounts of small pieces of wreckage on the surface of the water and it was assumed that the aircraft crashed at high speed out of control, and struck the water with considerable force. It was impossible to ascertain the cause. Two bodies were recovered and parts of NA 193, but the main portion of the aircraft was on the sea bottom.

Crew:

RAAF 432034 PO Tanner, N W N, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 433107 Flt Sgt Hughes, J C (Navigator)
RAAF 434967 Flt Sgt Donald, J N (Bombaimer)
RAAF 432779 Flt Sgt Ford, C F (Wireless Operator)
RAAF 439842 Flt Sgt Faulks, R W (Gunner)
RAF Sgt Cooke, L A (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Semple, W J R (Rear Gunner)
RAF Sgt Card, A

The bodies of Flt Sgt Faulks (RAAF) and Sgt Cooke (RAF) were recovered with Flt Sgt Faulks being buried in Wick Cemetery, Scotland. In 1949 it was recorded that the remainder of the crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

60355 Pilot Officer TATE, Keith

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/39/533

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: X 111
Radio call sign:
Unit: 221 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington X 111 of 221 Sqn RAF took off from its Mediterranean base on an air test on 3 April 1945, between the hours of 1645 and 1745 hours. It was seen to climb to 1000 feet with its undercarriage still down, and was last seen flying out to sea. No messages were received from the aircraft which failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 422510 FO Golding, R H (Pilot)
RAAF 60355 PO Tate, K (Wireless Opeartor/Air Gunner)
RAF LAC Smith, G W (Fitter 11A)

In 1948 it was recorded that the crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

421118 Pilot Officer THOMSON, David McNab

Source:

NAA: A9300, Bar code 5241379

Nil Casualty file available

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: LW 621
Radio call sign: DT – Q
Unit: 192 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax LW 621 of 192 Sqn RAF took off at 2349 hours on 4 July 1944 for air operations against a target in France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 421118 PO Thomson D McN, Captain (Pilot)

Details of the other member of the crew are not available from the above file.

PO Thomson is presumed to have lost his life on 5 July 1944.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407916 Flying Officer THORPE, Mervyn Sydney

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/39/252

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: EV 812
Radio call sign:
Unit: 178 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator EV 812 of 178 Sqn RAF, Central Mediterranean Force, took off at 1919 hours on 118 March 1944, to attack the target Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

About half an hour after take off a report was received that an aircraft was seen to crash into the sea just off the coast, and that the Royal Navy was sending a boat to search the area. Some wreckage was found belonging to EV 812. Further searches were made at daylight, but no survivors were found. From the position of the crash it was evident that the Captain had abandoned the operation for some reason and was returning to base.

Crew:

RAF WO Ells, E C, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Badman, R F (Pilot)
RAAF 407916 FO Thorpe, M S (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Eyres, F A (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Hardy, C C (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Tucker, W J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Max, N A (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Harvey, F C (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was concluded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

420304 Flying Officer TICKNER, Russell George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/951 NAA : A9300 Barcode 52421021
Micro Film No 463 OAFH Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LJ 245
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 196 SQN RAF

Summary:

Stirling LJ245 took off from RAF Shepherds Grove, Stanton, Suffolk, on the night of 25/26th February 1945, detailed to bomb the target at Navarsgard, Norway. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 420304 FO Tickner, R G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt G R Humphrey, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 422649 WO R W Mann, (Navigator)
RAAF 423986 FO Caldwell, J H (Air Bomber)
RAAF 422761 WO J D Stevenson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 423888 PO Quirk, E R (Air Gunner)

Three of the crew were killed and FP Caldwell, PO Quirk and WO Mann were POW's.

FO Tickner has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK. The aircraft is at the bottom of Holen Lake in Norway, and that the body of FO Tickner is in the aircraft.

WO Stevenson and Flt Sgt Humphrey are buried in the Arendal Hosedal Cemetery, Norway. Arendal is a large town on the south east coast of Norway.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402766 Pilot Officer TRUMAN, Colin Carl

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/168/126

Aircraft Type: Marauder
Serial number: FK 150
Radio call sign:
Unit: 14 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Marauder FK 150 of 14 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Shallufa at 1045 hours on 15 February 1943 together with Marauder FK 142 to carry out an offensive sweep with torpedo's in the Aegean Sea. No message was received from FK 150 after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 402766 PO Truman, C C, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 403437 Flt Sgt Thompson, J I (2nd Pilot)
RNZAF FO Connell, B T (Navigator)
RAAF 407363 Flt Sgt Hope, R E H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Firth, K (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Semple, W J (Air Gunner)

Marauder FK 142 subsequently made a forced landing in Turkey, and the crew were interned in Ankara. They were later released and rejoined the Squadron. In a statement made by this crew they reported that "they last saw FK 150 in the Euboean Sea heading north east about 1600 hours and it did not appear to be in trouble. FK 150 was in W/T/communication with the accompanying aircraft until 1630 hours, and then nothing further was heard."

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1948 that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

408938 Flying Officer TUCK, George William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/169/80.

Aircraft Type: Mosquito
Serial number: MN 201
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD 128 SQN RAF

Summary:

Mosquito MN 201 of 128 Sqn RAF, Path Finder Force, took off on night operations against Hannover, Germany, on the night of 23/24th November 1944. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 408938 FO Tuck, G.W., Pilot.
RAF Sgt M.H.Moss, Navigator.

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was recorded in 1950 that the missing crew had no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

409257 Flying Officer TUFF, Robert Bruce

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/40/154

AWM65, 5111

Aircraft Type: Typhoon
Serial number: JR 302
Radio call sign:
Unit: 263 Sqn RAF

Summary:

FO Tuff of 263 (Fellowship of the Bellows) Sqn RAF flying Typhoon JR 302 on 22 February 1944 during the course of an operational patrol, heard his Commanding Officer, Sqn Ldr Warnes who was leading the formation state over his R/T at 1150 hours that he was going to ditch his aircraft. This was believed to be at a position 8 miles North West of Guernsey. Warnes aircraft sank immediately. FO Tuff and other pilots orbited the spot and Tuff was heard to say twice that he had seen Warnes in the water.

FO Tuff then stated he thought Warnes was injured, and he was going to bale out to help him. Flt Lt Racine the Deputy Leader forbade Tuff to do this, but Tuff repeated that he was going to bale out. No more was seen or heard of him by the other aircraft but at 1210 hours a Typhoon was seen to dive vertically into the area which was being orbited. Despite Air/Sea rescue by aircraft of every type and by launches, nothing more was seen or heard of FO Tuff or Sqn Ldr Warnes.

The Squadron circumstantial report stated that "it seems certain that FO Tuff did in fact bale out in order to try and help his Commanding Officer. The weather was bitterly cold, and freezing at sea level, with a moderate north east wind which made the sea rather rough."

Crew:

RAAF 409257 FO Tuff, R B (Pilot)

In 1949 it was recorded that FO Tuff had lost his life at sea.

Citation:

MID: Promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, 22 June 1944, page 1253, position 16.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404189 Flying Officer TULLY, John Leahy

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/59/64

Aircraft Type: Spitfire
Serial number: AA 800
Radio call sign:
Unit: 1 Photo Reconnaissance RAF

Summary:

Spitfire AA 800 of No 1 Photo Reconnaissance Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Wick, Scotland, at 1347 hours on 30 July 1942, to carry out an operational photo recce over the Bergen area, Norway. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

The aircraft was plotted on the outward journey until 1437 hours when AA 800 was at 24000 feet, 170 miles and on a bearing 070deg from Wick. At this time AA 800 passed out of range. Five hours later at 1937 hours, an unidentified aircraft was plotted flying at 1000 feet 11 miles east of Whalsay Island (Shetlands), and at 1949 hours this same aircraft was identified as hostile and 20 miles E of Lerwick. Spitfires were scrambled to intercept but could find no trace of the enemy aircraft.

At the same time as the AA 800 limit of endurance was 1950 hours, an Air Sea rescue search for AA 800 was carried out in the same area but no trace of wreckage or dinghy was found.

Crew:

RAAF 404189 FO Tully, J L (Pilot)

In 1949, it was recorded that FO Tully had lost his life at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400490 Flying Officer TWOMEY, Richard John

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/59/88

Aircraft Type: Beaufort
Serial number: DD 875
Radio call sign:
Unit: 39 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufort DD 875 of 39 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Luqa, Malta, at 6.30pm (local time) on 30 November 1942, for an operational flight laying mines in Bizerta Harbour. DD 875 was in company of two other aircraft from 39 Sqn. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base. Searches failed to reveal any trace of the missing aircraft or crew.

There was medium opposition from gun positions on the eastern side of the harbour, and it is possible that DD 875 was damaged by enemy action. Bizerta harbour is on the Mediterranean coast of French North Africa approx 40 miles North West of Tunis.

Crew:

RAAF 400490 FO Twomey, R J (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Holme, L (Observer)
RAF Sgt Games, K (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Howarth, T (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)

In 1949 it was recorded that the crew had lost their lives at sea and had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

414438 Flying Officer TYAS, Harold Complin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/16/632 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: KH 338
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD 86 SQN RAF

Summary:

Liberator KH 338 of 86 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station, Tain, Ross-Shire, Scotland, on 26 April 1945 to carry out an anti-U boat patrol in the Skaggerak area. The aircraft did not return to base and nothing further was heard of the aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 414438 FO Tyas, H C, Captain, (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Thompson (2nd Pilot)
RAF FO Gudge (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF PO Bradfield (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 421035 Flt Lt Fenwick, G W J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 421201 PO Goddard, O E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 421203 PO Goodwin, R B (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Yorke (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Flt Sgt Lewis (Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Sgt Harris (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Flt Sgt Rupert (Air Gunner)

In 1949 it was presumed that the aircraft and crew were lost at sea.
Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey,
UK.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403245 Flying Officer VALDER, Jack Colling Ridge

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/42/30

Aircraft Type: Albermarle
Serial number: P 1433
Radio call sign:
Unit: 511 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Albermarle P1433 of 511 Sqn RAF on an operational flight on 10 August 1943 sent out an SOS from position 3538N, 0734W. This placed it out to sea approx 105 miles west of Tarifa, Spain. Three days of searching did not reveal any trace of the missing aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 403245 FO Valder, J C R (Wireless Operator)
RAAF 413709 Sgt Smith, R D C (Pilot – Passenger)
RCAF FO Clark, D C W
RCAF FO Little, A W
RAF Sgt McLellan, W J W
RAF Cpl Alexander, R K
RAF Sgt Oxley, J
RAF Sgt Flower, A J
RAF Sgt Woods
RAF Sgt Charnok
RAF PO Davies
RAF Sgt Clarkson

In 1948 it was recorded that the crew and passengers of P1433 had lost their lives at sea and had no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

437300 Flying Officer VALLENTINE, Vivian Lawrence

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/42/119

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	LM 177
Radio call sign:	PM – Z
Unit:	103 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LM 177 of 103 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Elsham Wolds, Barnetby, Lincolnshire, was detailed to lay mines in enemy waters in the Aarhus Bay, Denmark. LM 177 took off at the appointed on the night of 4/5th April 1945 but nothing further was heard and the aircraft did not return to base.

Four other 103 Squadron aircraft took part in the mission, and when homeward bound from the Danish coast, members of another crew saw three aircraft shot down behind them but were unable to identify any individual aircraft. Two of the aircraft appeared to crash into the sea and one on the land. In each case the mines would have been already laid.

Crew:

RAAF 414031 FO Hole, L, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Kelly, E (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 430123 Flt Sgt Jeffrey, S A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437854 Flt Sgt Hodge, C J (Navigator)
RAAF 432969 Flt Sgt Pearce, S D (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 437300 FO Vallentine, V L (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 435489 Flt Sgt Shannon, E F (Rear Gunner)

In 1949 it was reported that all efforts to find any trace of the aircraft or crew had been unsuccessful and the crew had been recorded as missing lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

422284 Pilot Officer VAUGHAN, William

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/42/140

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	KN 556
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	194 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Dakota KN 556 of 194 Sqn RAF, which was scheduled for an early morning take off on 25 July 1945 which was delayed until 0900 hours due to heavy rain rendering the runway unserviceable. The aircraft was carrying a load R.E's stores for their destination at Toungoo, Burma. When the aircraft finally took off at 1007 hours nothing unusual was noticed by Flying Control, with no rain at the time, cloud 7 – 9/10ths and ceiling of 400-500 feet.

At 1720 hours the aircraft was reported overdue to 341 Wing Ops who initiated overdue procedures. As two of the three aircraft going to Toungoo had arrived after taking off approx 6 hours previously, Control gave KN 556 an extra hour before reporting the aircraft overdue.

Nothing further was heard until the Thursday evening, 26 July 1945, when two members of 62 Squadron who had been fishing near the mouth of the Chuang , Akyab Beach returned to camp and reported finding Dakota wreckage. Panels washed ashore had KN 556 and 'U' markings.

Owing to the state on the tides and difficult tracks through mangrove swamps, it was impossible to search until the next morning when the tide was low. The identification of the wreckage of KN 556 was beyond question with small pieces scattered along the beach but there was no sign of the crew or of bodies washed ashore.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Mumby, T L, DFM (1st Pilot)
RAF WO Greenway, E J (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 418707 PO Pollie, G (Navigator)
RAAF 422284 PO Vaughan, W (1st Wireless Operator)
RAAF 426255 PO Glasgow, G H (2nd Wireless Operator)

A 1956 report recorded the crew as missing with no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

412765 Pilot Officer VEECH, Neville John

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/42/52

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: LK 387
Radio call sign:
Unit: 623 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling LK 387 of 623 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Downham Market, Norfolk, at 2341 hours on 5 December 1943, to carry out a mining mission in enemy waters codenamed "Nectarines". The locality of the mission was an area 53deg51min.42secs north to 06deg30min.42 secs east, which is area off the coast of Holland. The aircraft carried six mines.

Crew:

RAAF 412765 PO Veech, N J, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Peacock, A D (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Norton, A G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Phillips, J (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Hickling, J D (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Bates, J S (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Flt Sgt Sutherland, W K (Air Bomber)

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was concluded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400300 Flying Officer VICKERS, John William

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/62/11

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: AM 801
Radio call sign:
Unit: 48 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hudson AM 801 of 48 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Wick, Caithness, Scotland, at 2010 hours on 26 March 1942 to carry out a "Bert" patrol in the Bergen-Stavanger area. The ETA back at Wick was 0100 hours but AM 801 did not return to base. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and no RDF plots were made. A casualty signal was originated saying that the aircraft was missing.

Crew:

RAAF 400300 FO Vickers, J W, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Giles, G (Navigator)
RAF Sgt McDonald, D (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Peters, W H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

After the war the bodies of Sgt Giles (RAF) and Sgt Peters (RAF) were located buried at Rossebo Cemetery, Haugesund, Norway. In 1948 it was recorded that the remaining two members of the crew had lost their lives at sea and had no known grave.

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404270 Pilot Officer VOLLER, Peter Collin

Source:

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

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: W 5382
Radio call sign: PH -
Unit: ATTD 12 SQN RAF

Summary:

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

Crew:

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

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

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SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS IN WORLD WAR 2 AND MISSING WITH
NO KNOWN GRAVE.

413805 Flying Officer WADDELL, Geoffrey Harold

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/247

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: MP 507
Radio call sign:
Unit: 172 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington MP 507 took off from RAF Station Chivenor, near Barnstaple, Devon, on 19 September 1943 on a night training flight navigational exercise. The route was from Base – Newquay – then due west to 12.00W – south to latitude of Scilly Isles – then return to Base. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base. The flight was the final training exercise before becoming a fully operational crew.

Crew:

RAF FO Paskey, P.O, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Shrewsbury, K A (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 413805 FO Waddell, G H (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Milligan, J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Westwood, G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Broad, J S (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400243 Pilot Officer WALDIE, Geoffrey Maxwell

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/43/24 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: DF 732
Radio call sign:
Unit: ATTD142 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington DF 732 of 142 Sqn RAF, North West Africa Force, took off from RAF Station Blida at 2352 hours on 18 January 1943, detailed to attack Bizerta Docks.

Having dropped its bombs, DF 732 circled off-shore to observe the efforts of the main attack. The night was bright moonlight with no cloud. DF 732 was attacked by a JU88 night fighter, which made four attacks, setting the starboard engine, the mainplane and a portable oxygen bottle stored amidships on fire. The engagement was then broken off.

The Captain of DF 732 thinking it would be necessary to abandon the aircraft, ordered the crew to stand by to do so. The Rear Gunner, PO Waldie evidently misunderstood the order and in the excitement of the moment baled out. The aircraft's position at the time was approx 2 miles east of the Bizerta Docks over the sea.

As the fires were shortly afterwards extinguished, the Captain decided to remain with the machine and eventually reached base and crash landed some 3 hours later. The four remaining crew members were uninjured.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Booth, T F, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Whitewood, J (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 403958 Sgt Salmond, E (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Edwards, J (Bombaimer)
RAAF 400243 PO Waldie, G M (Rear Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1948 that PO Waldie had lost his life at sea. His name is commemorated on the Malta Memorial, Malta. The Memorial is situated in the area of Floriana and is easily identified by the Golden Eagle which surrounds the column. It stands outside the entrance to Valetta.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

406336 Flight Lieutenant WALKER, Cecil Gloucester MID

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/43/1202

AWM65, 5185

Aircraft Type: Walrus
Serial number: L 2271
Radio call sign:
Unit: 278 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Walrus L 2271 of 278 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Thornley Island, Emsworth, Hants., at 0835 hours on 6 March 1945 to search for a Hurricane pilot reported to have baled out 3 miles east of Flamborough Head, East Yorkshire. L 2271 had been scrambled from Beccles, with the search area being a distance of 140 miles.

On reaching the area, the pilot Flt Lt Robertson informed the Controller that he was going down to search. Nothing more was heard until 10 minutes later when a Spitfire pilot reported he had seen a Walrus dive straight into the sea. L 2271 had crashed about 5 miles north east of Bridlington, and east of Flamborough Head.

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

Crew:

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

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

Citation:

MID: Promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, 21 June 1945, page 1353, position 75.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

407956 Flying Officer WALKER, Charles William

Sources:

NAA: A705, 163/63/204

AWM65, 5186

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4382
Radio call sign:	VN -
Unit:	50 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster W 4382 of 50 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Skellingthorpe, Lincolnshire, at 1705 hours on the night of 17/18th December 1942 to attack a target at Soltau, Germany. The aircraft failed to return to base and the loss was attributed to enemy action.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Atkinson, J C, Captain (Pilot)

RAF Sgt Martin, F (Flight Engineer)

RAAF 401287 FO Rowling, P W (Navigator)

RAAF 404622 PO Smith, H W J, DFM (Air Bomber)

RAAF 402604 Sgt O'Neill, J C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

RAAF 407956 FO Walker, C W (Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt Reilly, J M (Air Gunner)

Post war investigations and enquiries failed to reveal any trace of the missing aircraft or crew, and in 1950 it was recorded that the crew had lost their lives with no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

405281 Flying Officer WALL, Egbert Watts

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/63/192

Aircraft Type: Catalina
Serial number: EP 124
Radio call sign:
Unit: 202 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Catalina EP 124 of 202 Sqn RAF took off at 0113 hours on 3 November 1942, to carry out convoy escort duties in the Western Mediterranean. At 0855 signal was received from EP 124 "made contact with convoy." Nothing further was heard from the aircraft and it did not return to base. It was due to return by 1800 hours.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Sassoon, T A D, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Ambrose, R D (Pilot)
RAAF 405281 FO Wall, E W (Observer)
RAF Sgt Cockburn, C L (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Thorne, K G (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Bailey, T (Flight Mechanic/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Elder, T (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Mitchell, R A S (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Warren, H H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

Following post war investigations and enquiries, it was recorded in 1948 that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

412286 Pilot Officer WALL, John Edwin Francis

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/740

Aircraft Type: Marauder
Serial number: 118017
Radio call sign:
Unit: 14 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Marauder 118017 of 14 Sqn RAF took off at 0515 hours on 1 July 1944, to carry out a low level coastal recce of the Adriatic Sea. No signals were received from the aircraft after take off, and efforts to communicate with the aircraft proved unsuccessful.

Another Marauder took off and covered the same route, but did not sight the missing aircraft. The next day Marauders and 2 Beaufighters carried out further searches but were unsuccessful. The recce involved a trip of 6.5 hours, and was in an area frequently covered by Squadron aircraft. Enemy aircraft opposition was generally negligible, but ack-ack fire from heavy shore batteries along the coast line was often encountered.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Cornish, N, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Davis, K (2nd Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Phillips, J D (Navigator)
RAAF 412286 PO Wall, J E F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Finn, A (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF WO McKeown, W W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew were lost at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

432686 Flying Officer WALLWORK, Albert

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/1160

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LL 966
Radio call sign: LE – P
Unit: 630 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL 966 of 630 Sqn RAF took off on 15 February 1945 from RAF Station East Kirkby, near Spilsby, Lincolnshire, at 1651 hours on 14 February 1945 to attack Rositz, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

SAAF Lieut Lacey, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Mayes, D (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO Proudley, R E (Navigator)
RAAF 432686 FO Wallwork, A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 434629 Flt Sgt Fogarty, K G (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Carson, A (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Davies, A G (Air Gunner)

In 1948 it was established that LL 966 was one of two aircraft shot down by anti-aircraft fire 2kms east of Rositz, at Zschernitzsch, which is approx 24 miles south of Leipzig. The aircraft apparently exploded on impact and wreckage was burnt and scattered over a wide area.

The remains of the members recovered from the two aircraft shot down were buried in a communal grave at Zschernitzsch Cemetery. The remains were later exhumed and those of Lieut Lacey (SAAF) and Sgt Davies (RAF) identified, and re-interred. Other crew members could not however be identified. The names of the unidentified crew members are commemorated on the Runnymede memorial to the memory of those deceased who have no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

416110 Flying Officer WALTER, Keith Benjamin

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/28

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 316
Radio call sign:
Unit: 1656 Conversion RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 316 of 1656 Conversion Unit, RAF, took off from RAF Station Lindholme, Yorkshire, at 1648 hours on the night of 17/18th January 1943 to attack Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Lt Hood, S D L, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 416110 FO Walter, K B (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 401259 PO Weaving, K A C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 411109 Sgt Lindsay, D J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner, (A/B))
RAF Sgt Woodrow, H (Air Gunner)
RAAF 22643 Sgt Logue, S E (Air Gunner)
RAAF 26117 Sgt Muller, H F (Flight Engineer)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had no known grave.

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400744 Flying Officer WALTERS, George William

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/263

Aircraft Type: Defiant
Serial number: AD 651
Radio call sign:
Unit: 515 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Defiant AD 651 of 515 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Hunsdon, Hertfordshire on patrol over the English Channel on 18 July 1943. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base. Another pilot flying a Mosquito aircraft observed an aircraft going down in flames into the sea approximately 10 miles away, and a few minutes later obtained a visual on a Focke-Wolfe 150 aircraft and shot it down. It was presumed that AD 651 had been shot down by the German aircraft.

Crew:

RAAF 400744 FO Walters, G W (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Neil, G (Gunner)

In 1948 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

10769 Pilot Officer WALTON, Colin Allan

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/1347

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	KN 202
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	194 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Dakota KN 202 of 194 Sqn RAF was scheduled to take off from base at 1455 hours on 3 May 1945 after being briefed to land supplies at Payagi, Burma. The aircraft and crew were last seen by the Duty Ops Officer at the time the aircraft took off. Since then nothing further heard from the aircraft.

At 1146 hours the aircraft was reported overdue to the HQ 341 Wing, and an air-sea-jungle search organised. All aircraft returned to base with nil results.

Crew:

RAAF 10769 PO Walton, G A (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Wright (Pilot)
RAAF 432007 PO Leavey, T K F X (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 421488 PO Gunn, P M (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 434575 PO Pittendrigh, R N (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Kemp (Air Gunner)

A 1953 report by the Far East Graves service stated "local villagers stated that a two engine British aircraft was forced to land a few miles from Payagi in the forest area in May 1945 which was still occupied by the enemy. None of the crew were brought in or buried or taken prisoner. The villagers had no knowledge of graves near the wrecked aircraft or elsewhere. The fate of the crew could not be ascertained and the graves were unlocated after a search."

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

402989 Flying Officer WARD, Jack Stratford

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/63/180

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: BJ 776
Radio call sign:
Unit: 12 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington BJ 776 of 12 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Wickenby, at 7.30pm on 26 September 1942 to carry out a sea mining mission in German territorial waters in the Kiel Bay area. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 402989 FO Ward, J S, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 401864 Sgt Thompson, H C (Navigator)
RAAF 411320 Sgt Harden, J B (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403375 Sgt Rich, A C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 406812 Sgt Mitchell, P R (Rear Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1948 that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

420313 Flying Officer WATKINS, Herbert William

Source :

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

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

Summary:

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

Crew:

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

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

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

All the remaining nine crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

416732 Pilot Officer WATSON, William Somerville

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/551

Aircraft Type: Beaufighter
Serial number: EL 519
Radio call sign:
Unit: 177 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter EL 519 of 177 Sqn RAF, Indian Command, took off at 1855 hours on 8 March 1944, on an offensive night patrol on enemy communications in the Toungoo area, Central Burma. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off, and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416732 PO Watson, W S (Pilot)
RAF FO Buckley, G H E (Navigator)

Following post war investigations and searches, it was recorded in 1955 that the only news of an aircraft which had crashed at night approximate to the area of the patrol by EL 519 is one that crashed in the hills about 8 miles north east of Toungoo to the left of the Toungoo Mawchi Road. Local information was very vague, but local inhabitants stated that a plane crashed in the early hours of the morning just before the rainy season in the year the Japanese were in occupation. No villagers visited the scene of the crash and did not know what happened to the occupants. The area was heavily covered by jungle and a physical search by investigating teams impossible.

It was recorded in 1955 that the graves of the missing crew were unlocated.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

420315 Flying Officer WATTS, Kenneth

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/1056

Aircraft Type: Tempest
Serial number: EJ 522
Radio call sign:
Unit: 56 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Tempest EJ 522 of No 56 (Punjab) Sqn RAF took off on 29 December 1944, leading a formation of several other Squadron aircraft to carry out an armed recce of the Rheine – Osnabruk and Hanover area. They attacked a train, results not known, and then found they were being followed by ME 109's which kept making passes at them causing them to break formation.

The Tempest's were unable to engage the ME 109's due to their superiority in height. Very shortly after a mixed force of ME 109's and FW 190's appeared above them and attacked. After the ensuing combat at approx 1530 hours, EJ 522 and another Tempest were not seen or heard of again.

Crew:

RAAF 420315 FO Watts, K (Pilot)

With no trace of the missing aircraft or pilot being found following post war enquiries, it was recorded in 1950 that FO Watts had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

425389 Pilot Officer WATTS, Richard Herbert

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/43/650

AWM65, 5261

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: LL 753
Radio call sign: UM – Z2
Unit: 626 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster LL 753 of 626 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Wickenby, Lincolnshire, at 2211 hours on 3 May 1944 to attack a target at Mailey-Le-Camp, France. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Jackson, D S, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Riddle, H A (Navigator)
RCAF WO Liebscher, J M B (Air Bomber)
RAAF 425389 PO Watts, R H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Sutton, J A Y (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Brooks, A G (Mid Upper Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt McFarlane, R E (Rear Gunner)

In 1947, following post war enquiries and interrogations of local authorities of Breuvery-sur-Coole, France, it was established that an aircraft exploded and crashed near that village on the night of 3/4th May 1944, and that two bodies were recovered viz. PO Jackson (RAF) and Flt Sgt McFarlane (RCAF).

It was recorded that the remaining missing crew members had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401259 Flying Officer WEAVING, Kenneth Arnold Charles

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/28

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	ED 316
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1656 Conversion RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 316 of 1656 Conversion Unit, RAF, took off from RAF Station Lindholme, Yorkshire, at 1648 hours on the night of 17/18th January 1943 to attack Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF Flt Lt Hood, S D L, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 416110 FO Walter, K B (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 401259 PO Weaving, K A C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 411109 Sgt Lindsay, D J (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner, (A/B))
RAF Sgt Woodrow, H (Air Gunner)
RAAF 22643 Sgt Logue, S E (Air Gunner)
RAAF 26117 Sgt Muller, H F (Flight Engineer)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

413151 Pilot Officer WEILAND, Ernest

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/464

Aircraft Type: Sunderland
Serial number: T 228
Radio call sign:
Unit: 228 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Sunderland T 228 took off from RAF Station Pembroke Dock, South Wales, at 7.15am on 24 December 1943 to carry out an anti-submarine patrol. At 12.25pm a distress signal was received from the aircraft. At this time T228 was over a force of enemy destroyers and in company of another Sunderland.

At 1.10pm a message was received from the other Sunderland aircraft which stated that wreckage of a Sunderland aircraft had been sighted and one survivor seen on the wing float of the aircraft. A dinghy was dropped but the survivor disappeared a few minutes later. Although the crew of the accompanying aircraft did not actually see T228 shot down, it was believed that T228 was shot down by an enemy surface vessel.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Fitzearle, W H E, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Bond, R M (1st Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Chapman, R K (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 413151 PO Weiland, E (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Flt Sgt Mullin, J B (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF FO Hodges, R J
RAAF 413848 Flt Sgt Foxley, A H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 413852 Flt Sgt Gordon, G W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Wilks, G (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Lock, W J (Fitter/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Gander, F (Fitter/Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Robinson, L (Air Gunner)
Plus 9 RAF passengers

In 1949 it was recorded that all on board the aircraft had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

410198 Flying Officer WEST, John Daniel

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/358

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HZ 811
Radio call sign:
Unit: 150 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington HZ 811 of 150 Sqn RAF was one of a number of Squadron aircraft to attack barges and harbour installations at Leghorn, Italy. HZ 811 took off at 1845 hours on 24 September 1943. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base. Leghorn is located on the North West coast of Italy.

Crew:

RAAF 409340 FO Williams, E O S (Pilot)
RAAF 410198 FO West, J D (Navigator)
RAAF 415521 Flt Sgt Godfrey, R R (Navigator)
RAAF 409566 Flt Sgt Meyer, D G (Navigator Acting Bombaimer)
RAAF 421059 Flt Sgt Veale, N J (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations when no trace of the missing aircraft or crew was located, it was recorded in 1948 that the crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

416471 Pilot Officer WESTWOOD, Reginald Francis

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/179

Aircraft Type: Stirling
Serial number: EF 340
Radio call sign: AA – Q
Unit: 75 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling EF 340 of 75 (New Zealand) Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Newmarket, Suffolk, at 2153 hours on 5 May 1943 for mine laying operations in the Nectarines area off the Friesian Islands. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 416471 PO Westwood, R F, Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF Sgt Bentley, R H W (Navigator)
RNZAF Sgt Lamb, E H R (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Bennetton, F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Harkness, W (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Rogers, G H (Mid Upper Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt Boswall, J M (Rear Gunner)

Following post war investigations and enquiries, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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

434069 Flying Officer WHITBY, Stanley William

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/28/346

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	FL 931
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	86 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator FL 931 of 86 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Tain, Ross-shire, Scotland, at 0255 hours on 26 June 1944 to carry out an anti-submarine patrol in the North Sea. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 411799 Fl Lt Moffitt, F D, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 434069 FO Whitby, S W (2nd Pilot)
RAF FO Pearson, H (1st Navigator)
RAAF 427942 Sgt Richardson, K (2nd Navigator)
RAAF 424197 Sgt Mason, L O H (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 419678 Sgt Williams, J G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt O'Bierne (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Leighton, G G (Wireless Operator Mechanic/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Moffitt, I T (Flight Engineer)

With no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found from post war investigations and enquiries, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew were lost at sea.

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

403020 Flying Officer WHITE, Baden Keith

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/765

Aircraft Type: Beaufighter
Serial number: KW 202
Radio call sign:
Unit: 108 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter KW 202 of 108 Sqn RAF, Malta Force, crashed in the Mediterranean sea near Filfla Rock (off Malta) whilst on an air firing non operational flight on 13 July, 1944. The aircraft was engaged in the normal practice of test firing the guns into the sea. It was then seen to dive gently towards the sea about 6 miles out from the shore, but did not pull out of the dive until very low. The aircraft was then seen to turn, during which its wing tip struck the water and it crashed into the sea at high speed. The crash site was approx one and a half miles south east of Filfla Rock.

Air sea rescue craft were quickly on the scene, but no trace of the crew could be found. The aircraft had disintegrated and sunk in very deep water.

Crew:

RAAF 403020 FO White, B K (Pilot)
RAF PO Hobbs, A P R (Observer)

In 1948 it was recorded that the crew had lost their lives at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

427966 Pilot Officer WHITE, Douglas John

Source:

NAA : A705, 166/43/907

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MF 968
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	30 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Wellington MF968 of No 30 Operational Training Unit RAF took off from RAF Seighford satellite drome at 0300 hours on 12 October 1944, on a night cross country exercise. Approx 30 minutes after take off the first position report was received from the aircraft, but after that nothing was heard and MF968 did not return to base. The route of the exercise was over the Cardigan Bay area.

Crew:

RAAF 427966 PO White, D J (Pilot)
RAAF 426094 WO Gibson, J R (Navigator)
RAAF 419758 Sgt Kingsley, R G (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437884 Flt Sgt Telford, A R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAAF 433034 Flt Sgt Schafer, W M (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Glasper, N (A/C)
RAF FO Woodley, W (Flying Instructor)
RAF FO Pegrum, A (Flying Instructor)

In 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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

407476 Flight Lieutenant WICKES, Donald William

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/615

Aircraft Type: Boston
Serial number: W 8306
Radio call sign:
Unit: 114 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Boston W 8306 of 114 (Hong Kong) Sqn RAF, Central Mediterranean Force, took off at 2104 hours on the night of 15 April 1944, to carry out a reconnaissance of shipping between Civitavecchia and Piombino on the west coast of Italy. The aircraft failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 407476 Flt Lt Wickes, D W (Pilot)
RAAF 407249 Flt Lt Napier, K M (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 407488 FO Bowman, A P, MID (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Poulson, S J W (Air Gunner)

In 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

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

400444 Flight Lieutenant WILKINSON, John Hudson DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/178/441 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: PB 249
Radio call sign: OL – C
Unit: 83 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB 249 of 83 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Coningsby, Lincolnshire, at 2021 hours on 29 August 1944 to attack Koningsberg, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Sparks, E N M, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Batchelor, L G (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sqn Ldr Schofield, R H (Navigator)
RAF FO Daniels, J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RCAF FO Pearson, W H (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Lt Richardson, E J C (Air Bomber)
RAAF 400444 Flt Lt Wilkinson, J H, DFC (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Chester, G W (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was established that the aircraft crashed on 30 August 1944 in the vicinity of Zielkeim, 12 miles North West of Koningsberg. Four RAF members and one RCAF member of the crew became POW's, and in a statement by Flt Sgt Chester one of the survivors, he reported that Flt Lt Wilkinson (RAAF), was killed by ack-ack fire before the aircraft crashed. As it was not possible to visit Koningsberg in the Soviet controlled territory of East Prussia to establish the burial places of the Flt Lt Wilkinson (RAAF), Sqn Ldr Schofield (RAF) and Flt Lt Richardson (RAF), it was recorded that they had no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

Citation:

DFC: PO J.H.Wilkinson is an air gunner of great ability and determination who has taken part in a large number of operational sorties, many of which has been against some of Germany's most heavily defended industrial targets. On one occasion in March 1944, when engaged in an attack on Stuttgart, a Junkers 88 attacked his aircraft five times but PO Wilkinson, by his accurate directions to his Captain and his coolly aimed return fire, drove off the enemy aircraft in a badly damaged condition. At all times his unwavering devotion to duty and constant alertness has inspired confidence in his crew.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

424499 Pilot Officer WILLCOX, Arthur Jack

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/471

Aircraft Type: Mitchell
Serial number: FR 376
Radio call sign:
Unit: 111 Operational Trg RCAF

Summary:

Mitchell FR 376 took off from Oakes Field at 2000 hours on a non operational flight on 22 December 1943 with a pupil crew to do a routine 2.5 hour navigational night exercise. A ground test of the radio before take off was the last contact with the aircraft which did not use R/T after take off, and it did not return to base.

The wreck of the aircraft was subsequently discovered in 10 feet of water, seven miles east of Nassau, Bahamas, and about 6.5 miles from the airfield. The aircraft had completely disintegrated, and there was no trace of any survivors. There were strong tides running in the crash area.

Crew:

RAAF 424499 PO Willcox, A J (1st Pilot)
RCAF PO McLean, J C (2nd Pilot)
RCAF FO Frye, D M (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Craig, G F (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RNZAF Flt Sgt Peterson, B N (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Swire, W (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Ottawa Memorial, Canada. The Memorial stands on the north eastern point of Green island in the City of Ottawa, overlooking the Rideau Falls.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

409262 Pilot Officer WILLIAMS, Alan Samuel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 166/43/878 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Tempest

Serial number: EJ 669

Radio call sign:

Unit: ATTD 80 SQN RAF

Summary:

Tempest EJ 669 of 80 Sqn RAF was one of two Tempests which took off during the morning of 25 September 1944 to carry out an armed recce south of the Hague. Flt Lt Wiltshire (RAF) in EJ 650 was the leader of the Section and PO Williams in EJ 669 his No 2. PO Williams was heard to say over his R/T that he was baling out but his position was not clear. Both pilots failed to return from the mission.

Crew:

RAAF 409262 PO Williams, A S (Pilot)

In a 1945 statement obtained from eye witnesses it was reported that on 25/9/1944 two allied aircraft (fighters) flying in an easterly direction were hit by German ack-ack at Steenberg. After a few minutes one crashed in the water near Steenberg, and the other glided towards Battenoord and crashed, with the pilot FO Wiltshire (RAF) baling out about 2.5 miles and landing in the water. He was picked up by the Harbour master and became a German POW.

Following further post war enquiries and investigations it was recorded that PO William had no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

In a later report Flt Lt Wiltshire stated "we were flying over the Dutch islands (Scheldt etc) when I saw two ships. I told Williams to take the 2nd ship and I the leading ship. I made one attack and as there was little or no flak and my No 2 had not apparently done much damage to his ship, I called him on R/T to say we would both attack the second ship. This we did. No flak was fired until I was approx 100 yards from the ship when a pretty heavy screen of light flak was encountered and my A/c caught fire. I pulled up to 800 feet and baled out. Williams would have been 200 yards behind me, and after my chute opened, I could not see any sign of Williams and presumed he must have crashed into the sea near the ship, between the island of Overflakee and the Dutch mainland off Steenberg. Neither the pilot or the aircraft were seen."

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

10963 Flying Officer WILLIAMS, Albert Howard

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/1078

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MP 792
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	78 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Wellington MP 792 of No 78 OTU RAF took off from RAF Station Ein Shemer, Middle East Force, at approx 6pm on 8 January 1945 to carry out a non operational training exercise over the sea, and the aircraft failed to return to base.

Normal radio contact was kept with the aircraft for a time but after 6.35pm no further messages were received, and base could not regain contact. A little later information was received that an aircraft had crashed in the sea. A launch was despatched to carry out a search, and although some aircraft wreckage similar to the missing aircraft type was located, it could not be established if it came from the missing aircraft. Also no trace of the crew could be found.

It was believed that the aircraft came down in the sea approx 3 miles west of Jaffa, Palestine, and that the crew were lost at sea.

Crew:

RAAF 10963 FO Williams, A H (Pilot)
RAAF 428417 FO Fong, G (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 433709 Sgt Barnfield, C E H (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 435057 Flt Sgt Tunnock, A B (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 436254 Flt Sgt Robins, A A (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 430970 Flt Sgt Sandlant, N G (Wireless Operator/Air)

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

409340 Flying Officer WILLIAMS, Eric Owen Stoddart

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/357

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: HZ 811
Radio call sign:
Unit: 150 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Wellington HZ 811 of 150 Sqn RAF was one of a number Squadron aircraft to attack barges and harbour installations at Leghorn, Italy. HZ 811 took off at 1845 hours on 24 September 1943. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base. Leghorn is located on the North West coast of Italy.

Crew:

RAAF 409340 FO Williams, E O S (Pilot)
RAAF 410198 FO West, J D (Navigator)
RAAF 415521 Flt Sgt Godfrey, R R (Navigator)
RAAF 409566 Flt Sgt Meyer, D G (Navigator acting Bombaimer)
RAAF 421059 Flt Sgt Veale, N J (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations when no trace of the missing aircraft or crew was located, it was recorded in 1948 that the crew had lost their lives at sea.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

416053 Flying Officer WILLIAMS, Gilbert Victor DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/43/1003

AWM65, 5383

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: PB 199
Radio call sign: TL – N
Unit: 35 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PB 199 of No 35 (Madras Presidency) Sqn RAF, Path Finder Force, took off at 1321 hours on 29 November 1944 to attack Dortmund, Germany. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF FO Thorpe, J H, DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Simpson, G (Navigator)
RAAF 416053 FO Williams, G V, DFC (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt Mathison, J A (Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt Sgt Turnbull, W (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF PO Wynn, J A (Rear Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Cruikshank, J M (Flight Engineer)

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was recorded that the missing crew had no known grave.

Citation:

DFC: FO G.V. Williams, an air bomber, has completed numerous operations against the enemy, in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

420791 Flying Officer WILLIAMS, Norman John

Source:

NAA: A705, 166t5/43/523

Aircraft Type: Liberator
Serial number: BZ 795
Radio call sign:
Unit: 53 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Liberator BZ 795 of 53 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station St Eval near Wadebridge, Cornwall, at 10.20pm on 3 February 1944 on an anti-sub patrol in the Atlantic Ocean. At 8.11am on the morning of 4 February a signal was received from the aircraft "U Boat sighted". This was in position 45.30N, 0700W in the Bay of Biscay area. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft and it did not return to base. It was presumed that the aircraft was shot down while attacking a U boat.

Crew:

RAAF 416972 Flt Sgt Lewis, J O (Navigator Bombaimer)
RAAF 420791 FO Williams, N J (Navigator)
RAAF 422557 Flt Sgt Hill, S G (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 422163 Flt Sgt Fowler, E J (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF crew members Sgt Patey, Sgt Churchman, Sgt Howard, Flt Lt Bell, Sgt Lidgitt.

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

401086 Flying Officer WILLIAMS, William Kenneth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/64/155 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: R 5636
Radio call sign: OL – K
Unit: 83 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R 5636 of 83 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Scampton, Lincoln, at 2214 hours on 11 June 1942 for a mining operation in the vicinity of the Friesian Islands. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Mackay, P S, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt O'Day, D N (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 401086 FO Williams, W K (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF Sgt Monk, D J (1st Wireless Operator)
RCAF Sgt Clark, T H (2nd Wireless Operator)
RAAF 402411 Sgt Spence, H M (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Melhuish, T W (Rear Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

400666 Squadron Leader WILLS, Richard Agnew DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 163/64/184

AWM65, 5418

Aircraft Type: Beaufighter
Serial number: NE 828
Radio call sign:
Unit: 236 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter NE 828 of 236 Sqn RAF was one of twelve 236 Squadron aircraft which took off on 18 July 1944 from RAF Station North Coates, Lincolnshire, on a Wing anti-shipping strike off Normandy at last light. The target was attacked at 2229 hours. NE 828 was hit by flak and seen to crash into the sea with one engine on fire.

Crew:

RAAF 400666 Sqn Ldr Wills, R A, DFC (Pilot)

RAF FO Sinclair, D I N G (Navigator (W))

The crew were later recorded as having lost their lives at sea.

Citation:

DFC: In March 1944, this officer participated in an attack on a large enemy convoy in the Heligoland Bight. The attack was well executed and pressed home with vigour and the success achieved reflects the greatest credit on the resolute leadership and great skill of Squadron Leader Wills. This officer has completed very many sorties and has rendered much valuable service.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

417031 Flying Officer WILSON, Francis Montague

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/43/552

Aircraft Type: Beaufort
Serial number: ML 444
Radio call sign:
Unit: 1 Torpedo Trg RAF

Summary:

Beaufort ML 444 of No 1 Torpedo Training Unit, RAF took off at 0730 hours on 7 March 1944 from RAF Station Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, via RAF Station Portreath in transit to North Africa. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Sgt Markle, O C (Pilot)
RAAF 417031 FO Wilson, F M (Navigator)
RAF Sgt Brown, P C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Groves, E R (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

In 1948 it was recorded that the missing crew who had lost their lives, had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

404286 Pilot Officer WINDSOR, Gerard Patrick

Source:

NAA: A705, 163/178/326

Aircraft Type: Beaufighter
Serial number: T 4667
Radio call sign:
Unit: 248 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter T 4667 of 248 Sqn RAF took off at 0900 hours on 25 May 1942 from the Squadron detachment at Sumburgh to carry out a reconnaissance of the Norwegian coast. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 404286 PO Windsor, G P (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Gwynn, D W (Wireless Operator/Observer)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew were lost at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

425800 Flight Lieutenant WITHAM, Reginald Ronald DFC

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/43/1001

AWM65, 5457

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	LK 151
Radio call sign:	NF – E
Unit:	138 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Stirling LK 151 of 138 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Tempsford, near Sandy, Bedfordshire, on 27 November 1944, on a special mission to drop supplies to the Danish resistance and an agent, at a position 13 kms east north east of Assens. The drop position was 55.17N, 1006E, approx 2kms north of Glamsbjerg on the Danish Isle of Fyn.

The drop was successfully completed, but there were no further messages from the aircraft and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 425800 Flt Lt Witham, R R, DFC, Captain (Pilot)

RCAF FO McHale, T P (Navigator)

RAAF 423263 FO Slinn, G H B (Air Bomber)

RAF PO Elleman, C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

RAF Flt Sgt Naylor, K (Air Gunner)

RAF Flt Sgt Bedgood, A H (Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt Berrett, R H (Flight Engineer)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had no known grave.

Citation:

DFC: Flt Lt Witham of 138 Sqn RAF has completed numerous operations against the enemy in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

423391 Flying Officer WONDERS, Ronald Reay

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/44/48

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: PD 326
Radio call sign: VN -
Unit: 50 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster PD 326 of 50 Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Skellingthorpe Lincolnshire, at 2220 hours on 28 October 1944 to attack U boat pens at Bergen, Norway. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 423391 FO Wonders, R R, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Fearnley, J (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 436054 Flt Sgt Minchin, V H (Navigator)
RAAF 417821 Flt Sgt Earle, H M (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Chaloner, G (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Foster, D R (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Kenyon, R (Rear Gunner)

With no trace of the missing aircraft or crew being found following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had no known grave.

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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

403704 Flight Lieutenant WOOD, Ian Milne

Sources:

NAA: A705, 166/44/43

AWM65, 5471

Aircraft Type: Lancaster
Serial number: ED 331
Radio call sign: KM – Z
Unit: 44 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Lancaster ED 331 of 44 (Rhodesia) Sqn RAF took off from RAF Station Dunholme Lodge, Lincoln, at 2223 hours on 12 July 1943 to attack Turin, Italy. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RAF Wing Cdr Nettleton, J D, VC, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Ludlow, A R (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt Money, J E (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Seager, D E A (Navigator)
RAF FO Juniper, K S (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Lt Cramp, D (Wireless Operator/Air Ginner)
RAAF 403704 Flt Lt Wood, I M (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF PO Calcutt, F I (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had no known grave.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

412046 Pilot Officer WOOLCOTT, Edmund Legh

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/44/100

Aircraft Type: Halifax
Serial number: HX 175
Radio call sign:
Unit: 502 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Halifax HX 175 of 502 (Ulster) Sqn RAF took off from RAAF Station St David's, near Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, at 1721 hours on 5 February 1944 on an anti U boat patrol. The aircraft was due back at 0351 hours on the 6th February, but nothing further was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Culling-Mannix, P T, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF FO Geldart, D E (Pilot)
RAAF 412046 PO Woolcott, E L (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAF WO Beaton, S (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Sgt Ostler, C (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
RAF WO Fahey, M J (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF FO Williamson, D T (Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt Botsford, L N (Flight Engineer)

Following further enquiries and investigations it was recorded in 1949 that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.

RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT IN ROYAL AIR FORCE
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NO KNOWN GRAVE.

422902 Flying Officer YORKSTON, Gordon Cameron

Source:

NAA: A705, 166/45/103

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: FK 739
Radio call sign:
Unit: 251 Sqn RAF

Summary:

Hudson FK 739 of 251 Sqn RAF was detailed on 17 March 1945 to carry out a meteorological reconnaissance in the North Atlantic ocean from RAF Station Reykjavik, Iceland, in an area between 61.40N and 63.30N, and 24deg W and 26 Deg W.

The aircraft took off just after midnight and was in contact with base for the major part of the sortie, but on the return flight just after dawn, when about 1 hour to 1.10 hours out from base, all communications from the aircraft ceased.

Searches were carried out by aircraft in the following days but without success.

Crew:

RAF FO Hughes, W A (Pilot)
RAF FO Evans, W T (Navigator/Bombaimer)
RAAF 430310 FO McDonald, E H (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAAF 422902 FO Yorkston, G C (Wireless Operator/Air)
RAF Fielding, R A (Meteorologist, Air Gunner)

In 1949 it was recorded that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea.