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

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Alan Storr. A WW2 photo of the Author

RAAF WW2 FATALITIES BY CATEGORIES

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

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REFERENCE SOURCES :

Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Print Outs.

AWM 237 (65) RAAF WW2 Fatalities by Squadrons

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

AWM 65 () Citations held by Australian War Memorial

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Veteran Affairs Nominal Roll 1939-1947 RAAF members .

Commonwealth War Graves records.

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SECOND WORLD WAR OVERVIEW : ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Source : Veteran's Affairs World War 2 Nominal Roll

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

comprising

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

and

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

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

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

402455 Sergeant ALLSOP, Richard Wyke

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/153/20 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 786
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 (C) Op Training RAF

Summary:

Hudson AM786 on 28th December 1941, crashed and burnt out while engaged on a practice bombing flight. The aircraft crashed at 11.12am at Waybridge Farm, 1.5 miles from Maryport, Cumberland, UK. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 402452 Sgt H Puusepp, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400722 Sgt R G Luke, (Observer)
RAAF 402455 Sgt R W Allsop, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 400487 Sgt G I D Backhouse, (Wireless Air Gunner)

In a report on the flying accident, the Wg Cdr No 1 (C) Op Training stated “ It may be an error on the part of the Pilot, who allowed his engines to run cold.”

Sgt’s Puusepp, Luke and Backhouse are buried in the Silloth (Causewayhead) Cemetery, Holme Low, UK

Sgt Allsop is buried in the Aderley Edge Cemetery, UK.

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

400452 Pilot Officer ANDERSON, David Campbell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA A705, 163/22/118 Commonwealth War Graves record

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	V 9127
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD NO I OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hudson V9127 took off from RAF Honeybourne on 10th February 1942, detailed to carry out a non-operational navigation exercise. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off, and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 400452 PO Anderson, D C Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt G R Duncan, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J Harker, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Hodgson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 1.30pm on 10th February 1942 near Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire, UK, and all the crew were killed.

A Flying Accident Report stated “ A possible cause of the crash was bad weather condition with the pilot flying at low altitude in hilly conditions.”

PO Anderson and Flt Sgt Duncan are buried in the Aberstwyth Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Harker is buried in the Hebdon (St Peter0 Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Hodgson is buried in the Norton Cemetery, UK.

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

400487 Sergeant BACKHOUSE, Gerald Ian Dacres

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/153/20 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 786
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 (C) Op Training RAF

Summary:

Hudson AM786 on 28th December 1941, crashed and burnt out while engaged on a practice bombing flight. The aircraft crashed at 11.12am at Waybridge Farm, 1.5 miles from Maryport, Cumberland, UK. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 402452 Sgt H Puusepp, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400722 Sgt R G Luke, (Observer)
RAAF 402455 Sgt R W Allsop, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 400487 Sgt G I D Backhouse, (Wireless Air Gunner)

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

12414 Sergeant DAWSON, Peter Hamilton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/252 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 636
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 (C) Op Trg RAF

Summary

Hudson AM636 took off on 25th August 1942, detailed to carry out a non-operational day bombing exercise on the bombing range. The aircraft crashed at 1610 hours in Solway Firth, Cumberland, and all the crew were killed

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated “ At 1610 hours AM636 was seen to drop bombs on the range and at the same time a message was received at base from the aircraft. Later it was reported that a crash had been heard out to sea and an Air/Sea search was instituted. A tunic marked with the Pilot’s name on was recovered.

At the time the flight was authorised the weather conditions were suitable, with rain squalls in between periods of fair weather. The Pupil Pilot had been instructed to return to base if rain interfered The Instructor Pilot had been flying to get first hand information of weather conditions generally, and had flown over the range ay 1555 hours to watch the Pupil’s progress. Both the weather and the pilots attacks were satisfactory.”

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Crew:

RAAF 12414 Sgt P H Dawson, (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Cowie, (Pupil Observer)
RCAF Flt Sgt H R McMillan, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt C L Randall,(Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt R D McKenzie, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Dawson and Sgt Cowie have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

Flt Sgt McMillan and Sgt Randall are buried in the Annan Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt McKenzie is buried in the Silloth (Causeway Head) Cemetery, Holme Low, UK.

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

400722 Sergeant LUKE, Robert Gillespie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/153/20 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 786
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 (C) Op Training RAF

Summary:

Hudson AM786 on 28th December 1941, crashed and burnt out while engaged on a practice bombing flight. The aircraft crashed at 11.12am at Waybridge Farm, 1.5 miles from Maryport, Cumberland, UK. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 402452 Sgt H Puusepp, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400722 Sgt R G Luke, (Observer)
RAAF 402455 Sgt R W Allsop, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 400487 Sgt G I D Backhouse, (Wireless Air Gunner)

In a report on the flying accident, the Wg Cdr No 1 (C) Op Training stated “ It may be an error on the part of the Pilot, who allowed his engines to run cold.”

Sgt’s Puusepp, Luke and Backhouse are buried in the Silloth (Causewayhead) Cemetery, Holme Low, UK

Sgt Allsop is buried in the Aderley Edge Cemetery, UK.

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

402168 Sergeant O'DONNELL, Colin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/148/120 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	P 4971
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Op Training RAF

Summary:

Whitley P4971 took off from RAF Station Silloth at 1405 hours on 16th July 1941, for dual instruction purposes. The aircraft crashed at 1415 hours when visibility was 20 miles, with 5/10ths cloud at 2500 feet. Two of the crew were killed in the accident and four were injured.

A Court of Inquiry reported that : “ In its opinion the cause of the accident was the presence of a bolt in the aileron locking slot causing the Pilot to lose control of the aircraft. A subsidiary cause is that the Pilot failed to test his controls before the flight “

The Air Cdr Commanding No 17 Group stated : “The following points emerge which are directly relevant to the crash.

- the aileron controls were locked (see evidence by witnesses)
- they can only have been locked by LAC Milliken (see his own evidence)
- It was the duty of LAC Milliken to unlock them again before flight, but there were certain extenuating circumstances surrounding this omission (See Milliken's evidence) .
- the omission would have been discovered by the Pilot before the flight, if he had tested his controls in the normal manner and as laid down. The accident is attributed to the omissions of the PO Jordan and LAC Milliken, and each appears equally to blame.”

Crew:

RAF	FO Jordan, J E (1 st Pilot Instructor)	Seriously Injured
RAAF	402168 Sgt C O'Donnell, (Pupil Pilot)	Seriously Injured*
RAAF	400164 Sgt A B Whitbourne, (Pilot) PAX	Killed
RAF	Sgt A H Green (Wireless Air Gunner) PAX	Killed
RAF	Sgt R N Lord, PAX	Uninjured
RAF	Sgt J Davis, PAX	Slightly Injured

* Died of injuries on 11/8/1941

Both Sgt's O'Donnell and Whitbourne are buried in the Silloth (Causeway Head) Cemetery. Holme Low, UK.

Sgt Green is buried in the Kidderminster (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK.

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

402452 Sergeant PUUSEPP, Harold

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/153/20 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 786
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 (C) Op Training RAF

Summary:

Hudson AM786 on 28th December 1941, crashed and burnt out while engaged on a practice bombing flight. The aircraft crashed at 11.12am at Waybridge Farm, 1.5 miles from Maryport, Cumberland, UK. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 402452 Sgt H Puusepp, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400722 Sgt R G Luke, (Observer)
RAAF 402455 Sgt R W Allsop, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 400487 Sgt G I D Backhouse, (Wireless Air Gunner)

In a report on the flying accident, the Wg Cdr No 1 (C) Op Training stated “ It may be an error on the part of the Pilot, who allowed his engines to run cold.”

Sgt's Puusepp, Luke and Backhouse are buried in the Silloth (Causewayhead) Cemetery, Holme Low, UK

Sgt Allsop is buried in the Aderley Edge Cemetery, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403018 Pilot Officer ROLLASON, Richard William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 163/136/147 163/125/147 Commonwealth War Graves Records.

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 794
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 (C) Op Training RAF

Summary:

Hudson AM 794 of No 1 Conversion Operational Training Unit RAF, took off on an operational navigation exercise training flight on 24 May 1942. The last radio contact with AM 794 was at 1320 hours. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after that and it did not return to base from the exercise.

Crew:

RAAF 401130 Sgt Laurie, R McG (Pilot)
RAF Sgt King G T (Observer)
RAAF 403018 PO Rollason, R W (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAAF 401380 Sgt Irvine, F J (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)

AM 794 was last seen by the 2nd Officer of SS Hythe to spin into the Irish Sea whilst turning at a height of 500 feet and burst into flames. A search boat from the SS Hythe failed to recover three bodies which were seen. Messages were received earlier from the aircraft which indicated that the port engine was overheating, but it was considered that the primary cause of the accident was due to the aircraft stalling while turning.

The remains of PO Rollason were recovered from the Irish Sea on 24 June 1942. He is buried in the Haverigg (St Luke) Churchyard, Millom, Cumberland, UK.

The other three missing crew members were recorded as having lost their lives at sea. Their names commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

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

416368 Sergeant RYAN, Leo Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/9 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	N 7308
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hudson N7308 took off from RAF Silloth on 4th January 1943, detailed to carry out solo practice including single engine flying. The aircraft crashed at 1028 hours at Green Point Ranges, in Silloth Cumberland.

Crew:

RAAF 406544 Sgt D J Wearne, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 416368 Sgt L F Ryan, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF PO Hall, R D (

Sgt's Wearne and Ryan are buried in the Silloth (Causewayhead) Cemetery, Home Low, UK Commonwealth War Graves records do not reveal whether PO Hall was killed or survived the crash.

A Report into the accident, the Wg Cdr RAF Silloth stated : “ I commenced giving Wearne a check dual on Hudson N7308 previous to him flying solo. The behaviour of the aircraft was normal in every way. After about one hours flying I authorised Wearne to carry out various solo practices including single engine flying. I am quite satisfied that this pilot was quite competent to carry out the practices detailed. The pupil was a good average pilot who had been flying quite well that morning.

I consider that the faulty handling of the engine controls referred to by the Investigating Officer caused the Pilot to pay too much attention to the engines, and not enough to the flying of the aircraft. with the result that the pilot stalled the aircraft and ‘spun in’.

The Air Cdre Group Commander stated “ I do not agree with the findings of the Investigating Officer, as there is no evidence to justify the assumption that the cause of the accident was ‘due to the faulty handling of the engine controls.’ In my opinion the accident was caused by engine failure but the reason for the failure must remain a mystery.”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409233 Sergeant SHARPLEY, Jack Clarence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/27 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 832
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 (C) Op Trg Raf

Summary:

Hudson AM832 crashed at 0030 hours on the 4th February 1942, during a non-operational night navigation exercise. The aircraft crashed at Bedggelert Ridge approx 15 miles south of Carnarvonshire, when it hit a mountainside at an altitude of 2300 feet. All the crew were killed.

The aircraft set course at 2201 hours on 3rd February, and the estimated time of return was 0040 hours on 4th February. The last contact with the aircraft was at 0010 hours when a QDM 043 degrees was passed, together with signal X665.

Crew:

RAF Sgt R J Bennett Captain (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 402933 Sgt J C Sharpley, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt S J Meddings, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A W Peach, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sgt Bennett is buried in the Enfield (Lavender Hill) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Sharpley is buried in the Llanbeblig Public Cemetery, Caernarfon, UK.

Sgt Meddings is buried in the East London Cemetery, Plaistow, UK.

Sgt Peach is buried in the Mortlake Cemetery, UK.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident reported that : “ In our opinion the cause of the accident was faulty navigation resulting in an aircraft flying to a position approx 60 miles south of its intended turning point at Kish Lt. W/T facilities for checking the position do not appear to have been initiated at all apart from obtaining the one QDM. The aircraft was airborne at 2201 hours and using still air conditions should have turned at Kish Lt at 2306 hours. In actual fact it will be seen that it did not make this turn until 2342 hours ie. 36 minutes late. He stayed on the leg from South Rock to Kish Lt for a period of one hour instead of 31 minutes.

The aircraft after leaving its estimated position at Kish Lt lost height and apparently obeyed the QDM which was passed as a weak signal and should have been treated with caution. It crashed on a mountain side at approx 2300 feet causing the death of the crew and the complete destruction of the aircraft.”

The Grp Capt.CO RAF Silloth stated “ The cause of the accident remains obscure, but the findings of faulty navigation recorded by the Court is not an unlikely reason for the accident.”

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

403452 Sergeant TAYLOR, Mervyn Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/112/114 163/165/86 Digitised
Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type: Hudson
Serial number: AM 699
Radio call sign:
Unit: 1 (C) OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hudson AM699 of No 1 Operational Training Unit RAF was reported missing on a night navigation operational training flight from RAF Silloth on 25 March 1942. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it did not return to base.

A crash in Solway Channel was reported almost immediately by the Royal Observer Corps. Searches failed to find any wreckage or survivors but the body of Sgt Taylor was recovered 24 hours later.

It was considered at the time that there may have been a collision with another aircraft which was granted permission to land shortly after AM 699 took off. The second aircraft did not however land and it was also reported missing.

Crew:

RAAF 403044 Sgt P.Field, Pilot.
RAF Sgt J.Oldknow, Observer.
RAAF 405151 Sgt T.Essam, Wireless Operator Air Gunner.
RAAF 403452 Sgt M.C.Taylor, Wireless Operator Air Gunner.

Sgt Taylor was interred in Silloth (Causewayhead) Cemetery, Holme Low UK. Silloth a seaport town on the Solway Firth, is the port of Carlisle which lies 23 miles inland. The remaining three missing crew members are recorded as having lost their lives at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

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

408544 Sergeant WEARNE, Douglas John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/9 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	N 7308
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hudson N7308 took off from RAF Silloth on 4th January 1943, detailed to carry out solo practice including single engine flying. The aircraft crashed at 1028 hours at Green Point Ranges, in Silloth Cumberland.

Crew:

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

400164 Sergeant WHITBOURNE, Arthur Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/148/120 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	P 4971
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Op Training RAF

Summary:

Whitley P4971 took off from RAF Station Silloth at 1405 hours on 16th July 1941, for dual instruction purposes. The aircraft crashed at 1415 hours when visibility was 20 miles, with 5/10ths cloud at 2500 feet. Two of the crew were killed in the accident and four were injured.

A Court of Inquiry reported that : “ In its opinion the cause of the accident was the presence of a bolt in the aileron locking slot causing the Pilot to lose control of the aircraft. A subsidiary cause is that the Pilot failed to test his controls before the flight “

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- they can only have been locked by LAC Milliken (see his own evidence)
- It was the duty of LAC Milliken to unlock them again before flight, but there were certain extenuating circumstances surrounding this omission (See Milliken’s evidence) .
- the omission would have been discovered by the Pilot before the flight, if he had tested his controls in the normal manner and as laid down. The accident is attributed to the omissions of the PO Jordan and LAC Milliken, and each appears equally to blame.”

Crew:

RAF	FO Jordan, J E (1 st Pilot Instructor)	Seriously Injured
RAAF	402168 Sgt C O'Donnell, (Pupil Pilot)	Seriously Injured*
RAAF	400164 Sgt A B Whitbourne (Pilot) PAX	Killed
RAF	Sgt A H Green (Wireless Air Gunner)PAX	Killed
RAF	Sgt R N Lord, PAX	Uninjured
RAF	Sgt J Davis, PAX	Slightly Injured

* Died of injuries on 11/8/1941

Both Sgt's O'Donnell and Whitbourne are buried in the Silloth (Causeway Head) Cemetery. Holme Low, UK.

Sgt Green is buried in the Kidderminster (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK.

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

416333 Flight Sergeant BURTON, John Raymond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 : 166/6/302 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 256, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	BD 280
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 10 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Whitley BD280 took off from RAF Stanton Harcourt at 1840 hours on the 20th October 1943, detailed to carry out a night cross country training exercise. When the port engine failed the crew were obliged to make an emergency landing and while doing so at 2330 hours on the 20th October, the bomber stalled at the Pilot tried to avoid a line of high tension cables. Out of control, the aircraft smashed into the ground at Vicarage Farm, a mile or so NNW from the village of Ivinghoe, six miles ENE of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, UK. Four of the crew were killed in the crash and Sgt Smart was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 416333 Flt Sgt J R Burton, Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO I K Nicoll, (Navigator U/T)
RAF PO Sibley, L R V (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D R Burton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A E Smart, (Air Gunner)

Both Flt Sgt J R Burton and WO Nicoll are buried in the Oxford (Bottley) Cemetery, UK.
PO Sibley is buried in the Olney Cemetery, UK.
Sgt D R Burton is buried in the Sheffield (Shiregreen) Cemetery, UK.

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

413362 Flight Sergeant CLARKE, Kenneth Roy

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/140 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page , Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Whitley V
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	- X
Unit:	ATTD 10 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

The aircraft took off from RAF St Eval at 0856 hours on 5th July 1943, detailed to carry out an anti submarine patrol over the Bay of Biscay. The aircraft was scheduled to return at 1740 hours. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 413362 Flt Sgt K R Clarke, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Newman J P (Pilot)
RAF Sgt N Allen, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt H J J Neve, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E W White, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt L G Stewart, (Air Gunner)

All the crew lost their lives and five of them are buried in the Plouguerneau Communal Cemetery, France. Plouguerneau is a village and commune 24kms north of Brest.
Sgt White has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

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

405176 Flying Officer FINCH, Ronald James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/32/99 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947
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Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	AD 706
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 10 OP TRG RAF

Summary:

Whitley AD706 took off from RAF Abingdon on 17th April 1942, detailed to carry out a night navigation training exercise. The crew returned safely to base but were obliged to overshoot the runway and re-enter the circuit. While doing so the aircraft stalled at 150 feet and before control could be regained, the aircraft hit the ground with such force that it bounced high into the air, and crashed at 0208 hours bursting into flames. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 405176 FO Finch, R J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D J H Mott, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C J Scattergood, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G Penman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T E A O'Coy, (

FO Finch and Sgt's Scattergood and O'Coy are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, UK. Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

Sgt Mott is buried in the Bristol (Canford) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Penman is buried in the Leeds (Cottingley) Hall) Cemetery, UK.

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

410236 Flight Sergeant INGRAM, Letser Neil

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/19/10 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947
Page214, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	N 1374
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 10 OPERATIONAL TRG RAF

Summary:

Whitley N1374 took off from RAF Abington at 2348 hours on 22nd April 1943, detailed to carry out a night training exercise. The aircraft was reported to have stalled at 500 feet, and crashed at 2350 hours a mile north west of Longworth, and 8 miles NNW of Wantage, Berkshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF FO Moore, R V Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Hetherington, S (Pilot U/T)
RAF PO Stock, R W S (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt W L White, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 410236 Flt Sgt L N Ingram, (Pupil Air Gunner)

FO Moore and Flt Sgt Ingram are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, UK
Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

FO Hetherington is in the Liverpool (Anfield) Crematorium.

PO Stock is buried in the Tottenham Cemetery, UK.

Sgt White is buried in the Thurrock (Grays) New Cemetery, UK.

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

400069 Sergeant NEAL, John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/147/104 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947 Page 60, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Anson
Serial number:	N 5070
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 10 OPERATIONAL TRG RAF

Summary:

AnsonN5070 took off from RAF Abingdon on the 22nd July 1941, detailed to carry out a night navigational training exercise. The aircraft crashed at around 0330 hours on high ground approx one mile north west of Westbury, Wiltshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Carter J E MID Captain (Pilot) OC of B Flight
 RAF Sgt F Corlett, DFM (Observer)
 RAAF 400069 Sgt J Neal (Observer)
 RAF Flt Sgt E R Lines, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt T E Comins, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Lt Carter is buried in the Herne Bay Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Neal, Flt Sgt Lines and Sgt Comins are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, UK. Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

Sgt Corlett is buried in the Kirk Maughold (St Maughold) Churchyard, UK.

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

413426 Flight Sergeant REDWAY, Thomas Edward Nagle

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA L A705, 1616/35/101 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 235, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	BD 276
Radio call sign:	- S
Unit:	ATTD 10 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Whitley BD276 took off from St Eval at 0551 hours on the 16th July 1943, detailed to carry out an antri submarine patrol over the Bay of Biscay. At 1310 hours a signal was received from the aircraft "MTB1 early 60 minutes". At 0408 the aircraft touched down , but ballooned back into the air and before the situation could be remedied the bomber crashed into a parked Hampden belonging to No 1404 Meteorological Flight,. In the explosion that followed another of the Flight's Hampden was destroyed.

Five of those on board were killed in the accident and Sgt's Munday and Stemkoski were injured.

Crew :

RAAF 413426 Flt Sgt T E N Redway, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Kirby, (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt J S Ogilvy, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt G C Wilkinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C E Munday, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P Stemkoski (Air Gunner)
RAF AC2 L W M James,

Both Flt Sgt's Redway and Ogilvy are buried in the Bath (Haycombe) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Kirby is buried in the North Ferriby (All Saints) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Wilkinson is buried in the Faversham Borough Cemetery, UK.

AC2 James is buried in the St Columb Major Cemetery, UK. W R Chorley states that although no mention is made of James in the unit records, it was strongly suspected that he died in the accident.

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

30005 Flying Officer RICHARDS, Austin Oliver George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/35/55 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
Page 214, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	P 4989
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 10 OPERATIONAL TRG RAF

Summary:

Whitley P4989 flown by FO Richards, took off from RAF Abingdon at 2120 hours on the night of 19/20th April 1943 for a night cross country training exercise. It was believed that the pitot tube became partially iced over giving rise to erratic air speed readings. The aircraft stalled and crashed at 0130 hours at Horton, 3 miles north east of Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire, UK.

Crew:

RAAF 30005 FO Richards, A O G (Pilot)

FO Richards is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, UK. Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

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

417433 Flight Sergeant TUCKER, Jack Charleton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/73 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947
Page 243, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	EB 358
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD NO 10 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Whitley EB358 took off from RAF Abingdon on 28th August 1943 for a night cross country training flight. It was strongly suspected that the aircraft exploded at approx 0045 hours on 28th August 1943, scattering debris over a wide area some 2 miles south of Great Wilbraham and 5 miles east from the centre of Cambridge, UK. All the crew lost their lives.

Crew:

RAF Sgt H M Male, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Coupe, (Navigator)
RAAF 417433 Flt Sgt J C Tucker, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R F Higgs, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E W Fitch, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Male is buried in the Townsend Cemetery, Crewkerne, UK.

Sgt Coupe is buried in the Marske-in-Cleveland (St Germain) Churchyard, UK.

Flt Sgt Tucker and Sgt Higgs are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

Sgt Fisk is buried in the Rayleigh Cemetery, UK.

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

402687 Sergeant WILLIAMS, Eric Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/278/3353 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947
Page127, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	P 4944
Radio call sign:	- A
Unit:	ATTD 10 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Whitley P4944 took off from RAF Abingdon at 2252 hours on the night of 25/26th June 1942, detailed to bomb Bremen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after takeoff and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 402687 Sgt E D Williams, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G M Murphy, (Observer)
RAF Sgt L N Reynolds, (Air Bombe)
RCAF WO2 G L Wilkinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt F C House, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed. Both Sgt Williams and WO2 Wilkinson are buried in the Hamburg Cemetery Germany. The War Cemetery at Hamburg is located within a large civil cemetery known locally as the "Ohlsdorf Cemetery"

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

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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429413 Flying Officer ANGUS, Ian Mckenzie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 : 166/3/257 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 375
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington HZ375 took off on 30th July 1944, to carry out a non-operational day flying training exercise together with a cine camera gun. The aircraft was on the cine gun exercise and was pulling out of shallow dive. The port wing was seen to come adrift from the fuselage and also the starboard wing appeared to break away from the fuselage. The aircraft went down in a steep dive in and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Macadam, L E DFM (Captain (Pilot))
RAAF 4229413 FO Angus, I McK (Pupil Pilot)
RAF PO Taylor, R J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 427015 Flt Sgt N L Newbey, ((Wireless Operator Air))
RAF Sgt T Aspin, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt R T Ankers, (Rear Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt S Brown, DFM (Staff Air Gunner)
RAF ATC Cadet Sgt F T Harris,

Flt Lt Macadam is buried in the Southport (Birkdale) Roman Catholic Cemetery, UK.
FO Angus and Flt Sgt Newbey are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
PO Taylor is buried in the Plymouth (Weston Mill) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Aspin is buried in the Newbiggin (St Bartholomew) Churchyard, UK,
Sgt Ankers is buried in the Manchester (Philips Park)Cemetery, UK.
Flt Sgt Brown is buried in the Leicester (Welford Road) Cemetery, UK.
Commonwealth War Graves do not record where ATC Cadet Harris is buried.

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

424135 Sergeant BARBOUR, Donald Crosbie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A795, 166/5/351 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	11 OP TRAINING RAF)

Summary:

Sgt Barbour (a Pupil Air Bomber) died of injuries in a ground accident on 30th November 1943. He is buried at the Reading (Henley Road) Cemetery, UK.

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402103 Pilot Officer BOLER, Herbert Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/24/124 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 47, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	L 4302
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington L4302 took off from RAF Steeple Morden at for dual circuits hours on the night of 19th April 1941. The aircraft was observed to be making an extremely low approach when, suddenly, the nose pitched up and the aircraft stalled and crashed at 0215 hours at Abington Pigotts, 4 miles north west of Royston, Cambridgeshire, UK.

Crew:

RAAF 402103 PO Boler, H H (Pilot)

RAF Sgt F Fulford, (Pilot)

Both Pilots were killed and they are buried in the Bassingbourn cum Kneeworth Cemetery, UK.

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408069 Sergeant BUTLER, Kennethy Herbert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 163/94/156 : Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page 84,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1149
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington R1149 took off from RAF Bassingbourn on the 15th November 1941 for a night training exercise. The aircraft stalled while preparing to land and crashed at 2233 hours near Kenilworth, 11 miles south west of Cambridge, UK. Visibility at the time of the crash was extremely poor. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Adkin was injured.

Crew:

RCAF Sgt H A Leopold, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt J W Early, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G Adkin, (Observer)
RAF Sgt A G Arnold, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E H Jaques, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408069 Sgt K H Butler, (Air Gunner)

Sgt's Leopold, Early and Butler are buried in the Bassingbourn cum Kneesworth Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Arnold is buried in the Upton-cum-Chalvey (St Mary) Churchyard, Slough, UK.

Sgt Jaques is buried in the Sheffield (Abbey Lane) Cemetery, UK.

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

424119 Sergeant CLIFFORD, Ronald John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 : 166/7/195 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page 245,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1451
Radio call sign:	TX – O
Unit:	ATTD 11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington R1451 took off from RAF Westcott on 2nd September 1943 for a night bombing training exercise. The aircraft crashed at 2145 hours between Knightsbridge Farm and Model Farm to the west of Pyrton, a small village less than a mile north of Watlington, Oxfordshire. All the crew of five were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 420272 Flt Sgt S G Rickersey, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 422640 Flt Sgt K G Fitzgerald, (Navigator)
RAAF 425166 PO Johnston, S M (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P W Nixon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 424119 Sgt R J Clifford (Air Gunner)

The four RAAF members are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Nixon is buried in the Galloon (St Congall) Church of Ireland, Churchyard, Northern Ireland.

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

422640 Flight Sergeant FITZGERALD, Kenneth George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 : 166/7/195 1166/13/122 Digitised
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
Operational Training Units, Page 245, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1451
Radio call sign:	TX – O
Unit:	ATTD 11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington R1451 took off from RAF Westcott on 2nd September 1943 for a night bombing training exercise. The aircraft crashed at 2145 hours between Knightsbridge Farm and Model Farm to the west of Pyrton, a small village less than a mile north of Watlington, Oxfordshire. All the crew of five were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 420272 Flt Sgt S G Rickersey, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 422640 Flt Sgt K G Fitzgerald, (Navigator)
RAAF 425166 PO Johnston, S M (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P W Nixon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 424119 Sgt R J Clifford (Air Gunner)

The four RAAF members are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Nixon is buried in the Galloon (St Congall) Church of Ireland, Churchyard, Northern Ireland.

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407557 Sergeant FOOTE, Arthur James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/113/165 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 98, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9905
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington X9905 took off from RAF Steeple Morden at 1827 hours on the night of 10th February 1942, detailed to carry out a night cross-country training exercise. By about 2035 hours, the crew were in extreme difficulties and while trying to plot their position the aircraft crashed in the Harrow Green Leytonstone district of northeast London. A typed manuscript of the aircraft's wireless log has been retained in Air 29 644 Appendix D59. All the crew were killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAF Sgt W Mance, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J S Taylor, (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt H E Jowett, (Observer)
RAF Sgt A C E Rogers, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A W Ford, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 407557 Sgt A J Foote, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Mance is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery. UK.

Sgt Taylor is buried in the Haigh (St David) Churchyard, UK.

Flt Sgt Jowett and Sgt's Rogers, Ford and Foote are buried in the Bassingbourn cum Kneeworth Cemetery, UK.

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425166 Pilot Officer JOHNSTON, Stanley Maxwell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 : 166/7/195 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page 245,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1451
Radio call sign:	TX – O
Unit:	ATTD 11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington R1451 took off from RAF Westcott on 2nd September 1943 for a night bombing training exercise. The aircraft crashed at 2145 hours between Knightsbridge Farm and Model Farm to the west of Pyrton, a small village less than a mile north of Watlington, Oxfordshire. All the crew of five were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 420272 Flt Sgt S G Rickersey, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 422640 Flt Sgt K G Fitzgerald, (Navigator)
RAAF 425166 PO Johnston, S M (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P W Nixon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 424119 Sgt R J Clifford (Air Gunner)

The four RAAF members are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Nixon is buried in the Galloon (St Congall) Church of Ireland, Churchyard, Northern Ireland.

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408658 Flying Officer LYON, James Henry Scott DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/127 AWM 65 (3265)
Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
Operational Training Units 1939-1947, Page 281, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 660
Radio call sign:	KJ – O
Unit:	11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN660 took off from RAF Westcott 15th March 1944 for a night cross country training exercise. the aircraft crashed at 2235 hours to the east of Quainton, 6 miles north west from Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, after flying into Stirling EH989 of 90 Sqn RAF. All on board LN660 were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 408658 FO Lyon, J H S DFC Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF Flt Sgt D V R Francis, (Pilot)
RNZAF FO Gilbert G H (Navigator)
RAF PO Taylor, R (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt G Hudson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R R Kemp, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R D Barlow, (Air Gunner)
RNZAF Flt Sgt A F Goold, (Air Gunner)

PO Lyon is buried in the Lennel Old Churchyard, Coldstream, Berwickshire, UK
PO Gilbert and Flt Sgt 's Francis and Goold are buried in the Oxford (Bottley) Cemetery, UK.

PO Taylor is buried in the Keighley (Oakworth) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Hudson is buried in the Rotherham (Masborough) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Kemp is buried in the Pentney (St Mary Magdalene) Churchyard UK.

Sgt Barlow is buried in the Birmingham (Brandwood End) Cemetery UK.

Citation :

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

“ The above officer has completed, in various capacities, many successful operations against the enemy, in which he has displayed high skill, fortitude and devotion to duty.”.
Gazetted 10/12/1943.

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424775 Flight Sergeant MARDEN, John Barrymore

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/27/470 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 300, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LM 172
Radio call sign:	- M
Unit:	ATTD 11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington LM172 took off from RAF Westcott at 2325 hours on the night of 13/14th June 1944, detailed to carry out a night cross country training exercise. Just after an hour into the flight, and possibly while over the Irish Sea, a wireless message was received advising an engine had failed and the aircraft was returning to base. At about 0140 hours on the 14th June an SOS signal was sent and it was believed that soon after the aircraft came down in Cardigan Bay. All the crew lost their lives but subsequently all their bodies were recovered

Crew:

RAAF 424775 Flt Sgt J B Marden, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R F Gray, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt N G Wakefield, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt E Ankers, (Air Bomber)
RNZAF Flt Sgt R S Waring, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L Backhouse, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Key, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Marden is buried in the Chester (Bacon) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Gray is buried in the Mere Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Wakefield is buried in the Birmingham (Handworth) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Ankers is buried in the Wardley (St Mary's) Roman Catholic Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Waring is buried in the Tring Cemetery, UK.

Sgt backhouse is buried in the Tywyn Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Key is buried in the Haughton (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.

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404410 Sergeant McALLISTER, Robert Andrew

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 60, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1334
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington R1334 took off from RAF Steeple Morden on the night of 21/22nd July 1941, detailed to carry out a night cross-country training exercise. The aircraft was destroyed as a result of a mid air collision with an JU88 at 0119 hours on 22nd July over Ashwell, 6 miles north east from the centre of Letchworth, Hertfordshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RCAF Sgt F S Houston, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt W A Hannah, (Pilot)
RAAF 400299 Sgt B C Thompson, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C M S Lewis, (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt J Stewart, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R E Hibbert, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt P T Manning, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404410 Sgt R A McAllister, (Air Gunner)

Sgt's Houston, Thompson, Manning and McAllister are buried in the Bassingbourn cum Kneeworth Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Hannah is buried in the Grimsby (Scarcho Road) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Lewis is buried in the High Bray (All Saints) Churchyard, UK.

Flt Sgt Stewart is buried in the Belfast City Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Hibbert is buried in the Hillingden –Uxbridge Cemetery, UK.

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404636 Sergeant MYLES, William Reginald

Source:

AWM 237 (65 NAA : A705 163/146/91 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page89,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3170
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3170 took off from RAF Bassingbourn on the night of 15th December 1941, to carry out a night cross-country training exercise. While descending at speed, the aircraft flew into the ground at approx 2300 hours on Whittlesey Mere, some 5 miles SSE of Peterborough in Northhamptonshire. The aircraft disintegrated on impact and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RNZAF Sgt A L Sanderson, Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF Sgt D J Dempsey, (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt H B L Gittins, (Observer)
RAF Sgt B L Grove-Palmer, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404636 Sgt W R Myles, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P N Lister, (Air Gunner)

Five of the crew are buried in the Bassingbourn cum Kneeworth Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Lister is buried in the Arnold Cemetery, UK.

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

427015 Flight Sergeant NEWBEY, Norman Lindsay

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 : 166/3/257 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 375
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington HZ375 took off on 30th July 1944, to carry out a non-operational day flying training exercise together with a cine camera gun. The aircraft was on the cine gun exercise and was pulling out of shallow dive. The port wing was seen to come adrift from the fuselage and also the starboard wing appeared to break away from the fuselage. The aircraft went down in a steep dive in and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Macadam, L E DFM (Captain (Pilot))
 RAAF 4229413 FO Angus, I McK (Pupil Pilot)
 RAF PO Taylor, R J (Air Bomber)
 RAAF 427015 Flt Sgt N L Newbey, ((Wireless Operator Air))
 RAF Sgt T Aspin, (Mid Upper Gunner)
 RAF Sgt R T Ankers, (Rear Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt S Brown, DFM (Staff Air Gunner)
 RAF ATC Cadet Sgt F T Harris,

Flt Lt Macadam is buried in the Southport (Birkdale) Roman Catholic Cemetery, UK.
 FO Angus and Flt Sgt Newbey are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
 PO Taylor is buried in the Plymouth (Weston Mill) Cemetery, UK.
 Sgt Aspin is buried in the Newbiggin (St Bartholomew) Churchyard, UK,
 Sgt Ankers is buried in the Manchester (Philips Park)Cemetery, UK.
 Flt Sgt Brown is buried in the Leicester (Welford Road) Cemetery, UK.
 Commonwealth War Graves do not record where ATC Cadet Harris is buried.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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420272 Flight Sergeant RICKERSBY, Sydney George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 : 166/7/195 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page 245,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1451
Radio call sign:	TX – O
Unit:	ATTD 11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington R1451 took off from RAF Westcott on 2nd September 1943 for a night bombing training exercise. The aircraft crashed at 2145 hours between Knightsbridge Farm and Model Farm to the west of Pyrton, a small village less than a mile north of Watlington, Oxfordshire. All the crew of five were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 420272 Flt Sgt S G Rickersey, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 422640 Flt Sgt K G Fitzgerald, (Navigator)
RAAF 425166 PO Johnston, S M (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P W Nixon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 424119 Sgt R J Clifford (Air Gunner)

The four RAAF members are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Nixon is buried in the Galloon (St Congall) Church of Ireland, Churchyard, Northern Ireland.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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400299 Sergeant THOMPSON, Bruce Cathcart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/166/108` Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 60, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1334
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington R1334 took off from RAF Steeple Morden on the night of 21/22nd July 1941, detailed to carry out a night cross-country training exercise. The aircraft was destroyed as a result of a mid air collision with an enemy aircraft at 0119 hours on 22nd July over Ashwell, 6 miles north east from the centre of Letchworth, Hertfordshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RCAF Sgt F S Houston, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt W A Hannah, (Pilot)
RAAF 400299 Sgt B C Thompson, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C M S Lewis, (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt J Stewart, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R E Hibbert, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt P T Manning, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF Sgt R A McAllister, (Air Gunner)

Sgt's Houston, Thompson, Manning and McAllister are buried in the Bassingbourn cum Kneeworth Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Hannah is buried in the Grimsby (Scarcho Road) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Lewis is buried in the High Bray (All Saints) Churchyard, UK.

Flt Sgt Stewart is buried in the Belfast City Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Hibbert is buried in the Hillingden –Uxbridge Cemetery, UK.

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400032 Pilot Officer SHIRTCLIFFE, William John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5852363, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
Page 42, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	L 4276
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 11 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington L4276 took off from RAF Bassingbourn for a demonstration stalling with flaps down in a clean air configuration. The aircraft crashed out of control at approx 1440 hours on 25th February 1941 at Newham, 2miles SSE of Daventry in Northhamptonshire. All on board the aircraft were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt L F De Roeck (Pilot)
RAAF 400032 PO Shirtcliffe, W J (Pilot)
RAF Flt Lt Riddlesworth, A F DFC (Navigator)
RAF AC2 Atkinson (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF AC2 F J Holdstock,

PO Shirtcliffe and Sgt De Roeck are buried in the Bassingbourn cum Kneeworth Cemetery, UK.

Flt Lt Riddlesworth is buried in the Southport (Duke St) Cemetery, UK.

AC2 Atkinson is buried in the Bradford (Bowling) Cemetery, UK.

Commonwealth War Graves do not record where AC2 Holdstock is buried.

Flt Lt Riddleworth is buried in the

Both PO Shirtcliffe and Sgt De Roeck are buried in the Bassingbourn cum Kneeworth Cemetery, UK.

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426871 Sergeant GEHRMANN, Kenneth Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/132 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page 256,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1717
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 12 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z1717 took off from RAF Chipping Warden on 20th October 1943, for a night training flight. The aircraft overshot the airfield, climbed to around 1000 feet, rolled over, and crashed at 2254 hours near Culworth, 16 miles north west of Northampton. In hitting the ground the bomber was engulfed in flames. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt Z W C Dekkers, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D A R Colegate, (Navigator)
RCAF FO Newel, W D (Air Bomber)
RAAF 426871 Sgt K J Gehrman, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sgt's Dekkers and Colegate are buried in Banbury Cemetery, UK.

FO Newel and Sgt Gehrman are buried in the Oxford (Bottley) Cemetery, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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416761 Flight Sergeant GRIFFITH, Hugh Phillip

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/16/108 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page 227,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1721
Radio call sign:	- W
Unit:	ATTD 12 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z1721 took off from RAF Chipping Warden at 0323 hours on the 16th June 1943, detailed to carry out a night training exercise. The aircraft exploded 15 minutes later at Broomhill Farm, near Edgehill airfield. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 416761 Flt Sgt H P Griffith Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Adam, T W (Navigator)
RCAF PO Booth, G B (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt F J Welsby, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K E Troake, (Air Gunner)

Four of the crew are buried in Banbury Cemetery, UK

Sgt Welsby is buried in the Marton (St Paul) Church Burial Ground, Blackpool.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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409698 Flight Sergeant HART, Kevin Leslie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705: 166/17/312 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page 249,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 200
Radio call sign:	- A
Unit:	ATTD 12 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK200 took off from RAF Chipping Warden at 1950 hours on the night of 21/22nd September 1943, detailed to carry out a night navigation training exercise. On return to base at 0030 hours on 22nd September, the aircraft overshot the flare path and crashed in line with the runway. All of the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 409698 Flt Sgt K L Hart, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt W N Gould, (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt L Sillito, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt E G Denyer, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K MacKenzie, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Cave, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt's Hart, Gould, Sillito and Sgt Cave are buried in the Banbury Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Denyer is buried in the Morden Cemetery, UK.

Sgt MacKenzie is buried in the Sandwick Cemetery, Ross & Cromarty, Stornoway, on the Isle of Lewis.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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422559 Flight Sergeant HOGAN, Austin John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/61 Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, page 243,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: BJ 587
Radio call sign:
Unit: 12 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington BJ 587 No 12 Operational Training Unit RAF, took off from RAF Chipping Warden, near Banbury Cross, on the night of 18/19th August 1943 on a non operational “Bullseye” training exercise. The route was from Chipping Warden – Grantham – Londonderry -56.10N, 20.10W – Rothsay – Belfast – Douglas – Honeybourne – Chipping Warden. The aircraft did not return to base after the exercise.

Crew:

RAAF 413624 Flt Sgt Lovelle-Draper, A M (Pilot)
RAAF 422559 Sgt Hogan, A J (2nd Navigator)
RAAF 417551 Sgt Worden, F E (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 415684 Sgt Russell, D (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S W Wood
RAF Sgt W D McDonald

The body of Sgt Russell (RAAF) was washed ashore at St Bees Head, and he is buried in the Chester (Bacon) Cemetery, UK.

The body of Sgt Hogan (RAAF) was recovered from the sea at Port William, Wiltshire, and he is buried in the Newton Stewart Cemetery, Scotland. .

It was recorded in 1949 that the remaining members of the crew had lost their lives at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK

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430615 Flight Sergeant JONES, Robert Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705: 166/21?197 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page 317,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 625
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 12 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington LP625 took off from RAF Chipping Warden at 2024 hours on the night of 18th September 1944 detailed to carry out a night cross-country training exercise. While the aircraft was in flight an engine caught fire and a distress call was broadcast. At 2139 hours the aircraft crash landed at on Colerne airfield in Wiltshire, but careered off the runway and collided with a 409 Sqn Beaufighter and a Mosquito belonging to 488 Sqn, wrecking both. By now totally out of control the aircraft finished up some huts near one of the dispersal areas. Two of the crew were killed and the others either injured or uninjured.

Crew:

RAAF	Flt Sgt R De P Crabtree, Captain (Pilot)	Injured
RAF	Sgt L H Kilby, (Navigator)	
RAAF	430615 Flt Sgt R D Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)	
RAF	Sgt Wood, (Bomb Aimer)	
RAF	Sgt Loker (Air Gunner)	Injured
RAF	Sgt Downie, (Air Gunner)	Uninjured

Sgt Kilby is buried in the Cardiff (Cathays) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Jones is buried in the Bath (Haycombe) Cemetery, UK.

Note : The above casualty file also records that Sgt Wood (RAF) was killed in the accident, but Commonwealth War Graves do not show this on their records.

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402368 Sergeant LEIGHTON, Thomas Leo

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705: 163/137/95 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page 81,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1071
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 12 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington R 1071 took off from RAF Chipping Warden on the night of 24th October 1941, detailed to carry out a night cross-country training exercise. The aircraft came in to land about 2345 hours, but was at a very low altitude and while turning, steeply, towards the flare path, flew into a hangar and burst into flames.

W R Chorley states that “showing total disregard for their own safety, two members of the ground staff became involved in a desperate battle to drag the injured airmen from the blazing wreckage. Without a shadow of doubt, had it not been for their courage, the crew would have stood little chance and the death toll might well have been considerable.”

Crew:

RAF Sgt G W Bibby, (Captain (Pilot))
RAAF 402368 Sgt T L Leighton, (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt H A Robinson,
RAF Sgt B G Coulter,
RAF Sgt W J McFerran,
RAF Sgt P Hankin,
RAF Sgt P J Coltman

Sergeant Leighton was killed in the crash, six of those on board were injured and ten others escaped injury. .

Sgt Leighton is buried in the Brookwood Military cemetery, UK.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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415684 Fligt Sergeant RUSSELL,David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/61 Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, page 243,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: BJ 587
Radio call sign:
Unit: 12 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington BJ 587 No 12 Operational Training Unit RAF, took off from RAF Chipping Warden, near Banbury Cross, on the night of 18/19th August 1943 on a non operational “Bullseye” training exercise. The route was from Chipping Warden – Grantham – Londonderry -56.10N, 20.10W – Rothsay – Belfast – Douglas – Honeybourne – Chipping Warden. The aircraft did not return to base after the exercise.

Crew:

RAAF 413624 Flt Sgt Lovelle-Draper, A M (Pilot)
RAAF 422559 Sgt Hogan, A J (2nd Navigator)
RAAF 417551 Sgt Worden, F E (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 415684 Sgt Russell, D (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S W Wood
RAF Sgt W D McDonald

The body of Sgt Russell (RAAF) was washed ashore at St Bees Head, and he is buried in the Chester (Bacon) Cemetery, UK.

The body of Sgt Hogan (RAAF) was recovered from the sea at Port William, Wiltownshire.and he is buried in the Newton Stewart Cemetery, Scotland. .

It was recorded in 1949 that the remaining members of the crew had lost their lives at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK

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420604 Flight Sergeant SERGEANT, Lindsay Morton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705: 166/37/322 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page 277,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 248
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 12 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK248 took off from RAF Chipping Warden at 2042 hours on the night of 12th February 1944, detailed to carry out a night bombing training exercise. At 2122 hours, Flying Control called the aircraft instructing it to lands, This message, which may not have been acknowledged, was later repeated, but nothing was known until 2300 hours when a report came through to say that the burnt out remains of a bomber had been found at Fosters Booth on Watling Street, some 9 miles north east of the airfield. Subsequently it was learnt that the crash had occurred at 2152 and that Sgt Gillis was in hospital with a fractured leg. The other four crew members were killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAAF 420604 Flt Sgt L M Sergeant, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H L Williams, (Navigator)
RCAF FO Vagg R A J, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt W L Pemberton, (Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J J Gillis, (Air Gunner) (Injured)

Flt Sgt Sergeant and FO Vagg are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Williams is buried in the Tipton Cemetery, Staffordshire, UK
Sgt Pemberton is buried in the Banbury Cemetery, UK.

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425911 Sergeant WATCHER, Norman Leslie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705: 166/43/338 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page 247,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 621
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 12 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington BJ621 took off from RAF Chipping Warden at 2153 hours on the night of 7/8th September 1943, detailed to carry out a night navigation training exercise. The aircraft crashed with considerable force at Eudon Mill near Bridgnorth, Shropshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt W Shepherd, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P G Wells, (Navigator)
RCAF Sgt G D H Morrow, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt W H Lawrence, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425911 Sgt N L Watcher, (Air Gunner)

Sgt's Morrow, Lawrence and Watcher are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt's Shepherd and Wells have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

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

422375 Sergeant BAILEY, Eric George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/182 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FL 193
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 13 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FL193 took off from RAF Finmere satellite, Bemeter, on 21st September 1943, detailed to carry out a non-operational training exercise. Shortly after take off at 2115 hours the aircraft crashed 3 miles from the drome at Steeple Claydon, Buckinghamshire, and burnt out . All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 421863 FO Ledgerwood, J (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 422375 Sgt E G Bailey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 422324 Sgt M J Tymms, (Air Gunner)

A report on the Flying accident stated “ The aircraft struck the ground at a very shallow angle and apparently at a very high speed as the engines were some 1000 yards from the point of impact. Both motors appear to have been under power. It is possible that the accident may have been due to faulty instrument flying or that the Navigator may have fouled the controls getting in to the co-pilots seat.”

All the crew are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

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

424123 Flight Sergeant HUXLEY, William Bruce

Source:

AAWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/318 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Boston
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 13 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

A Boston aircraft took off from RAF Finmore at 10.35pm on the night of 30/31st March 1944, on a night cross-country exercise. R/T instructions were passed to the aircraft until 11.25pm then nothing further was heard. At 11.30pm the aircraft was heard flying very low over a house at Hardingstone and it crashed at Rothersthorpe. It exploded on impact and all were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt A Foote, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Robertson, J A (Navigator)
RAAF 424123 Flt Sgt W B Huxley, (Top Gunner)
RCAF Sgt A S Gillies, (Bottom Gunner)

Sgt Foote is buried in the Abbotshall Parish Churchyard, Kirkaldy, UK,

FO Robertson is buried in the Kilbarchan Cemetery, UK.

Both Flt Sgt Huxley and Sgt Gillies are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

A subsequent Court of Inquiry report stated . “There is no direct evidence as to the cause of the accident. It is possible that the moon being bright and visibility good, that the Pilot was flying by visual means and ran into industrial haze over Northhampton. Though he was in cloud he decided to get below it and by the time he had fixed his attention on his instruments, he had lost control of his aircraft which hit the ground at a high forward speed with the port wing very low.”

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421863 Flying Officer LEDGERWOOD, John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/182 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FL 193
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 13 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FL193 took off from RAF Finmere satellite, Bemeter, on 21st September 1943, detailed to carry out a non-operational training exercise. Shortly after take off at 2115 hours the aircraft crashed 3 miles from the drome at Steeple Claydon, Buckinghamshire, and burnt out . All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 421863 FO Ledgerwood, J (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 422375 Sgt E G Bailey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 422324 Sgt M J Tymms, (Air Gunner)

A report on the Flying accident stated “ The aircraft struck the ground at a very shallow angle and apparently at a very high speed as the engines were some 1000 yards from the point of impact. Both motors appear to have been under power. It is possible that the accident may have been due to faulty instrument flying or that the Navigator may have fouled the controls getting in to the co-pilots seat.”

All the crew are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

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430040 Flying Officer MONTGOMERY, Alan Martin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/564 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Mitchell
Serial number: 986
Radio call sign:
Unit: 13 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Mitchell 986 of No 13 Operational Training Unit RAF, took off from RAF Station, Bicester, Oxfordshire, on an operational training flight in the early hours of the morning on 24 July 1944, The aircraft crashed at Chilwell, Beeston, about 3 miles south west of Nottingham at 0230 hours. The aircraft disintegrated on hitting the ground.

Crew :

RAAF 430040 FO Montgomery, A M (Pilot) *
* (of 16 (P) Service Flg Trg School, RAF)
RAAF 423264 FO Stephens, R F (Observer)
RAAF 414907 WO Cook, A A (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF Sgt Hardrick (

WO Cook has no known grave His name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK The other three crew members were killed.

FO's Montgomery and Stephens are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK. Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sgt Hardrick is buried.

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423264 Flying Officer STEPHENS, Ronald Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/564 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Mitchell
Serial number: 986
Radio call sign:
Unit: 13 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Mitchell 986 of No 13 Operational Training Unit RAF, took off from RAF Station, Bicester, Oxfordshire, on an operational training flight in the early hours of the morning on 24 July 1944, The aircraft crashed at Chilwell, Beeston, about 3 miles south west of Nottingham at 0230 hours. The aircraft disintegrated on hitting the ground.

Crew :

RAAF 430040 FO Montgomery, A M (Pilot) *
*(of 16 (P) Service Flg Trg School, RAF)
RAAF 423264 FO Stephens, R F (Observer)
RAAF 414907 WO Cook, A A (Wireless Operator Air)
RCAF Sgt Hardrick (

WO Cook has no known grave His name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK The other three crew members were killed.

FO's Montgomery and Stephens are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK. Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sgt Hardrick is buried.

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

422324 Sergeant TYMMS, Michael Justin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/182 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mitchell
Serial number:	FL 193
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 13 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Mitchell FL193 took off from RAF Finmere satellite, Bemeter, on 21st September 1943, detailed to carry out a non-operational training exercise. Shortly after take off at 2115 hours the aircraft crashed 3 miles from the drome at Steeple Claydon, Buckinghamshire, and burnt out . All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 421863 FO Ledgerwood, J (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 422375 Sgt E G Bailey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 422324 Sgt M J Tymms, (Air Gunner)

A report on the Flying accident stated “ The aircraft struck the ground at a very shallow angle and apparently at a very high speed as the engines were some 1000 yards from the point of impact. Both motors appear to have been under power. It is possible that the accident may have been due to faulty instrument flying or that the Navigator may have fouled the controls getting in to the co-pilots seat.”

All the crew are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

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

404370 Sergeant ALLISON, John Leonard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/87/226 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AD 802
Radio call sign:	GL – V1
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden AD802 took off from RAF Saltby on the night of 30th June 1942, detailed to carry out a night navigation training exercise. The aircraft spun and crashed at 0230 hours near Shelford, 6 miles ENE from the centre of Nottingham. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt R T Pierson, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404370 Sgt J L Allison, (Observer)
RAAF 403743 Sgt E F Hunt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403098 Sgt A H Stephens, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The three RAAF members are buried in the Shelford (SS Peter and Paul) Churchyard Extension, UK.

Sgt Pierson is buried in the Carlton (St Mary) Roman Catholic Churchyard, UK.

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

405341 Sergeant BARTON, Druce Hawthorn

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163'90/352 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AE 155
Radio call sign:	GL – S
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden AE155 took off from RAF Saltby on the night of 10/11th August 1942, detailed to carry out low-level bombing practice. The aircraft crashed at 0330 hours on the 11th August at Edenham, 2 miles north west of Bourne, Lincolnshire. The crew of three were killed.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Sgt R P Davies, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt J H O'Connor, (Observer)
RAAF 405341 Sgt D H Barton, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt O'Connor and Sgt Barton are buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Churchyard Extension, UK.

Flt Sgt Davies is buried in the Sheffield (Tinsley Park) Cemetery, UK.

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

402768 Sergeant BUCKNELL, Brian Wentworth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/94/167 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	P 1155
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden P1155 took off from RAF Saltby detailed to carry out a cross-country training exercise, crashed at 0835 hours on the 27th November 1941 at Buckminster, 8 miles ENE of Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt R S Carson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J A Tulley, (Observer)
RAF Sgt N J Griffiths, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 402768 Sgt B W Bucknell,.(Wireless Air Gunner)

Sgt's Tulley, Griffiths and Bucknell are buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Churchyard Extension, UK.

Sgt Carson is buried in the Omagh New Cemetery, Northern Ireland.

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

415310 Sergeant CUTHBERTSON, William Tait

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/127 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 6280
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington DV6280 when taking off on the night of 31st March 1943, was wrecked when is struck another Wellington parked at RAF Cottesmore, and it hit a hangar as well. Three of the crew were injured and two were killed in the accident.

Crew:

RAAF	413198 Flt Sgt R W Humphrey, Captain (Pupil Pilot)	Injured
RAAF	PO Crombie, M A (Injured
RAAF	415310 Sgt W T Cuthbertson, (AirBomber)	
RAF	Sgt EA Robinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)	
RAAF	Sgt T McDaniel, (Injured

Sgt Cuthbertson is buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Churchyard Extension UK

Sgt Robinson is buried in the Runwell (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.

Both Flt Sgt Humphrey and Sgt McDaniel survived the crash and the war.

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

404603 Sergeant DANIELS, Raymond Vivien

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/189 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	P 5398
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary

Hampden P5398 took off from RAF Cottesmore on the night of 25 March 1942, for a night navigation training sortie. The aircraft crashed and burnt out at 2110 hours at Whittle Farm, Brockhampton, 3 miles east from the centre of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt E J Biddulph, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404603 Sgt R V Daniels, (Observer)
RAF Sgt B Noseworthy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt AW Westgate, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried at Little Rissington (St Peter) Churchyard, UK.

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

423090 Flight Sergeant FERGUSON, Eric Kenneth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/211 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
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AircraftType:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1669
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington R1669 took off from RAF Husbands Bosworth at 2043 hours on the night of 27th March 1944, for night circuits and landings. Two hours later, the aircraft swung while on approach and dived into the ground near the airfield. Immediately there was an explosion as the bomber went up in flames.

Crew:

RAAF 423090 Flt Sgt E K Ferguson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D McInnes, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D D Twomey, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A J Spinks, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt H T Tullett, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt T Longstaff, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Ferguson and Sgt Tullett are buried in the Oxford (Bottley) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt McInnes is buried in the Kilwinning Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Twomey is buried in the Castletown Berehaven (St Finian's) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Spinks is buried in the Birmingham (Witton) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Longstaff is buried in the Ingleton (St John) Churchyard, UK.

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

419177 Sergeant FRASER, James Munro Mearns

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/14/100 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 697
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington DV697 took off from RAF Husbands Bosworth at 1504 hours on the 26th September 1943, detailed to carry out a training detail. When the port engine developed a fault, the aircraft returned to base and approached the runway from a downwind direction. Realizing his mistake, the pilot opened up to go round again but at 600 feet with the flaps and undercarriage fully extended, the bomber swung out of control and crashed at 1705 hours bursting into flames. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 410584 Flt Sgt J W Woods, Captain (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt I W Ferguson, (Navigator)
RAF PO Moorby F B (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419177 Sgt J M M Fraser, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Woods and Sgt's Fraser and Ferguson are buried in the Oxford (Bottley) Cemetery, UK.
PO Moorby is buried in the Barton-Under-Needwood (St James) Churchyard, UK.

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

405441 Sergeant GAFFNEY, Thomas Stanislaus

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/115/115 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	P 5312
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden P5312 took off from RAF Cottesmore at 2252 hours on the night of 25/26th June 1942, detailed to attack Bremen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Salazar, Count T E DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 405441 Sgt T S Gaffney, (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt R J Horlock, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R S Cusden (Wireless Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Borkum, Germany. Three of the crew were killed in the crash and Sgt Cusden who was dreadfully burnt in the crash died on 18th September 1942. .

The four on board are buried in the Sage War Cemetery, Locality Oldenburg, Niedersachsen, Germany. Sage is a village 24kms south of Oldenburg, a town 43kms west of Bremen.

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

406649 Flying Officer GUTHRIE, Robert Edmund

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/34/2!0 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	P 5322
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden P5322 took off from RAF Cottesmore at 0001 hours on the night of 31st/1st August 1942, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 406649 FO Guthrie, R E Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt CA B McMullin, (Observer)
RCAF Flt Sgt E T Hunking, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF WO2 J H Morrison, (

Three of the crew lost their lives and WO2 Morrison was a POW.

Both FO Guthrie and Flt Sgt Hunking are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp-Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Rheinberg is 24kms north of Krefeld and 13kms east of Wesel.

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

WO2 McMullin in a POW Report stated :: “The Germans informed me at Cologne, that there were two bodies in the aircraft.”

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

403869 Sergeant HENNING, James Darien

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/121/183 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	L 4133
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden L4133 took off from RAF Saltby on the night of 6th June 1942, for flying practice. During the practice flying speed was lost and around 1345 hours the aircraft spun into the ground some 2 miles east of the airfield at Mere Bam, South Stoke. practically on the Leicestershire border with Lincolnshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Broadley, R H Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H G Thurgar, (Observer)
RAF Sgt R L Norrie, (Observer)
RAAF 403869 Sgt J D Henning, (Wireless Air Gunner)

PO Broadley is buried in the Skirbeck Quarter (St Thomas) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Thurgar is buried in the Coggeshall Burial Ground, UK.

St Norrie is buried in the Sunbury New Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Henning is buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Churchyard Extension, UK.

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

404402 Sergeant HIESLER, Francis James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/122/99 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AD 988
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden AD988 took off from RAF Cottesmore on 16th March 1942, with the OC A Flight at the controls, to carry out a training flight. The aircraft crashed at 1715 hours Thistleton, 7 miles NNE from Oakham. Eyewitnesses said that the aircraft dived into the ground from a height of 400 feet. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Royle, N S DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D O L Dold, (Observer)
RAAF 405028 Sgt K A Stevenson, (Navigator)
RAAF 404402 Sgt F J Hiesler, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sqn Ldr Royle is buried in the Wandsworth Cemetery, UK.

Sgt's Dold, Hiesler and Stevenson are buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Cemetery Extension, UK

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

403743 Sergeant HUNT, Edmund Freeman

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/87/226 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AD 802
Radio call sign:	GL – V1
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden AD802 took off from RAF Saltby on the night of 30th June 1942, detailed to carry out a night navigation training exercise. The aircraft spun and crashed at 0230 hours near Shelford, 6 miles ENE from the centre of Nottingham. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt R T Pierson, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404370 Sgt J L Allison, (Observer)
RAAF 403743 Sgt E F Hunt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403098 Sgt A H Stephens, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The three RAAF members are buried in the Shelford (SS Peter and Paul) Churchyard Extension, UK.

Sgt Pierson is buried in the Carlton (St Mary) Roman Catholic Churchyard, UK.

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

403428 Sergeant KROME, Theodore Anton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/134/21 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947
Page 132, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AD 848
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden AD848 took off from RAF Cottesmore on 29th June 1942, for a night cross-country training exercise. The aircraft dived almost vertically and crashed at 2343 hours between Moorends and Thorne, approx 11 miles north-east from Doncaster, Yorkshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 403428 Sgt T A Krome Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Wood, F P A (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R O'Keefe, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 411052 Sgt WA Robson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All; the crew are buried in the Hatfield (Woodhouse) Cemetery, UK.

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

419205 Flight Sergeant NEWTON, Lindsay Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/29/65 Commonwealth War Graves records.
WR Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
Page 258, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 839
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING UNIT

Summary:

Wellington DV839 took off from RAF Market Harborough at 1845 hours on the night of 24th October 1943, detailed to carry out a night cross-country training exercise. The aircraft came down through the cloud in order to establish their position. While doing so, the rate of descent was increased and thought this was partially arrested, the Wellington hit the ground at about 2200 hours close to Wittering airfield in Northhamptonshire. Three of the crew were killed in the crash and two were injured.

Crew:

RAAF	421463 Flt Sgt E G Reading	Captain (Pilot)	
RAF	Sgt J G S Browne,	(Navigator)	
RAF	FO R Hooper,	(Bomb Aimer)	Injured but died on 25 th October 1943.
RAAF	419205 Flt Sgt L T Newton,	(Wireless Air Gunner)	
RAF	Sgt W Buckley,	(Air Gunner)	Injured

Flt Sgt Reading is buried in the Ilford Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Browne, FO Hooper and Flt Sgt Newton are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

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

407726 Sergeant NICHOLLS, William John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/147/217 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page 111,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	P1303
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden P1303 took off from Cottesmore to practice single engine flying. The Pilot lost control of the aircraft at 200 feet and dived to the ground at Gunby, 9 miles S of Grantham in Lincolnshire. Both the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 407728 Sgt W J Nicholls, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J McW Stewart, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Both are buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Churchyard Extension, UK.

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

402468 Sergeant O'CONNELL, Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/148/191 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley, RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page ,
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Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	P 1186
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden P1186 took off RAF Cottesmore on the night of 25/26th January 1942 for a high level bombing exercise For reasons that could not be determined, the aircraft dived at 0540 hours into the ground less than a mile north of Pinchbeck, 2 miles north from Spalding in Lincolnshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Marock J M Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402526 PO Lynch, W H (Observer)
RAAF 404742 PO White, S S (Observer)
RAAF 402468 Sgt E O'Connell, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The four crew members are buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Churchyard Extension, UK.

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

421463 Flight Sergeant READING, Edgar George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/29/65 Commonwealth War Graves records.
WR Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
Page 258, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 839
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING UNIT

Summary:

Wellington DV839 took off from RAF Market Harborough at 1845 hours on the night of 24th October 1943, detailed to carry out a night cross-country training exercise. The aircraft came down through the cloud in order to establish their position. While doing so, the rate of descent was increased and thought this was partially arrested, the Wellington hit the ground at about 2200 hours close to Wittering airfield in Northhamptonshire. Three of the crew were killed in the crash and two were injured.

Crew:

RAAF	421463 Flt Sgt E G Reading Captain (Pilot)	
RAF	Sgt J G S Browne, (Navigator)	
RAF	FO R Hooper, (Bomb Aimer)	Injured but died on 25 th October 1943.
RAAF	419205 Flt Sgt L T Newton, (Wireless Air Gunner)	
RAF	Sgt W Buckley, (Air Gunner)	Injured

Flt Sgt Reading is buried in the Ilford Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Browne, FO Hooper and Flt Sgt Newton are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

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

411052 Sergeant ROBSON, Wallace Alan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/134/21 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947
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Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AD 848
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden AD848 took off from RAF Cottesmore on 29th June 1942, for a night cross-country training exercise. The aircraft dived almost vertically and crashed at 2343 hours between Moorends and Thorne, approx 11 miles north-east from Doncaster, Yorkshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 403428 Sgt T A Krome Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Wood, F P A (Navigator)
RAF Sgt R O'Keefe, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 411052 Sgt WA Robson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Hatfield (Woodhouse) Cemetery, UK.

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

411406 Sergeant SHAILER, Sydney Allen

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5523915 Digitised Commonwealth War
Graces records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training
Units 1939-1947, Page 140, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	P 1185
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden P1185 took off from RAF Cottesmore at 0003 hours on the night of 31st
July/1st August 1942, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from
the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF WO2 N E McGowan, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO McLean, D G (Observer)
RAAF 411406 Sgt SA Shailer (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt G T Bloomer, (Wireless Air Gunner)

It was believed that the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed at Leffinge,
(West Vlaanderen), a village on the south side of Oostende airport. Three of the crew
were killed and WO2 McGowan was a POW.

Those killed are buried in the Adegem Canadian War Cemetery, Belgium.

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

403114 Sergeant SHERIDAN, John Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA :A705, 163/161/217 Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley, RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units RAF, 1939-1947, Page , Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	L 4173
Radio call sign:	GL – T2
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden L4173 took off from RAF Cottessmore at 2310 hours on the night of 30/31st May 1942, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. The aircraft was severely damaged by enemy action and the entire return flight was made on one engine. Permission to land at Horsham St Faith was sought (and given) but the aircraft's approach was too fast, and the Pilot elected to go around again. However, at 500 feet, the Hampden's remaining motor cut and at 0530 hours the bomber plunged into Overbury Road, Hellesdon, in the western suburbs of Norwich, UK. Two of the crew were killed and two were injured.

Crew:

RCAF	Flt Lt Cameron, W L Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	403114 Sgt J E Sheridan, (Observer)	Killed
RAF	Sgt M F Porter (Wireless Air Gunner)	Injured
RAAF	401324 Sgt E H East DFM (Wireless Air Gunner)	Seriously Injured

Those killed are buried in the Norwich Cemetery, Norfolk, UK.

Sgt East had been seriously injured during the above mission with bullet wounds in one arm and both legs. He was awarded the DFM and survived the war being discharged Flt Lt on 11/10/1945

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

403098 Sergeant STEPHENS, Arthur Hugh

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/87/226 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
Page 132, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AD 802
Radio call sign:	GL – V1
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden AD802 took off from RAF Saltby on the night of 30th June 1942, detailed to carry out a night navigation training exercise. The aircraft spun and crashed at 0230 hours near Shelford, 6 miles ENE from the centre of Nottingham. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt R T Pierson, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404370 Sgt J L Allison, (Observer)
RAAF 403743 Sgt E F Hunt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403098 Sgt A H Stephens, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The three RAAF members are buried in the Shelford (SS Peter and Paul) Churchyard Extension, UK.

Sgt Pierson is buried in the Carlton (St Mary) Roman Catholic Churchyard, UK.

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405028 Sergeant STEVENSON, James Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/122/99 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
Page 104, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AD 988
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden AD988 took off from RAF Cottesmore on 16th March 1942, with the OC A Flight at the controls, to carry out a training flight. The aircraft crashed at 1715 hours Thistleton, 7 miles NNE from Oakham. Eyewitnesses said that the aircraft dived into the ground from a height of 400 feet. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sqn Ldr Royle, N S DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D O L Dold, (Observer)
RAAF 405028 Sgt K A Stevenson, (Navigator)
RAAF 404402 Sgt F J Hiesler, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sqn Ldr Royle is buried in the Wandsworth Cemetery, UK.

Sgt's Dold, Hiesler and Stevenson are buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Cemetery Extension, UK

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402623 Sergeant THORNTON, Kenneth Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/166/155 Digitised Commonwealth war Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947, Page 88, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	P 1168
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden P1168 took off from RAF Saltby satellite drome at Batton Farm Sproxton, on 9th December 1941, for night circuit training. While turning left at 1858 hours, some four miles south of the airfield, the pilot lost control of the aircraft. The aircraft stalled and crashed and both the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 406353 PO Fisher, O K Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 402623 Sgt K F Thornton, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Both the crew are buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Churchyard Extension, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

401727 Sergeant WALKER, Jack Lawton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/176/249 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Sgt Walker (Wireless Air Gunner) died of an illness on 14th April 1942. He is buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Churchyard Extension, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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405369 Sergeant WEIR, Alexander Allan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/177/274 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	IP 1293
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OTU RAF

Summary:

Hampden IP1293 took off from RAF Cottesmore, Rutland, at approx 2300 hours on the night of 1/2nd June 1942, to bomb Essen, Germany. The bombs had just been released on the target when the aircraft was hit by a British incendiary bomb which penetrated the aircraft and seriously injured Sgt Weir, the Rear Gunner. The aircraft returned back to base with the rest of the crew uninjured, but Sgt Weir died of his wounds on the 2nd June 1942.

Sgt Weir is buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Churchyard Extension, UK.

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406353 Pilot Officer FISHER, Osborne Kirkton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/166/155 Digitised Commonwealth war Graves records. W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947, Page 88, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
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Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

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Crew:

RAAF 406353 PO Fisher, O K Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 402623 Sgt K F Thornton, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Both the crew are buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Churchyard Extension, UK.

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401300 Flying Officer CLARKE, Harold George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/26/248 Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1939-1947,
Page 139, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	L 4117
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden L4117 took off from RAF Cottesmore at 0008 hours on the night of 31st July/1st August 1942, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. During the sortie the aircraft survived two attacks from fighters and was hit by flak. Somewhat disoriented by these events, the crew strayed from their course and, subsequently, crash-landed in a field at Woodbarden Farm two miles south east of Modbury, Devon, UK.

Crew:

RAF	PO Curtin, D J Captain (Pilot)	Uninjured
RAF	PO Walker, S J (Observer)	Injured
RAF	Sgt R Hawkes, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Injured
RAAF	401300 FO Clarke, H G (Wireless Air Gunner)	Injured

FO Clarke died of his injuries on 1st August 1943, and he is buried in the Exeter Higher Cemetery, UK.

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402526 Pilot Officer LYNCH, Walter Hugh

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/148/191 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley, RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page ,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	P 1186
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden P1186 took off RAF Cottesmore on the night of 25/26th January 1942 for a high level bombing exercise For reasons that could not be determined, the aircraft dived at 0540 hours into the ground less that a mile north of Pinchbeck, 2 miles north from Spalding in Lincolnshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Marock J M Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402526 PO Lynch, W H (Observer)
RAAF 404742 PO White, S S (Observer)
RAAF 402468 Sgt E O'Connell, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The four crew members are buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Chuchyard Extension, UK.

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404742 Pilot Officer WHITE, Sydney Stanley.

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/148/191 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley, RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, Page ,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
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Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

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RAAF 402526 PO Lynch, W H (Observer)
RAAF 404742 PO White, S S (Observer)
RAAF 402468 Sgt E O'Connell, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The four crew members are buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Chuchyard Extension, UK.

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403327 Sergeant FRAZER, Alan Richard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/114/28 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1939-1947, Page 106, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	L 4108
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden L4108 took off from RAF Saltby for night exercises, only to crash near the airfield. Visibility was poor at the time. Both the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 403327 Sgt A R Frazer, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R F King, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Both the crew are buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Churchyard Extension, UK.

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404584 Sergeant HANSON, Allan Harold

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/394 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
Page , Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	L 4110
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Hampden L4110 took off from RAF Saltby on 8th March 1942, for night bombing practice. The aircraft came down at high speed in level flight, with wheels and flaps extended, and hit the ground at 2204 hours, some two miles north west of the airfield. On impact, the nose compartment was shattered, after which the bomber flipped over, the engine mountings and wings being sheared off. In a crew of four two were killed and two were injured.

Crew:

RCAF	Sgt J F MacPhail, (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	404584 Sgt A L Hanson, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	402372 Sgt E R Lumsdaine,	Slightly Injured
RAAF	404436 Sgt F Wellington,	Slightly Injured

Those killed are buried in the Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Churchyard Extension, Rutland, UK

Sgt Lumsdaine was later killed on 6th January 1944 when flying as a member of 460 Sqn RAAF in RAF Bomber Command, and Sgt Wellington survived the war.

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410584 Flight Sergeant WOODS, Jack William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/14/100 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
Page 251, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 697
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 14 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington DV697 took off from RAF Husbands Bosworth at 1504 hours on the 26th September 1943, detailed to carry out a training detail. When the port engine developed a fault, the aircraft returned to base and approached the runway from a downwind direction. Realizing his mistake, the pilot opened up to go round again but at 600 feet with the flaps and undercarriage fully extended, the bomber swung out of control and crashed at 1705 hours bursting into flames. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 410584 Flt Sgt J W Woods, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt I W Ferguson, (Navigator)
RAF PO Moorby F B (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419177 Sgt J M M Fraser, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Woods and Sgt's Fraser and Ferguson are buried in the Oxford (Bottley) Cemetery, UK.

PO Moorby is buried in the Barton-Under-Needwood (St James) Churchyard, UK.

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435399 Flight Sergeant ALLEN, John Ogilvy

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/946 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	107 OPERATIONAL TRAINING RAF

Summary:

On 19th February 1945, a Dakota flown by Flt Lt Mackay was carrying out a non-operational delivery of crews on completion of training. The aircraft was travelling from 107 Op Training Unit, RAF Leicester to GP OT Flight Zeals, Wiltshire, on completion of training. The aircraft crashed at 1530 hours on 19th February, 2 miles north west of Beale, Wiltshire

The aircraft contacted a tree on hill and this was followed by an explosion and total disintegration of the aircraft. The aircraft was seen to disappear over the boundary of the airfield. Civilians working in the vicinity had the general impression that the aircraft was flying normally with no sign of the engine faltering before the crash. After completing a circuit of the airfield the aircraft climbed to about 500 feet and disappeared into cloud, and then apparently dived into the ground. The estimated height over the airfield was 500 feet and a mile further on the height was 100 feet before it crashed.

Crew :

RAF	Flt Lt Mackay, M R S (1 st Pilot)	Injured
RAF	FO Plant, F J (Navigator)	Killed

Included in the 19 passengers killed were :

RAAF 436177 Flt Sgt A G Shaddick, (Pilot)

RAAF 435399 Flt Sgt J O Allen, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The other passengers were members of the RAF or RCAF.

FO Plant is buried in the Norwich Cemetery, Norfolk, UK.

Flt Sgt's Shaddick and Allen are buried in the Bath (Haycombe) Cemetery, UK.

The other passengers were buried in their home town cemeteries in the UK.

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436177 Sergeant SHADDICK, Alan Geoffrey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/946 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	107 OPERATIONAL TRAINING RAF

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RAF	FO Plant, F J (Navigator)	Killed

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413550 Sergeant DEARING, Lysle Herbert Hungerford

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/121 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1939-1947,
Page 233, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3160
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 15 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3160 took off from RAF Harwell at 1105 hours on the 7th July 1943, detailed to carry out a cross-country training exercise. The aircraft caught fire following the failure of the holding down studs to No 5 cylinder in the port engine and at 1310 hours the bomber broke up in the air. The main debris fell over White Horse Hill, some two miles north of Odstone, a hamlet one mile north east of Ashbury, and five miles north west of Lambourn, Berkshire, UK. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Kitney R K DFM, (Pilot)
RAF FO Paul, R V (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R G Bates, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt RA J Farahar, (Nav/Bomber)
RAAF 416631 Flt Sgt J R Tonkin, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 400450 WO C W Brooks, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 414560 Flt Sgt J F Hansen, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 413550 Sgt L H H Dearing, (Air Gunner)

WO Brooks, and Flt Sgt's Tonkin, Hansen and Dearing are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Lt Kitney is buried in the Feltham Cemetery, UK.

FO Paul is buried in the Norwich Cemetery, Norfolk, UK.

Sgt Bates is buried in the Hersham (St Peter) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Farahar is buried in the Gillingham (Woodlands) Cemetery, UK.

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408244 Flight Sergeant BOYES, Gordon Ediss

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/123 Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
Page 214, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 936
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 15 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington DV936 took off from RAF Harwell on 21st April 1943, for cross-country navigational exercise. Shortly before 1115 hours while flying in formation with another aircraft, a fire broke out in the starboard engine. The aircraft lost height as if the Pilot contemplated landing. However the fire took firm hold and first the engine then the starboard wing disengaged. Totally out of control, the bomber crashed at Wychbold, eight miles NNE of Worcester, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt D E Hamlyn, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H M Holmes, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF PO Woodward, N G (2nd Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt L F J Short, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W P Hoare, (2nd Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A G Page, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 408244 Flt Sgt G E Boyes, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Lt Hamlyn is buried in the Hanwell Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Holmes is buried in the Sheffield (City Road) Cemetery, UK.

PO Woodward is buried in the Blackpool (Carleton) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Short is buried in the Easrbrookend (Dagenham) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Hoare is buried in the Rawtenstall Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Page is buried in the Brighton and Preston Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Boyes is buried in the Pershore Cemetery, UK.

A subsequent report into the accident found that “ A cylinder head barrel between Nos 14 and 15 fins had fractured, leading to a catastrophic engine fire followed by structural failure of the starboard wing. There were indications that the failure was due to fatigue.”

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415114 Sergeant CADD, Kenneth Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA :A705, 1631/95/376 Commonwealth War graves records

Aircraft Type:	Oxford
Serial number:	X 7073
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 15 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Oxford Z7073 took off from RAF Leconfield on 24th September 1942, on a solo non-operational training flight and crashed at 1530 hours near Ryther, Yorkshire. Witnesses stated that the aircraft was seen to dive vertically from 2,500 feet with full engine, and that the aircraft appeared to pull out of the dive successfully, but then suddenly started to dive again from which the aircraft never recovered. The Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 415114 Sgt K F Cadd, (Pilot)

Sgt Cadd is buried in the Leconfield (St Catherine) Churchyard, UK.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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404335 Sergeant CLARK, Ronald Henry Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 163/97/127 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 9097
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 15 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z9097 left North Front Gibraltar, on the night of 27/28th February 1942, in transit for the Middle East. The aircraft failed to arrive at its destination.

Crew:

RAF PO Reid, G W Captain (Pilot)
 RNZAF Sgt J N Vincent, (Pilot)
 RAAF 404335 Sgt R G C Clark, (Observer)
 RNZAF PO Cookson, H W (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt E Thorpe, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt T Pierpaint, (Air Gunner)

PO Cookson and Sgt's Clark, Vincent, and Thorpe are buried in the Enfidaville War Cemetery, Tunisia. Commonwealth War Graves do not record whether PO Reid and Sgt Pierpaint are buried or have no known grave.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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402654 Sergeant GILMOUR, Chalres Edward

Source: AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/117/116 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	ED 9109
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	15 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 28th February 1941, Wellington ED9109 crashed at 0215 hours at Mount Farm, Colchester, UK.

Crew:

RAAF	402654 Sgt C E Gilmour, (Observer)
RAF	Sgt Barker
RAF	Sgt Sadler
RAF	Sgt Pashley
RAF	Sgt Frith

Sgt Gilmour is buried in the Harwell Cemetery, UK.

Commonwealth War Graves and the above RAAF casualty file do not reveal whether the rest of the crew survived the crash or not.

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414560 Sergeant HANSEN, James Foster

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/121 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1939-1947,
Page 233, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3160
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 15 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3160 took off from RAF Harwell at 1105 hours on the 7th July 1943, detailed to carry out a cross-country training exercise. The aircraft caught fire following the failure of the holding down studs to No 5 cylinder in the port engine and at 1310 hours the bomber broke up in the air. The main debris fell over White Horse Hill, some two miles north of Odstone, a hamlet one mile north east of Ashbury, and five miles north west of Lambourn, Berkshire, UK. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Kitney R K DFM, (Pilot)
RAF FO Paul, R V (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R G Bates, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt RA J Farahar, (Nav/Bomber)
RAAF 416631 Flt Sgt J R Tonkin, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 400450 WO C W Brooks, (Wireless Air Gunner)
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WO Brooks, and Flt Sgt's Tonkin, Hansen and Dearing are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Lt Kitney is buried in the Feltham Cemetery, UK.

FO Paul is buried in the Norwich Cemetery, Norfolk, UK.

Sgt Bates is buried in the Hersham (St Peter) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Farahar is buried in the Gillingham (Woodlands) Cemetery, UK.

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426675 Flight Sergeant PETITT, Donald Walker

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 :166/32/319 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. Page 279,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LM 614
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 15 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington LM614 took off from RAF Harwell on the 1/2nd March 1944, at 2226 hours detailed to carry out a night bombing exercise. At 0146, the crew returned to base and having called on the radio requesting permission to land were given the green to do so. However the bomber then disappeared from view, and it was daylight before wreckage was found at Lollingdon Hill Farm, near Cholsey, three miles SSW of Wellingford, Berkshire. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Pearson was injured.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt J V Avery, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt W R Goodwin, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt B H Pattenden, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 426675 Flt Sgt D W Petitt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G D Pearson, (
RAF Sgt H G Reason, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Avery is buried in the Norton (St Mary) Churchyard, Teeside, Durham, UK.

Flt Sgt Goodwin is buried in the Harwell Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Pattenden is buried in the Shirley (St John) Churchyard, UK.

Flt Sgt Petitt is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Reason is buried in the Sutton Coldfield Cemetery, UK.

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414091 Sergeant SANDILANDS, John Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/160/165 163/163/310

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	AD 635
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 15 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington AD635 crashed on 16th February 1942, when in transit from the UK to the Middle East. Information from the American Ambassador, stated that the aircraft had crashed in mountains near Kef Cum Teboul, 12 miles east of La Cala near the Tunisian border. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RNZAF PO O'Brien, A (Pilot)
 RNZAF Sgt W B Stehr, (Pilot)
 RAAF 402433 Sgt W R Wren (Observer)
 RAAF 414091 Sgt J D Sandilands, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 400311 Sgt A L Strang, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt Foote, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Bone War Cemetery, Annaba, Algeria.

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

416631 Flight Sergeant TONKIN, John Ramsay

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/121 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1939-1947,
Page 233, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3160
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 15 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3160 took off from RAF Harwell at 1105 hours on the 7th July 1943, detailed to carry out a cross-country training exercise. The aircraft caught fire following the failure of the holding down studs to No 5 cylinder in the port engine and at 1310 hours the bomber broke up in the air. The main debris fell over White Horse Hill, some two miles north of Odstone, a hamlet one mile north east of Ashbury, and five miles north west of Lambourn, Berkshire, UK. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Kitney R K DFM, (Pilot)
RAF FO Paul, R V (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R G Bates, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt RA J Farahar, (Nav/Bomber)
RAAF 416631 Flt Sgt J R Tonkin, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 400450 WO C W Brooks, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 414560 Flt Sgt J F Hansen, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 413550 Sgt L H H Dearing, (Air Gunner)

WO Brooks, and Flt Sgt's Tonkin, Hansen and Dearing are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Lt Kitney is buried in the Feltham Cemetery, UK.

FO Paul is buried in the Norwich Cemetery, Norfolk, UK.

Sgt Bates is buried in the Hersham (St Peter) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Farahar is buried in the Gillingham (Woodlands) Cemetery, UK.

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423939 Flight Sergeant TREADGOLD, `John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/40/101 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	W 5690
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 15 OP TRAINING RAF)

Summary:

Wellington W5690 took off from RAF Hampstead Norris at 2100 hours on 16th November 1943, detailed to carry out a night training exercise. Almost immediately flying control received an emergency call from the aircraft requesting a priority landing. Thus, some ten minutes later eyewitnesses saw the Wellington execute a very tight turn to port, losing height, and crash 200 yards south of Westridge. (Westbusthay Farm is also quoted) Accident investigators probing the remains of the starboard engine found that the No 1 cylinder head barrel had split. Three of the crew were killed and two were injured.

Crew:

RAF	Sgt N R Templeman, Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAF	Sgt J J H Littlejohn (Navigator Bomb Aimer)	Injured
RAAF	423939 Flt Sgt J Treadgold, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	Sgt J Stanley, (Mid Upper Gunner)	Injured
RCAF	Sgt K D Attwell; (Air Gunner)	Killed

The three killed are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

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402558 Sergeant WORWOOD, John Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/179/238 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8952
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	15 OP TRG RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z8952 left UK for transit to the Middle East. It reached Gibraltar safely and departed on the second stage at 7.40pm on 20/2/42. At approx 1am on the following morning an SOS message was received. The aircraft was in contact with Malta at 2.35am but after that nothing was heard. The aircraft did not reach its destination and it was presumed that the aircraft had crashed into the sea. The body of Sgt Worwood was recovered from the shore at St Leone (Agrigento) by a motor fishing boat.

Crew:

RAAF 402558 Sgt J R Worwood, (Observer)
 RAF Sgt P F Monk, (
 RAF Sgt E M C Fahmy, (
 RAF Sgt E G Oakley, (
 RAF Sgt R Rowley, (
 RAF Sgt H C Hadley, (

The body of Sgt Worwood was recovered from the shore at St Leone (Agrigento) by a motor fishing boat.. He is buried in the Salerno War Cemetery, Italy.

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

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402433 Sergeant WREN, Walter Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/160/165 163/163/310

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	AD 635
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 15 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington AD635 crashed on 16th February 1942, when in transit from the UK to the Middle East. Information from the American Ambassador, stated that the aircraft had crashed in mountains near Kef Cum Teboul, 12 miles east of La Cala near the Tunisian border. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RNZAF PO O'Brien, A (Pilot)
 RNZAF Sgt W B Stehr, (Pilot)
 RAAF 402433 Sgt W R Wren (Observer)
 RAAF 414091 Sgt J D Sandilands, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 400311 Sgt A L Strang, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt Foote, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Bone War Cemetery, Annaba, Algeria.

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400450 Warrant Officer BROOKS, Charles Willie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/121 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1939-1947,
Page 233, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3160
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 15 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3160 took off from RAF Harwell at 1105 hours on the 7th July 1943, detailed to carry out a cross-country training exercise. The aircraft caught fire following the failure of the holding down studs to No 5 cylinder in the port engine and at 1310 hours the bomber broke up in the air. The main debris fell over White Horse Hill, some two miles north of Odstone, a hamlet one mile north east of Ashbury, and five miles north west of Lambourn, Berkshire, UK. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Kitney R K DFM, (Pilot)
RAF FO Paul, R V (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R G Bates, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt RA J Farahar, (Nav/Bomber)
RAAF 416631 Flt Sgt J R Tonkin, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 400450 WO C W Brooks, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 414560 Flt Sgt J F Hansen, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 413550 Sgt L H H Dearing, (Air Gunner)

WO Brooks, and Flt Sgt's Tonkin, Hansen and Dearing are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Lt Kitney is buried in the Feltham Cemetery, UK.

FO Paul is buried in the Norwich Cemetery, Norfolk, UK.

Sgt Bates is buried in the Hersham (St Peter) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Farahar is buried in the Gillingham (Woodlands) Cemetery, UK.

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401366 Sergeant CALDER, George Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/95/372 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Liberator
Serial number:	A1-624
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	15 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

Liberator A1-624 took off from RAF Burn at 1100 hours on the 14th September 1942, detailed to carry out a non-operational cross-country training flight. At 1219 hours it received from RAF Silloth a QDM of 132 degrees. Since then nothing was heard and the aircraft failed to return to base.

A report into the accident stated : “The time and cause of the accident was not known but it was presumed that the Pilot descended through cloud shortly after turning on BTA to position himself and struck a hill Three other aircraft completed the same route without incident.”

Crew:

RAF PO Betts, I H Captain (1st Pilot)
 RAF Sgt D H Warner, (2nd Pilot)
 RAF Sgt J C Freestone, (Observer)
 RAF Sgt G C Boar, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 401366 Sgt G D Calder, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt V F Talley, (Air Gunner)
 RAF `Sgt J E C A Steele-Nicholson, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt J Bowrey, (Air Gunner)

PO Betts, Sgt Freestone, Sgt Calder, Sgt Talley and Sgt Steele-Nicholson are buried in the Kirkinder Cemetery, Wigtownshire, Scotland. Kirkinder is a village on Wigtown Bay, two miles south of Wigtown.

Sgt Warner is buried in the Camberwell New Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Boar is buried in the Ipswich Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Bowrey is buried in the Bristol (Avon View) Cemetery, UK.

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402242 Flying Officer LESLIE, Alan James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 163/20/120 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 739
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 15 OPERATIONAL TRG

Summary:

Wellington DV739 took off from RAF Harwell at 1625 hours on 12th July 1942, and the aircraft crashed almost immediately when the port engine cut. DV739 crashed one mile west of Downs House, Wantage, UK.

Crew:

RAAF	402242 FO Leslie, A J Captain (Pilot Instructor)	Killed
RAF	Flt Sgt E Hannath, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	AC1 W Morgan,	Injured

FO Leslie is buried in the Harwell Cemetery, Berkshire, UK.

Flt Sgt Hannath is buried in the Cleethorpes Cemetery, UK

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402581 Pilot Officer WALSH, Harry Maynard

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/63/96 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8354
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	15 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z6354 crashed at 0320 hours on 25th September 1941, at Jarn Mound, Boors Hill, Berkshire. The accident occurred when the aircraft was attempting to land after the port engine had failed.

Crew:

RAF PO McConnochie, R A Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402581 PO Walsh, H M (Observer)
RAF Sgt C J Marien,
RAF Sgt M W Forcan,
RAF Sgt F J Kemp, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Murcs,

PO McConnochie and PO Walsh are buried in the Harwell Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Marien was cremated in the Leicester City (Gilroes) Crematorium.

Sgt Kemp is buried in the Marton (St Paul) Church Burial Ground, UK.

Commonwealth War Graves do not show whether the other two crew members were killed or survived the crash.

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416283 Flight Sergeant RATHJEN, Frederick Herbert

Source:

AWM 237 (65 NAA A705, 163/155/108 Commonwealth war Graces records
W R Chorley RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-
1947, Page 147, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 595
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	15 Op Training RAF

Summary:

Wellington DV595 took off from RAF Harwell at 0001 hours on 25th August 1942.
detailed to carry out night bombing practice over the Oldstone bombing ranges. While
over the range, DV595 collided with Wellington N2755 and crashed two miles south
east of Uffington and six miles WNW of Wantage, Berkshire.
All the crew on DV595 were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Falkinder, W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D Green, (2nd Pilot)
RAF PO Walmsley, A S (Observer)
RAF Sgt F T G Cannon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R J Coombs, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 416283 Flt Sgt F H Rathjen, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Harwell Cemetery, UK.

An Inquiry into the accident stated "DV595 broke cloud at 2100 hours in order to see the
range and collided with the underneath side of Wellington N2755. The eight on board
N2755 were uninjured."

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423710 Sergeant FRAZER, Jack Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/102 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
page 252, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 532
Radio call sign:	- V
Unit:	16 Op Training RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN532 took off from RAF Upper Heyford at 2025 hours on the night of 28/29th September 1943, detailed to carry out a Bullseye exercise. The exercise was from Base to Worcester-Calne-VU4535-Poole-WQ225701-Westminster Bridge-Conway-Peterborough-Base.

The aircraft broke cloud, base 800 to 900 feet, and flew into the ground at around 0100 hours at Whittlebury Wood, Whittlebury, three miles south of Towcester, Northamptonshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt R G Lees, Captain (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt G Pearson, (Pupil Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt W F C Wisdom, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt N F Paice, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 423710 Sgt J E Frazer, (Pupil Air Gunner)

Sgt Lees is buried in the Gndsall (St Lawrence) Churchyard Extension, UK.

Sgt Pearson is buried in the Shipley (Nab Wood) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Wisdom is buried in the Croydon (Mitcham Road) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Frazer and Sgt Paice are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

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425172 Flight Sergeant LESEBERG, Daniel Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAAQ : A705, 166/24/242 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 265, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 531
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	16 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Wellington LN531 took off from RAF Upper Heyford at 1728 hours on the 11th December 1943, detailed to carry out a night cross country training exercise. The aircraft emerged from cloud and crashed at 2303 hours at the hamlet of Little Rollright, three miles north east from Chipping Norton in Oxfordshire. All the crew were killed. .

Crew:

RAAF 425172 Flt Sgt D E Leseberg, Captain (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt E Harris, (Pupil Navigator)
RAF Sgt Flah To VN (Pupil 2nd Navigator)
RAF Sgt H Q Mitchell, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt F Nichols, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt B N Redmond, ((Pupil Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt J Foote, ((Pupil Mid Upper Gunner)

With the exception of Sgt Flah, the others killed are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK. Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sgt Flah is buried.

A Flying Accident report stated “The aircraft struck the ground at approx 22 degrees at high speed and it was literally level at the time of impact. Both the engines were running under power at the time. The engines disintegrated and were thrown forward. Also the wing tanks were thrown forward and burnt. The reason for the accident is obscure. The aircraft appeared to fly into the ground at about a 20 degree angle and at high speed, literally level with power on.”

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403153 Flight Sergeant VICKERS, Edgar Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/175/100 Digitised
Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 736
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	16 Op Training RAF

Summary:

Wellington DV736 took off from RAF Station Upper Heyford at 2339 hours on the 1st August 1942, detailed to carry out a raid on Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 403153 Flt Sgt E H Vickers, Captain (Staff Pilot)
RCAF Sgt R D Gibson, (2nd Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt T J Armstrong, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt N A Long, (Air Bomber)
RNZAF Sgt F P G Moore, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G Redhead, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Long was on No 37 Course and the remainder of the crew were on No 36 course.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Belgium. The cemetery is located 30kms from Brussels and 3kms south of Leuven.

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404381 Sergeant WILLIAMS, thomas Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/178/217 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Choley : RAF Bomber Command Losses RAF Operational Training Units 1940-1947, Page 83, Volume7.

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	P 5303
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 16 OTU RAF

Summary:

Hampden p5303 took off from RAF Upper Heyford on the 1st November 1941, detailed to carry out a navigation training exercise. Soon after acknowledging a recall signal, the aircraft dived and crashed near Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, UK. All on board were killed.

A Flying Accident report later found : “ That the primary cause of the accident was bad instrument flying when flying in a shower, resulting in a stabilized yaw. A secondary cause was that the aircraft spun into the ground.”

A Wg Cdr CO of 16 OTU stated :” RAF Wellesbourne informed me that this aircraft was seen spinning to the left and then to the right prior to hitting the ground nose first during a small rain storm. The aircraft was carrying 6x250 lb bombs but they did not explode.

The Group Capt 16 OTU stated : “ This pilot was a good steady type. It is difficult to understand why an isolated rain shower should cause him to lose control. The Pilot lost control in cloud through bad instrument flying He took correct action to recover but kept the rudder on too long resulting in the aircraft diving into the ground.”

Crew:

RAF Sgt J M Butterworth, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A R Enderby, (Observer)
RAAF 404381 Sgt T G Williams, (Navigator) PAX
RCAF Sgt R C Hollingworth, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sgt's Butterworth, Williams and Hollingworth are buried in the Stratford-upon-Avon Cemetery, UK. Sgt Enderby is buried in the Alford Cemetery, Lincolnshire, UK.

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408157 Flying Officer LANGWORTHY, Walter Dinnathorne DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) AWM 65 (3102) NAA : A705, 166/29/257

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	DZ 356
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	16 Operational Trg (1655 MTU) RAF

Summary:

Mosquito DZ356 took off from RAF Station Marham near King's Lynn, Norfolk, on 7th January 1944, detailed to carry out a non-operational day training flight. The aircraft crashed at 1530 hours at Langtone Court, Llangarrow, Hertfordshire, 7 miles north of Monmouth, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Jolly, K F Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 408157 FO Langworthy, W D DFC (Observer)

Flt Lt Jolly is buried in the St Albans Cemetery, UK.

FO Langworthy is buried in the Bath (Haycombe) Cemetery, Somerset, UK.

A report on the Accident stated : “ From eye witnesses accounts, DK356 was flying followed by a second aircraft at a considerable height. There was an explosion from the leading aircraft which resulted in fire and disintegration of the aircraft, Flt Lt Jolly was blown out of the aircraft without his chute which came down and opened out separately. The Observer used his chute although injured, but the canopy was torn and he died soon after the impact. The wreckage was spread over a four mile area with the main body of the aircraft being burnt out completely. Both engines broke away from their mountings while the aircraft was in mid-air There was ample evidence that the reported fire in the air, originated in one of the engines.”

Citation :

The Citation for the DFC awarded to the then PO Langworthy of 97 Squadron RAF is as follows : “ As Navigator, PO Langworthy has completed many successful sorties against very heavily defended targets in Germany and Italy. On one occasion he had a narrow escape when his seat in the aircraft was riddled with bullets. The aircraft was badly damaged and three members of the crew were wounded. With great coolness, PO Langworthy not only navigated the badly disabled aircraft back to this country but also rendered effective aid to the wounded. His courage and skill have always been beyond praise.” (London Gazette 14/5/1943, Page 2156)

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414289 Flying Officer BALLARD, Victor Norman

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/83 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 208, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3991
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	16 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Wellington X3991 took off from RAF Upper Heyford at 2005 hours on the night of 23/24th March 1943, detailed to carry out an advanced training flight and drop leaflets (Nickels) over the Orleans region. Apart from the normal frequency check on take off, nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 414289 FO Ballard, V N Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Masters, P W (Navigator)
RAF PO Dicker, A R (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J E Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF PO Gibson, G B (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H R Kinder (Mid Upper Gunner)

The crew consisted of trainees of No 38 course and the MUG of No 2 MUG course.

The aircraft crashed at Pontgouin (Eure-et-Loire) some 25kms WNW of Chartres, France. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Pontgouin Communal Cemetery, France.

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416787 Flight Lieutenant RICHARDSON, Jack McPherson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA :A705,166/35/450 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operation Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 333, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	KB 153
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	16 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Mosquito KB153 took off from RAF Satellite drome at Barford St John, at 1055 hours on 28th January 1945, with a pupil. The aircraft was detailed to carry out an exercise known as 'Bomber Familiarization.' About 1.45 hours later the aircraft was observed flying up the runway in use at about 1000 feet. White vapour was seen coming from the port engine and the port undercarriage leg was half down. The aircraft then turned to port 180 degrees thus flying downwind and almost immediately the aircraft lost 200 feet in a shallow dive.

It then levelled out, but it still lost height, and when almost opposite the downwind end of the runway in use and at about 600 feet, the aircraft started to turn towards the airfield. During the turn the aircraft lost height rapidly, and turned through 90 degrees and at 200 feet yawed violently to port. . The aircraft was then seen to do one complete turn of a spin, and it hit the ground at a steep angle with the aircraft catching fire. Both the crew were killed..

Crew:

RAAF 416787 Flt Lt Richardson, J McP Captain (Pilot)

RAF Flt Lt Butcher, L A DFC (Navigator)

Flt Lt Richardson is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Lt Butcher is buried in the Newcastle-Upon-Tyne (Byker and Heaton) Cemetery, UK.

A Court of Inquiry found that in its opinion the causes of the accident was due to :

- a complete loss of power in the port engine,
- the Pilot did not or was unable to feather the port engine,
- the port undercarriage in the half up position which(a) increased the drag on the port side and so increased the final violent yaw to port and (b) increased the stalling speed
- the loss of the remaining power in the port engine probably occurred on the final turn in to the drome and so initiated the violent yaw which started the incipient spin.

The Court also found that contributory factors were “ (a) Failure of the Pilot to strap in the aircraft and (b) the Pilot not noticing at the time that the port engine was failing.”

Extracts from the statement by the CO of RAF Station Upper Heyford are as follows ::
“ I concur in the findings of the Court. Everything possible, including snap checks is being done to ensure that Pilots and Navigators properly adjust the safety harness before take off. The risk attendant upon flying without the safety harness is constantly impressed upon aircrew. Flt Lt Richardson is a relatively experienced Pilot and he must have been fully aware of the necessity to wear the safety harness particularly when coming in to land. I consider it possible that he may have been thrown forward if and when his port engine cut, and he may therefore have momentarily lost control. “
“The final turn in to the drome may have been caused by (a) loss of power on the port engine coupled with the increased drag due to the port undercarriage lowering. OR
(b) a deliberate effort on the part of the Pilot to get down somewhere on the drome surface when he realized that a forced landing was inevitable.”
“ I do not consider that the evidence is sufficient to allocate responsibility for the accident to any particular person. On the other hand I do feel that had the Pilot securely strapped in, there is a possibility that the crash might not have proved fatal.”

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419948 Flight Sergeant BALDWIN, Ernest William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 281 V7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 352
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 17 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK352 took off from RAF Turweston at 0055 hours on the night of 17th March 1944, detailed to carry out night circuit training. The aircraft overshot and crashed at 0105 hours, coming down near Brackley airfield, Winchester, and caught fire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Dennis, R DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 417799 Flt Sgt P J Calder, (Pilot)
RAAF 430099 Sgt T J Greenhill, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J J O Walters (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419948 Flt Sgt E W Baldwin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt D S Robinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt's Calder, Baldwin and Robinson and Sgt Greenhill are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

PO Dennis is buried in the Featherstone (or North Featherstone) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Walters is buried in the Marshfield (St Mary) Churchyard, Monmouthshire, UK.

The DFM awarded to PO Dennis was published in the London Gazette of 14/9/1943 following his tour of duty with 199 Sqn RAF.

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417799 Flight Sergeant CALDER, Peter John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 281 V7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 352
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 17 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK352 took off from RAF Turweston at 0055 hours on the night of 17th March 1944, detailed to carry out night circuit training. The aircraft overshot and crashed at 0105 hours, coming down near Brackley airfield, Winchester, and caught fire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Dennis, R DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 417799 Flt Sgt P J Calder, (Pilot)
RAAF 430099 Sgt T J Greenhill, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J J O Walters (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419948 Flt Sgt E W Baldwin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt D S Robinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt's Calder, Baldwin and Robinson and Sgt Greenhill are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

PO Dennis is buried in the Featherstone (or North Featherstone) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Walters is buried in the Marshfield (St Mary) Churchyard, Monmouthshire, UK.

The DFM awarded to PO Dennis was published in the London Gazette of 14/9/1943 following his tour of duty with 199 Sqn RAF.

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415315 Flight Sergeant DUNN, Norman Neville

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/112 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 324
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	17 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On 18th September 1943, Wellington HE324 was taking part in night non-operational Combined Command Bulleeyes, and was detailed to fly at 7000 feet, cloud permitting. It was reported by RAF Chivenor, that an aircraft had crashed at 0054 hours on the 18th September, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 415315 Flt Sgt N N Dunn, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt J Donachie, (Navigator)
 RCAF PO Farrer, H (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt R K Dolling, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 424305 Sgt N A Newnham, (Rear Gunner)
 RAF Sgt K W Hallem, (Mid Upper Gunner)

Flt Sgt Dunn, Sgt Newnham and PO Farrer are buried in the Heaton Punchardon St Augustine's Churchyard, near Broughton, North Devon, UK.

Sgt Donnachie is buried in the Cambosnethan Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Dolling is buried in the Old Road Cemetery, Llanelli, UK.

Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sgt Hallem is buried.

A Flying Accident report stated : “ The cause of the accident was unknown. PO Stewart the Pilot of a Beaufighter from No 125 Sqn RAF Exeter reported that he carried out an interception of a Wellington aircraft near Bidefort at 0048 hours. The Wellington evaded the intercept and disappeared into cloud. Flt Sgt O'Brien of No 29 O T U flying a Wellington stated a Beaufighter over took him and attacked another Wellington at 0052 hours. Both aircraft disappeared into cloud and shortly after there was an explosion on the ground. Other Pilots on the same exercise reported a towering mass of Cumulus Nimbus cloud in the Barnstaple area.”

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430099 Sergeant GREENHILL, Thomas John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 352
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 17 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK352 took off from RAF Turweston at 0055 hours on the night of 17th March 1944, detailed to carry out night circuit training. The aircraft overshot and crashed at 0105 hours, coming down near Brackley airfield, Winchester, and caught fire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Dennis, R DFM Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 417799 Flt Sgt P J Calder, (Pilot)
RAAF 430099 Sgt T J Greenhill, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J J O Walters (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419948 Flt Sgt E W Baldwin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt D S Robinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt's Calder, Baldwin and Robinson and Sgt Greenhill are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

PO Dennis is buried in the Featherstone (or North Featherstone) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Walters is buried in the Marshfield (St Mary) Churchyard, Monmouthshire, UK.

The DFM awarded to PO Dennis was published in the London Gazette of 14/9/1943 following his tour of duty with 199 Sqn RAF.

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424399 Flight Sergeant JONES, Bertram John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/132 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units,1940-1947,
Page 282, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 688
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	17 Operational Training RAF

Summary:

On 23rd March 1944, Wellington HE688 took off from Silverstone at 1915 hours for an evening cross country training exercise. The Pilot lost control due to the port engine failing, and while trying to arrest the steep dive, the aircraft broke up and crashed almost vertically at 2105 hours to the east of Little Beach Hill near Ellerback, about four miles ENE of Northallerton, Yorkshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Thomson, E N J Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 424399 Flt Sgt B J Jones,(Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt E P Moore, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430076 WO D L Watson,(Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D G Stephens, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt B Woodhead, (Air Gunner)

FO Thomas, Flt Sgt Brown and WO Watson are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Sgt Moore is buried in the Port Slade Cemetery, UK

Sgt Stephens is buried in the Stand (All Saints) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Woodhead is buried in the Salford (Allcroft) Cemetery, UK.

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409770 Warrant Officer TERRY, Arthur Lewis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/291 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947
Page 299, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	LF 749
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	17 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On 8th June 1944, Hurricane LF749 took off from RAF Turweston, detailed to carry out a fighter affiliation training duty. Eyewitnesses reported seeing the Hurricane performing aerobatics estimated at around 2000 feet, when it dived steeply to the ground and crashed at 1229 hours at Boycott Farm, north of the A422 main road and on the SSW side of Stowe Park, a large estate some two miles north west of Buckingham.

Crew:

RAAF 409770 WO A L Terry, (Pilot)

WO Terry is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

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430076 Sergeant WATSON, David Lancaster

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/21/132 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units,1940-1947,
Page 282, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 688
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	17 Operational Training RAF

Summary:

On 23rd March 1944, Wellington HE688 took off from Silverstone at 1915 hours for an evening cross country training exercise. The Pilot lost control due to the port engine failing, and while trying to arrest the steep dive, the aircraft broke up and crashed almost vertically at 2105 hours to the east of Little Beach Hill near Ellerback, about four miles ENE of Northallerton, Yorkshire. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Thomson, E N J Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 424399 Flt Sgt B J Jones, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt E P Moore, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430076 WO D L Watson, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D G Stephens, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt B Woodhead, (Air Gunner)

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400278 Flying Officer KINGSHOTT, Melville John

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705,163/41/66 Commonwealth War Graves records
WR Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units,1940-1947,
Page 93, Volume7.

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	P6959
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	17 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On 3rd January 1942, Blenheim P6959 took off from Upwood for a cross country training exercise. The aircraft dived from the cloud base, estimated at 2000 feet, and failed to recover before hitting the ground at 1145 hours at Stanton at Edgebolton, eight miles north east from the centre of Shrewsbury.

Crew:

RAAF 400278 FO Kingshott, M J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W Jowett, (Observer)
RAF Sgt R McC Masson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

FO Kingshott is buried in the Shawbury (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Jowett is buried in the Bradford (Thornton) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Masson is buried in the Aberdeen (Allenvale) Cemetery, UK.

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424305 Sergeant NEWNHAM, Henry Arthur

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/112 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 324
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	17 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On 18th September 1943, Wellington HE324 was taking part in night non-operational Combined Command Bulleeyes, and was detailed to fly at 7000 feet, cloud permitting. It was reported by RAF Chivenor, that an aircraft had crashed at 0054 hours on the 18th September, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 415315 Flt Sgt N N Dunn, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt J Donachie, (Navigator)
 RCAF PO Farrer, H (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt R K Dolling, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 424305 Sgt N A Newnham, (Rear Gunner)
 RAF Sgt K W Hallem, (Mid Upper Gunner)

Flt Sgt Dunn, Sgt Newnham and PO Farrer are buried in the Heaton Punchardon St Augustine's Churchyard, near Broughton, North Devon, UK.
 Sgt Donnachie is buried in the Cambosnethan Cemetery, UK.
 Sgt Dolling is buried in the Old Road Cemetery, Llanelli, UK.
 Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sgt Hallem is buried.

A Flying Accident report stated : “ The cause of the accident was unknown. PO Stewart the Pilot of a Beaufighter from No 125 Sqn RAF Exeter reported that he carried out an interception of a Wellington aircraft near Bidefort at 0048 hours. The Wellington evaded the intercept and disappeared into cloud. Flt Sgt O'Brien of No 29 O T U flying a Wellington stated a Beaufighter over took him and attacked another Wellington at 0052 hours. Both aircraft disappeared into cloud and shortly after there was an explosion on the ground. Other Pilots on the same exercise reported a towering mass of Cumulus Nimbus cloud in the Barnstaple area.”

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413556 Flight Sergeant BROWN, Robert Phillip Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NA : A705, 166/6/493 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Albermarle
Serial number:	V 1609
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	18 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On 15th April 1944, Albermarle V1609 crashed at 1535 hours during a day non-operational training exercise doing local circuits and landings. Four of the crew were killed and one injured.

Crew:

RAAF	413556 Flt Sgt R P H Brown, Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAF	Sgt J Crichton, (Navigator)	Killed
RAAF	412827 WO F A A Ormiston, (Bomb Aimer) *	Killed
RAF	Sgt A G Crowe, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	Sgt A Ewen, (Air Gunner)	Injured

*At the time WO Ormiston was attached to 51OTU RAF

Flt Sgt Brown and WO Ormiston are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Crichton is buried Dumphries (St Michael's) Cemetery, UK
Sgt Crowe is buried in the Hartford (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK..

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “ Flt Sgt Brown was detailed to carry out local circuits and landings for three hours until 1537 hours. At 1500 hours he took off for the last circuit and apparently proceeded to Hartford where the Wireless Air Gunner lived. From initial reports the aircraft was carrying out a shoot up and one wing struck the chimney of a house, causing the aircraft to crash only 200yards from the WAG's house.

The Group Captain RAF Ashbourne stated :” The Pilot was ordered to practice circuits and landings and apparently disobeyed orders and flew to Hartford village where he carried out a ”shoot up”.

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402233 Warrant Officer FARLAM, Alan Kenneth

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/101 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 241, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Anson
Serial number:	N 9671
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	19 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On 14th August 1943, Anson N9671 was detailed to carry out a non-operational day navigational training exercise. The aircraft crashed at 1505 hours on the 14th August one mile east of Arbroath airfield, Angus, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 402233 WO A K Farlam, Captain (Pilot)

RAF FO Kirby, H H DFC (SO Navigator)

RAF Sgt R Brown, (SO Wireless Operator)

RAF Sgt E S A Gray, (Pupil Navigator)

RAF Sgt P J Pellatt, (Pupil Air Bomber)

RAF Sgt K Ashmore, (Pupil Wireless Operator)

WO Farlam is buried in the Cheam (St Dunstan) Churchyard, Sutton and Cheam, Surrey,

FO Kirby was cremated in the Mortlake Crematorium, UK.

Sgt Brown is in the Beckenham Crematorium and Cemetery, UK..

Sgt Gray is buried in the Gainsborough General Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Pellatt is buried in the Arbroath Eastern Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Ashmore is buried in the Birmingham (Yardley) Cemetery, UIK.

Anson N9671 took off in the early afternoon, and shortly after take off a W/T signal was received indicating all was well. From time to time further contact was made, but at 3.15pm, a message was received from RAF Kinloss, Scotland, that the aircraft had crashed 10 miles east of Arbroath airfield in Scotland, and all on board were killed.

The following are extracts from Court of Inquiry into the accident

Para 8 "The aircraft started breaking up before it hit the ground and parts of the main plane and tailplane were picked up a quarter to half a mile away from the wrecked aircraft which struck the ground in an almost vertical dive. The engines were found 5 to 6 feet below the ground and the aircraft had exploded on impact."

The Court of Inquiry concluded that "It appears that the aircraft had been flying on a southerly course between 3/4000 feet and was first noticed over the village of Marywell, and was then seen to go into a diving turn to port. In the dive parts of the aircraft were seen to be breaking away, and the aircraft struck the ground in a vertical dive and exploded on impact. No evidence was submitted to show the cause of the aircraft going into a diving turn to port from which it never recovered."

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402837 Sergeant PHILLIPS, Brian

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/150/146 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 104, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Lysander
Serial number:	R 9120
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	19 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On 16th March 1942, Lysander R9120 took off from RAF Kinloss, detailed to carry out a cooperation training exercise in ground to air firing. While in flight the propeller of the aircraft came off, and although the Pilot successfully put the aircraft down on the beach at Findhorn Bay, Morayshire, he was unable to prevent his aircraft running into some anti-tank concrete blocks. Tragically a fire started, and although Sgt Phillips either extracted himself or was dragged from the inferno, he was so severely burnt that he died within a few hours of the crash. Both crew lost their lives.

Crew:

RAF Sgt T E Coogan DFM (Pilot)
RAAF 402837 Sgt B Phillips, (Pilot)

Both the crew are buried in the Kinloss Abbey Burial Ground, UK.

A Court of Inquiry in the crash reported as follows :

“ A Technical Report stated : The Primary cause of the accident was that the reduction gear failed, cutting through the reduction casing thereby allowing the airscrew and part of the casing to fall away.

A Secondary cause was the loss of the propeller and the aircraft striking concrete anti-tank blocks when attempting to force land.

The Wg Cdr Commanding Training Wing stated : “ I consider the pilot would have been better advised to attempt a forced landing close on to the shore of the Bay of the beach or in shallow water straight ahead rather than the sand dunes which meant that he had to pass over a large village having turned inland. “

The Station Commander stated : “The Pilot committed a fatal error of turning back when the engine failed at low altitude. He should have force landed on a flat stretch of sand straight ahead. The Pilot was a very experienced and of above average ability.”

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30185 Sergeant GRIFFITHS, Daniel Brook

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/75 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 215, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	LA 841
Radio call sign:	ZV – E
Unit:	19 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the night of 27/28th April 1942, Whitley LA841 took off at 2200 hours from RAF Kinloss, to carryout a night cross-country training exercise. The aircraft dived at high speed and crashed at 0200 hours on 28th April into the Moray Firth, two miles off Nairn. In the morning the wreck of the aircraft was located, lying on its back, the lowered undercarriage protruding clear of the water. An inflated dinghy was floating nearby. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt E Mitchell, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt E S Blake, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J S Grocock, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D McLachlan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 30185 Sgt D B Griffith, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt A G Debenham, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Mitchell is buried in the Todmorden (Christ Church) Churchyard, UK.

Flt Sgt Blake, Sgt Grocock and Sgt Griffiths are buried in the Kinloss Abbey Burial Ground, UK.

Sgt McLachlan is buried in the Edinburgh (Rosebank) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Debenham is buried in the Leicester (Saffron Hill) Cemetery, UK.

On the above RAAF Casualty file the following report appears : “The aircraft had been detailed to carry out a four hour night operational training cross-country. The aircraft maintained its course through the exercise and when it was nearing base, it received several priority QDM,s. The last QDM was at 0149 hours. At approx 0200 hours the Coast Guards reported that an aircraft had crashed into the sea.

The main fuselage had crashed approx half a mile off shore, and must have struck the sea a great speed. The outer portion of the port main plane and a large amount of small wreckage was lying as far as 600 yards inshore from the main wreck. So far one badly damaged engine has been salvaged and this shows conclusive evidence of severe over revving. The main wreck has not yet been salvaged.” .

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400988 Sergeant SCOTT, Colin Campbell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/160/187 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 105, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	N 1437
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	19 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 24th March 1942, Whitley N1437 took off from RAF Kinloss at 0125 hours for night flying training. An engine failed and the aircraft smashed into trees near No 1 site. A fire broke out and Sgt Scott perished before he could be dragged clear.

Crew:

RAF	FO Davies, G C DSO Captain (Instructor Pilot)	Injured
RAAF	400988 Sgt C C Scott, (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	408168 PO Munro K, (Pilot)	Injured
RAAF	403188 Sgt W W Harris, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Injured

Sgt Scott is buried in the Kinloss Abbey Burial Ground, Morayshire, Scotland.

In a letter to Sgt Scott's parents, the Grp Capt Commanding RAF Kinloss wrote :

"Sgt Scott was being given dual instruction at night having been converted to Whitley aircraft by day, and he had been flying for sometime on the night in question with his Instructor. At the time of the accident Scott was in the left hand seat of the aircraft at the controls and the Instructor in the right hand seat at the dual controls. As they were taking while practising take off and landings, the port engine failed suddenly just as the aircraft was airborne and when the undercarriage was still down.

The Instructor Pilot immediately took over the controls but under the circumstances was unable to maintain height or direction, and the aircraft losing height and turning to the left it crashed into a wood at the edge of the drome. The aircraft was completely demolished and the petrol tanks caught fire.

The engine was inspected and the cause of the failure was found to be an Inlet Valve, a chip about the size of a small finger nail having broken off for reasons unknown."

PO Munro was later killed on 1st July 1943, when with No 3 Flg Instructors School. He was then a Flt Lt and had been awarded the DFC and Bar.

Sgt Harris survived the crash and the war and was discharged a WO on 29/10/1945 when with his Unit being Air Force Headquarter Records.

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400474 Sergeant JENKINS, Douglas Vaughan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/127/28 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	T 4652
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 (C) Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 14th August 1941, Beaufighter T4652 was derailed to carry out landings, steep turns and single engine flying, to be carried out at 6000 feet or above. One occupant only. The aircraft crashed one mile north east of Gransmoor, Yorkshire near Bridlington.

The cause of the accident was due to an engine becoming detached in flight causing the aircraft to dive and hit the ground.

Crew:

400474 Sgt D V Jenkins (Pilot)

Sgt Jenkins is buried in the Brandesburton (St Mary) Churchyard, Yorkshire, UK.

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400496 Sergeant STEELE, Charles Figsby Colville

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/163/213 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z 5955
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 C Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 17th August 1941, Blenheim Z5955 was detailed by the Flight Commander for training special instructions, to carry out circuits/standings. One occupant only. The aircraft crashed on Hall Farm, Catfoss, UK and the Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 400496 Sgt C F C Steele, (Pilot)

Sgt Steele is buried in the Brandesburton (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.

In a statement by Sgt Triggs to the Court of Inquiry he said : “ I am a pupil of No 8 Beaufighter course. During night flying practice on the morning of 17/8/1941, I was assisting the Control Pilot on the flare path. At approx 0300 hours I saw Z5955 take off flown by Steele. The aircraft having climbed to approx 500 feet it then started a left hand turn across wind, and I then saw the port navigation light which I immediately realized to be losing height, slowly at first and then more rapidly. About one second after the port light disappeared below the horizon, and I heard a crash.”

A Court of Inquiry found : “ The aircraft was flying parallel to the ground at the time of the first impact. The aircraft struck a tree and then a rooftop and chimney continuing across the roof through a brick building into a cornfield. The Court was of the opinion that the port wing was down at the time of impact.”

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409206 Flight Sergeant DICKSON, James Seatter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5527868 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 (C) Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

Flt Sgt Dickson a Pilot attached to No 2C Operational Trg at RAF Catfoss, was killed in a flying accident in the UK On 4th January 1943. No other detail is available as Archives does not hold a RAAF Casualty file.

Flt Sgt Dickson is buried in the Edinburgh Eastern Cemetery, UK.

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404855 Sergeant COPAS, Vernon Gregory Hanrahan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/176/250 1633/98/469 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Blenheim
Serial number: L 1125
Radio call sign:
Unit: 2 (C) Op Training RAF

Summary:

Blenheim L 1125 of No 2 Conversion Operational Training Unit RAF carrying out an operational training flight on 4 April 1942, collided in mid-air with another aircraft at 1930 hours during formation flying. The accident occurred 1 mile north of Skipsea, in the County of Yorkshire (later rezoned into the County of Humberside). L1125 crashed on the shore, and L 6795 the other aircraft crashed approx 500 yards out to sea.

Crew:

RAF Sgt G A Edmonds Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Mair, J D (Observer)
RAF Sgt Eart
RAAF 404855 Sgt V G H Copas, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403100 Sgt Warren, F E S (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt W T Braun (

Sgt Copas (RAAF) is interred in the Brandesburton (St Mary's) Church Yard Yorkshire. It was recorded in 1949 that Sgt Warren (RAAF) and Sgt Braun (RCAF) had lost their lives at sea, and they have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.
PO Mair was cremated in the Hull Crematorium, UK.

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404586 Sergeant MASON, Walter Edward

Source:

AWM 347 (65) NAA : 163/142/415 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z 5723
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 21st July 1942, Blenheim Z5723 was detailed to carry out a night navigation exercise. The aircraft crashed at Bridlington, Yorkshire and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt G C Jardine, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt M Davies, (Wireless Operator/Observer)
RAAF 404586 Sgt W E Mason, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Jardine is buried in the Peebles Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Davies is buried in the Swansea (Morrison) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Mason is buried in the Brandesburton (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated that : “In our opinion the accident occurred as a result of a flat spin on a dark night from a fairly low altitude, but the cause cannot be ascertained.”

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427851 Flight Sergeant CORBETT, Robert Archibald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A706, 166/8/632 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Proctor
Serial number:	DX 191
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	2 Radio School RAF

Summary:

On the 10th September 1944, Proctor DX191 took off from No 2 Radio School, Yatesbury at 0850 hours with a W/T Pupil on a W/T exercise of one and a half hours duration. The aircraft failed to return from the exercise and Flt Sgt Corbett was killed and Sgt Jubb died from his injuries on the 11th September 1944.

Crew:

RAAF 427851 Flt Sgt R A Corbett, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J B Jubb (W/T Trainee)

Flt Sgt Corbett is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Jubb is buried in the Gateshead (Saltwell) Cemetery, UK.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated that : “ Contact with the aircraft was made from a W/T Ground station at 0900 hours and the last message received from the aircraft was at 0919 hours At 0920 hours the aircraft was seen descending near Stretton –on-Fosse seemingly with engine trouble. At a height of approx 2000 feet, the aircraft circled a field of about 1000 yards long and 150 yards wide. The aircraft was low making the final turn into the field and it struck a tree while steeply banked to the left. The aircraft was totally destroyed.

It was the opinion of the Court that the Pilot was attempting to carry out a forced landing after engine trouble. He had chosen a good field but misjudged his approach being too close to the field on his final turn in with the result that the aircraft hit a tree.”

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428291 Flight Sergeant BARRY, David Bernard

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/628 Commonwealth Wart Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units,1940-1947,
Page 305, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 262
Radio call sign:	- H
Unit:	20 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On 22nd July 1944, Wellington HZ262 took off from RAF Lossiemouth at 1153 hours, detailed to carry out a fighter affiliation training exercise. At approx 1230 hours, the aircraft was sighted, flying at an estimated 2500 feet over the local golf course when the starboard wing suddenly came off. Totally out of control, the bomber plunged into Lossiemouth Harbour. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 428291 Flt Sgt J Grigg, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 429200 Flt Sgt O'Dwyer, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF PO Sunter, A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 428291 Flt Sgt D B Barry, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt A G Pring, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Kirk, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt's Grigg, O'Dwyer and Barry are buried in the Lossiemouth Burial Ground, Scotland. UK. Lossiemouth is a seaport town and coastguard station on the Moray Firth, some five miles due north of Elgin.

PO Sunter is buried in the New Shildon (All Saints) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Pring is buried in the Newton Poppleford Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Kirk is buried in the Newbattle Cemetery, UK

Mr H Woodcock a 23 year old civilian of 23 Moray St Elgin, drowned at Lossiemouth while endeavouring to rescue crew from the crashed aircraft. He is buried in the Moray County Scotland.

Cpl Lucas, WAAF, a nursing orderly, happened to be visiting the Stotfield Hotel and saw the aircraft hit the sea, about 250 yards from the shore. Without hesitation she ran to the water's edge and fully clothed, began swimming towards the wreck. At the time there was a moderate swell and a considerable amount of seaweed was present, threatening to trap her at any moment. With total disregard for her own safety, Cpl Lucas pressed on and was the first to reach the terrible scene. There she remained until joined by other helpers and was able to identify two of the crew that had come to the surface. Then, satisfied that no one was alive, she struck off to aid a civilian, (probably Harold Woodstock) who was in difficulties. Again, she rendered aid until others arrived to assist. Near exhausted, she swam the remaining few yards to safety. For her unstinting efforts Cpl Lucas was recommended for the British Empire Medal.

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

407283 Sergeant BISHOP, Jack

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/92/113 Commonwealth War Graves Records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 100, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	N 2825
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	20 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 14th February 1942, Wellington N2825 took off from RAF Lossiemouth for night flying practice. Around 2335 hours the aircraft crashed on a hill at Rothies, nine miles SSE of Elgin, Moray. The cause of the tragedy was attributed to engine failure. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Burr was injured.

Crew:

RAF	PO Cobb, R E Captain (Pilot)	
RAF	PO Witter, A S (Pilot)	
RAF	Sgt H Clark, (Observer)	
RAAF	407283 Sgt J Bishop, (Wireless Air Gunner)	
RAAF	400344 Sgt J H Goldie, (Wireless Air Gunner)	
RAF	Sgt N A Burr, (Air Gunner)	Injured

PO Cobb is buried in the France Lynch (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, Chalford.
PO Witter is in the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium, Manor Park, UK.
Sgt Clark is buried in the Lancaster (Scotforth) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt's Bishop and Goldie are buried in the Lossiemouth Burial Ground, Scotland.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402589 Flight Sergeant COX, Reginald George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/687 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	W 1272
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	20 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 22nd September 1942, Halifax W1272 crashed at 0912 hours , one quarter of a mile east of Middle Farm, Casterton, UK.

Crew:

RAAF 400952 Flt Lt Falkiner, J A Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF PO Percival, J W DFC, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L H Jones, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 402589 Flt Sgt R G Cox, (Air Gunner)

Flt Lt Falkiner is buried in the Wooten (St Lawrence) Churchyard, UK.

PO Percival and Flt Sgt Cox are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Jones is buried in the Adwick-Le-Street, Cemetery, UK.

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404634 Sergeant DICKSON, Beaumont Churchill

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/102/44 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 95, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1646
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	20 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On 19th January 1942, Wellington R1646 took off from RAF Lossiemouth, detailed to carry out a cross-country training flight, and failed to return at the scheduled time. On, or around the 19th February the police relayed a message to Lossiemouth that the wreckage of an aircraft had been reported in the vicinity of Clunie Water (or Clunie Glen), near Braemar in Aberdeenshire. Three days later a service party struggled across the snow covered countryside, and confirmed that the remains were those of the Wellington. From evidence gathered at the scene it seems likely that the aircraft came down at around 1250 hours. The crew of six had been killed.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Thomson,, J W DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt R J Jackson, (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt H J Kelley, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J B Riley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404634 Sgt B C Dickson,(Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404637 Sgt R A Milliken, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Dyce Old Churchyard, UK. The Churchyard stands on the right bank of the Don, two miles from the Dyce Railway Station, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

Searches were conducted over the area from which the last and very weak W/T message was received at RAF Lossiemouth at 1250 hours and no indication of any difficulty was indicated. The last estimated position was 57.58N, 01.50 W

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

400344 Sergeant GOLDIE, John Hunter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/92/113 Commonwealth War Graves Records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 100, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	N 2825
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	20 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 14th February 1942, Wellington N2825 took off from RAF Lossiemouth for night flying practice. Around 2335 hours the aircraft crashed on a hill at Rothes, nine miles SSE of Elgin, Moray. The caused of the tragedy was attributed to engine failure. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Burr was injured.

Crew:

RAF	PO Cobb, R E Captain (Pilot)	
RAF	PO Witter, A S (Pilot)	
RAF	Sgt H Clark, (Observer)	
RAAF	407283 Sgt J Bishop, (Wireless Air Gunner)	
RAAF	400344 Sgt J H Goldie, (Wireless Air Gunner)	
RAF	Sgt N A Burr, (Air Gunner)	Injured

PO Cobb is buried in the France Lynch (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, Chalford.
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Sgt Clark is buried in the Lancaster (Scotforth) Cemetery,UK.
Sgt's Bishop and Goldie are buried in the Lossiemouth Burial Ground, Scotland.

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427901 Flight Sergeant GRIGG, Allan Joseph

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/628 Commonwealth Wart Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units,1940-1947,
Page 305, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 262
Radio call sign:	- H
Unit:	20 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On 22nd July 1944, Wellington HZ262 took off from RAF Lossiemouth at 1153 hours, detailed to carry out a fighter affiliation training exercise. At approx 1230 hours, the aircraft was sighted, flying at an estimated 2500 feet over the local golf course when the starboard wing suddenly came off. Totally out of control, the bomber plunged into Lossiemouth Harbour. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 428291 Flt Sgt J Grigg, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 429200 Flt Sgt O'Dwyer, (Navigator Air Bomber)
RAF PO Sunter, A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 428291 Flt Sgt D B Barry, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt A G Pring, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Kirk, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt's Grigg, O'Dwyer and Barry are buried in the Lossiemouth Burial Ground, Scotland. UK. Lossiemouth is a seaport town and coastguard station on the Moray Firth, some five miles due north of Elgin.

PO Sunter is buried in the New Shildon (All Saints) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Pring is buried in the Newton Poppleford Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Kirk is buried in the Newbattle Cemetery, UK

Mr H Woodcock a 23 year old civilian of 23 Moray St Elgin, drowned at Lossiemouth while endeavouring to rescue crew from the crashed aircraft. He is buried in the Moray County Scotland.

Cpl Lucas, WAAF, a nursing orderly, happened to be visiting the Stotfield Hotel and saw the aircraft hit the sea, about 250 yards from the shore. Without hesitation she ran to the water's edge and fully clothed, began swimming towards the wreck. At the time there was a moderate swell and a considerable amount of seaweed was present, threatening to trap her at any moment. With total disregard for her own safety, Cpl Lucas pressed on and was the first to reach the terrible scene. There she remained until joined by other helpers and was able to identify two of the crew that had come to the surface. Then, satisfied that no one was alive, she struck off to aid a civilian, (probably Harold Woodstock) who was in difficulties. Again, she rendered aid until others arrived to assist. Near exhausted, she swam the remaining few yards to safety. For her unstinting efforts Cpl Lucas was recommended for the British Empire Medal.

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404470 Sergeant KENT, Malcolm Edward

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 86, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	L 4348
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	20 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 5th December 1941, Wellington L4348 took off from RAF Lossiemouth, detailed to carry out a navigational training exercise. The aircraft crashed at 1600 hours some 14 miles west of Strathy Point, Sutherland, and burst into flames. The blaze was seen by the crew of another of the Unit's aircraft, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt H S D Goss, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A R McCoy, (Observer)
RAF Sgt A Flint, (Observer)
RAAF 404470 Sgt M E Kent, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt A J Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Goss is buried in the Watford Cemetery, UK.

Sgt's McCoy, Kent and Wilson are buried in the Wick Cemetery, UK

Sgt Flint is buried in the Braunstone (St Peter) Churchyard, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402661 Sergeant KILLEN, Richard Lyle

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 68, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1622
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	20 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 23rd August 1941, Wellington R1622 took off from RAF Lossiemouth, detailed to carry out local night flying practice, but due to incorrect flap settings, the aircraft failed to climb. Having grazed the top of a hangar, which took away the pitot head, the aircraft was ditched at approx 0105 hours roughly four miles out in the Moray Firth. Two of the crew were killed and two were injured

Crew:

RNZAF	Sgt T H Bagnall, Captain (Pilot)	Injured
RAAF	402661 Sgt R L Killen, (Pilot)	Killed
RAF	Sgt R F Lawrence,(Injured
RAF	Sgt A Thompson, (Air Gunner)	Killed

Sgt Killen is buried in the Kiltarn Parish Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Thompson is buried in the South Shields (St Simon, Simonside) Churchyard, UK.

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

404637 Sergeant MILLIKEN, Roy Alister

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/102/44 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 95, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1646
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	20 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On 19th January 1942, Wellington R1646 took off from RAF Lossiemouth, detailed to carry out a cross-country training flight, and failed to return at the scheduled time. On, or around the 19th February the police relayed a message to Lossiemouth that the wreckage of an aircraft had been reported in the vicinity of Clunie Water (or Clunie Glen), near Braemar in Aberdeenshire. Three days later a service party struggled across the snow covered countryside, and confirmed that the remains were those of the Wellington. From evidence gathered at the scene it seems likely that the aircraft came down at around 1250 hours. The crew of six had been killed.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Thomson,, J W DFC, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt R J Jackson, (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt H J Kelley, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J B Riley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404634 Sgt B C Dickson,(Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 404637 Sgt R A Milliken, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Dyce Old Churchyard, UK. The Churchyard stands on the right bank of the Don, two miles from the Dyce Railway Station, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

Searches were conducted over the area from which the last and very weak W/T message was received at RAF Lossiemouth at 1250 hours and no indication of any difficulty was indicated. The last estimated position was 57.58N, 01.50 W

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429200 Flight Sergeant O'DWYER, Edmond William

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/628 Commonwealth Wart Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units,1940-1947,
Page 305, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 262
Radio call sign:	- H
Unit:	20 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On 22nd July 1944, Wellington HZ262 took off from RAF Lossiemouth at 1153 hours, detailed to carry out a fighter affiliation training exercise. At approx 1230 hours, the aircraft was sighted, flying at an estimated 2500 feet over the local golf course when the starboard wing suddenly came off. Totally out of control, the bomber plunged into Lossiemouth Harbour. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 428291 Flt Sgt J Grigg, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 429200 Flt Sgt O'Dwyer, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF PO Sunter, A (Air Bomber)
RAAF 428291 Flt Sgt D B Barry, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt A G Pring, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Kirk, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt's Grigg, O'Dwyer and Barry are buried in the Lossiemouth Burial Ground, Scotland. UK. Lossiemouth is a seaport town and coastguard station on the Moray Firth, some five miles due north of Elgin.

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Mr H Woodcock a 23 year old civilian of 23 Moray St Elgin, drowned at Lossiemouth while endeavouring to rescue crew from the crashed aircraft. He is buried in the Moray County Scotland.

Cpl Lucas, WAAF, a nursing orderly, happened to be visiting the Stotfield Hotel and saw the aircraft hit the sea, about 250 yards from the shore. Without hesitation she ran to the water's edge and fully clothed, began swimming towards the wreck. At the time there was a moderate swell and a considerable amount of seaweed was present, threatening to trap her at any moment. With total disregard for her own safety, Cpl Lucas pressed on and was the first to reach the terrible scene. There she remained until joined by other helpers and was able to identify two of the crew that had come to the surface. Then, satisfied that no one was alive, she struck off to aid a civilian, (probably Harold Woodstock) who was in difficulties. Again, she rendered aid until others arrived to assist. Near exhausted, she swam the remaining few yards to safety. For her unstinting efforts Cpl Lucas was recommended for the British Empire Medal.

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417903 Flight Sergeant THOMAS, John Edwin

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/31/134 166/39/194
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley:RAF Bomber Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947. Page 268, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: X 3805
Radio call sign: - H
Unit: 20 Op Training RAF

Summary:

Wellington X 3805 of No 20 Operational Training Unit RAF took off from RAF Lossiemouth, Morayshire, Scotland, on 28 December 1943, for an operational training flight. The aircraft crashed shortly after takeoff when first the port and then the starboard engines failed. The aircraft crashed into the sea at 1040 hours about 3 miles from land and north of Dallachy, Scotland. Rescue operations began immediately and four bodies were recovered but no survivors were found.

Crew:

RAAF 426823 PO Boyd, H W Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 416697 Flt Sgt O'Donnell, J P, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 417903 Sgt Thomas, J E (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt W M Bridge (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt R Summers (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K Dunkerley (Air Gunner)

The bodies of PO Boyd, Sgt's Thomas, Bridge, and Summers are buried at Lossiemouth Burial Ground, Scotland. Both Flt Sgt O'Donnell and Sgt Dunkerley are listed as having lost their lives at sea, and have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

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415709 Flight Sergeant WILLIAMS, James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/499 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley, RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 272,
Volume 1944

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 751
Radio call sign:	- A
Unit:	20 O p Training RAF

Summary:

On the 23 January 1944, Wellington HE751 took off from RAF Lossiemouth, Scotland, at 116 hours, for a fighter affiliation training exercise. During the flight, the aircraft dived from 4000 feet and crashed on the Elgin Golf course. All the six on board were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt D J Hurley, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L W Gransden, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D Sanderson (Air Bomber)
RAAF 415700 Flt Sgt J Williams, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt G F Couse, (Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt R W Burton, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Hurley is buried in the Leytonstone (St Patrick's) Roman Catholic Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Gransden is buried in the Sittingbourne Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Sanderson is buried in the Manchester Southern Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Williams is buried in the Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, UK.

Sgt Couse and Sgt Burton are buried in the Lossiemouth Burial Ground, Scotland.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

426823 Pilot Officer BOYD, Harold William

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/31/134 166/39/194
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley:RAF Bomber Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947. Page 268, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: X 3805
Radio call sign: - H
Unit: 20 Op Training RAF

Summary:

Wellington X 3805 of No 20 Operational Training Unit RAF took off from RAF Losiemouth, Morayshire, Scotland, on 28 December 1943, for an operational training flight. The aircraft crashed shortly after takeoff when first the port and then the starboard engines failed. The aircraft crashed into the sea at 1040 hours about 3 miles from land and north of Dallachy, Scotland. Rescue operations began immediately and four bodies were recovered but no survivors were found.

Crew:

RAAF 426823 PO Boyd, H W Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 416697 Flt Sgt O'Donnell, J P, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 417903 Sgt Thomas, J E (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt W M Bridge (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt R Summers (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt K Dunkerley)Air Gunner)

The bodies of PO Boyd, Sgt's Thomas, Bridge, and Summers are buried at Lossiemouth Burial Ground, Scotland. Both Flt Sgt O'Donnell and Sgt Dunkerley are listed as having lost their lives at sea, and have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

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409114 Flying Officer HECK, James William

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/35/38 Commonwealth War Graves records

W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 182, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	L 7867
Radio call sign:	JM – J
Unit:	20 Operational Training RAF

Summary:

On the 10th December 1942, Wellington L7867 took off from RAF Lossiemouth, armed with eight practice bombs, two smoke floats and two sea markers. The aircraft was reported to have crashed at 1500hours, descending through the cloud cover, on to Ben Alder near Port William in Argyllshire. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Underwood was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 409114 FO Heck, J W Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Towers, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt W R Riley, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt M Hutt, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J Hemmings, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P E Underwood, (Air Gunner)

FO Heck and Sgt Riley are buried in the Lossiemouth Burial Ground, UK.

Sgt Towers is buried in the Liverpool (Anfield) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Hutt is buried in the Scham Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Hemmings is buried in the Preston (New Hall Lane) Cemetery, UK.

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433799 Flight Sergeant BRUNSKILL, Anthony George Stewart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/1126 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command :Losses Operational Training Units, 1939-1947,
Page 338, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 133
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 21 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK133 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh at 0025 hours on the night of 7/8th April 1945, for night circuits and landings and single engine approaches and overshoots. The aircraft crashed at 0055 hours, when it flew into high ground near Chipping Norton about 3 miles from the drome. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 427364 Flt Sgt J K Vickers, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 433799 Flt Sgt A G S Brunskill, (Navigator Air Bomber)
RAAF 438300 Flt Sgt J W Newcombe, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 12694 WO C H Harrison, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 436496 Flt Sgt E C Graebner, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 435357 Flt Sgt J R Thomas, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

The aircraft landed after one normal circuit and then took off again at 0048 hours. At 0051 hours The Captain called “practice single overshoot” and about one minute later the aircraft was spotted when flying normally at 500 to 1000 feet., when the engines cut. The aircraft lost height immediately and crashed. At the time of the accident the weather was suitable with a cloud base of 1600 feet.

An investigation into the accident found that “during the practice single engine approach, the Pilot lost height and noticing he was getting close to high ground, he jettisoned petrol to gain height. Having done so he then sent the normal overshoot message. The engines then failed through a fuel shortage because the Pilot had left the jettison valve open.” The Station Commander recorded that “the accident was an error of judgement by the Pilot”

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407601 Sergeant BURT, Rex Theodore

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/39/225 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records
AWM 54 779/3/129 Part 10 W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947, Page 122, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	W 5618
Radio call sign:	- W
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

Wellington W5618 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. The aircraft was last heard making a wireless transmission at 0416 hours and was advised to steer a course of 282 degrees. Nothing further was heard and the aircraft failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Sgt F B Albright, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt J H Forsyth, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 406143 Sgt E V Stephens, (Observer)
RAAF 407601 Sgt R T Burt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406542 WO D A G Watkins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Richards, W M (Rear Gunner)

Four of the crew died and WO Watkins was a POW.

Flt Sgt Forsyth evaded capture, but on the 6th June he was hit and killed by an express train at, or near Chalon-sur-Saone station, in Saone-et-Loire, having made considerable progress through France on his evasion attempt. He is buried in the Choloy War Cemetery, France.

The four who were killed when the aircraft crashed are buried in the Charleroi Communal Cemetery, France.

In a POW report, WO Watkins stated : "The aircraft was returning from Essen on the 1st June 1942. at about 2.30am in the morning. The aircraft was over Belgium, and was attacked from the rear. In the first burst the port engine was hit and probably other parts of the aircraft. The plane immediately filled with smoke, one wing dropped and it dived in. I heard the Captain shout "abandon", and I had some difficulty in clipping on my chute. I do not know the height at which I baled out, but we were not very far from the ground. I managed to fall out. The aircraft was burning fiercely on the ground. Some of the crew might have got out, but later the Germans said there were five bodies in the aircraft. Possibly the Rear Gunner was killed in the shooting. We crashed near Charleroi in Belgium. In my opinion all the others were killed. I managed to get an old suit of civilian, but was seen and apprehended by the Germans. I was released by the British Army on 2nd May 1945."

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413532 Flight Sergeant COLLIS, Robert Humphrey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 : 166/8/157 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 233. Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 698
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op; Training RAF

Summary:

On the 7th July 1943, Wellington DV698 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh at 0940 hours, detailed to carry out a cross-country training exercise. At approx 1030 hours , the Wellington broke out of cloud over Oxfordshire, near Chipping Norton airfield, and collided with Oxford LN783 from the locally based No 6 (Pilots) Advanced Flying Unit. Both machines fell close to each other and burst into flames. All on board DV698 were killed, and it is believed that the Captain of the Oxford was injured but survived.

Crew:

RAAF 413532 Flt Sgt R H Collis, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C W Bacon, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt P C Grievson, (Observer)
RAF Sgt A E D Rose, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F G Howard, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Collis is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt bacon was cremated at the Mortlake Crematorium, UK.

Sgt Grievson is buried in the Wimbledon (Gap Road) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Rose is buried in the Moreton-in-Marsh New Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Howard is buried in the Hurst (St Nicholas) Churchyard, UK.

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

414483 Sergeant GILKESON, Ferwick Moselly

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 241, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1152
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 15th August 1943, Wellington R1152 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh, at approx 2100 hours, and set course for France to carry out a Nickel operation. On return, the aircraft was intercepted by a Mosquito and, in a tragic case of mistaken identity, was shot down at 0052 hours into the Deer Park at Wimborne St, Giles, 10 miles north east of Blandford Forum, Dorset. Three managed to bale out and it was reported that the Captain made a valiant effort to try and save his aircraft.

Crew:

RAAF 414483 Sgt F W Gilkeson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Rollasin (Navigator)
RAF Sgt MacGovern, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt Malingran, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E Causer, (Air Gunner)

Sgt's Gilkeson and Causer were killed in the crash.

Sgt Gilkeson is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, UK. The Cemetery is 30 miles from London.

Sgt Causer is buried in the Whitehaven (Hensingham) Cemetery, Cumberland, UK.

Sgt Rollasin was injured when baling out.

A Court of Inquiry report into the accident it stated in its conclusions that :

“ The Primary cause of the accident was the failure of the Mosquito pilot, Flt Sgt O'Connor to identify a Wellington aircraft.

A possible contributory factor would be the crossing of tracks in the permanent echo area, if, in fact, such crossing did take place. A further contributory factor would be the fact that the Interception Controller was not warned of the approach of a friendly bomber, if such information was available.

The court recommended that : “Disciplinary action be taken against Flt Sgt O'Connor, and that suitable recognition be given to the Wellington pilot Flt Sgt Gilkeson, for his gallantry in remaining in the burning aircraft in an endeavour to establish contact with his rear gunner.”

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

436496 Flight Sergeant GRAEBNER, Everard Charls

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/1126 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command :Losses Operational Training Units, 1939-1947,
Page 338, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 133
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 21 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK133 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh at 0025 hours on the night of 7/8th April 1945, for night circuits and landings and single engine approaches and overshoots. The aircraft crashed at 0055 hours, when it flew into high ground near Chipping Norton about 3 miles from the drome. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 427364 Flt Sgt J K Vickers, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 433799 Flt Sgt A G S Brunskill, (Navigator Ar Bombe)
RAAF 438300 Flt Sgt J W Newcombe, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 12694 WO C H Harrison, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 436496 Flt Sgt E C Graebner, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 435357 Flt Sgt J R Thomas, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

The aircraft landed after one normal circuit and then took off again at 0048 hours. At 0051 hours The Captain called “practice single overshoot” and about one minute later the aircraft was spotted when flying normally at 500 to 1000 feet., when the engines cut. The aircraft lost height immediately and crashed. At the time of the accident the weather was suitable with a cloud base of 1600 feet.

An investigation into the accident found that “during the practice single engine approach, the Pilot lost height and noticing he was getting close to high ground, he jettisoned petrol to gain height. Having done so he then sent the normal overshoot message. The engines then failed through a fuel shortage because the Pilot had left the jettison valve open.” The Station Commander recorded that “the accident was an error of judgement by the Pilot”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

432459 Sergeant GRANT, Donald Gordon

Source:

AWM237(65) NAA : A705, 166/16/420 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 314, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 135
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 31st August 1944, Wellington BK135 took off from RAF Morton-in-Marsh for a cross-country training exercise. The aircraft flew into an electrical storm and at 1042 hours dived out of clouds to crash at Oldstone Farm near Ashbury, nine miles WSW of Wantage, Berkshire. The seven on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 417714 Flt Sgt A D McIntyre, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P Henshall, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt T E Rhodes, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt S D Gingold, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432459 Sgt D G Grant (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt B Sandall, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Davidson, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt McIntyre and Sgt Grant are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Henshall is buried in the Stone Cemetery, Staffordshire, UK.
Sgt Rhodes is buried in the Leeds (Lawns Wood) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Gingold is buried in the Birmingham (Witton) Jewish Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Sandall is buried in the Ashby Peeurorum (St Andrew) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Davidson is buried in the Aberdeen (Springbank) Cemetery) UK.

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420941 Sergeant HARDAKER, Francis Ira

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/296 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
Page 241, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9618
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 21 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington X9618 took off from RAF Morton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, at 1605 hours on the 14th August 1943, for a training exercise. At 1705 hours the aircraft crashed near the Instone drome, 75 miles north-west from Oxford, as a result of petrol starvation. There appeared to be a misunderstanding in the orders to manipulate the fuel cocks, as an engine cut and the aircraft dived to the ground less than a mile from the runway and caught fire. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Lewis was slightly injured.

Crew:

RAAF 420091 FO White, A J (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 426012 FO Beyer, H M (Pupil W Navigator)
RAAF 420941 Sgt F I Hardaker, (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 420066 Flt Sgt L G Sellen, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Clark.
RAF Sgt Lewis

The four RAAF members who lost their lives are buried at the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Commonwealth War Graves records do not reveal where Sgt Clark is buried.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

429152 Flight Sergeant HAY, John Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/894 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 327, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 782
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 9/10th December 1944, Wellington BJ782 took off from RAF Morerton-in-Marsh at 1`820 hours, detailed to carry out night cross-country training. At some time prior to 2145 hours, the starboard engine caught fire at 5000 feet. Unable to establish their precise position, the crew broadcast a number of distress calls and as a result were given a course that would take them to Barford St John. Eyewitnesses here saw the aircraft in the circuit, losing height, but as it entered the funnels the engine note increased as if the crew were intending too overshoot. However, after crossing the airfield, the aircraft dived suddenly and came down on a railway embankment on the ENE side of the drome, near the village of Adderbury and burst into flames. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Donaldson was treated for shock at the station sick quarters.

Crew:

RAAF 429152 Flt Sgt J A Hay, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Barker, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J H Bell,(Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt R G Clements, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Robinson, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W H Donaldson, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Hay and Sgt Barker are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Bell is buried in the Portrush Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Clements is buried in the Westley Waterless (St Mary the Less) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Robinson is buried in the Shelburn (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.

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412070 Sergeant McGUIRE, Laurie Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/14/875 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 180, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 425
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 7/8th December 1942, Wellington DV425 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh for night circuits and landings. While so engaged, it began to rain quite heavily, and the crew were advised to hold off until the storm had passed through. Unfortunately, control was lost and the bomber came down four miles down wind of the flare path at 0005 hours on the hitting the ground at High Furze, a mile to the west of Burmington and about two miles SSW from Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire. The three on board were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt V T Drew, Captain (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt C E Raggett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412070 Sgt L A McGuire, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Drew is buried in the Walsall (Ryecroft) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt McGuire is buried in the Moreton-in-Marsh New Cemetery, UK

Sgt Raggett is buried in the Hoo (St Werburgh) Cemetery, UK.

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412438 Flight Sergeant MILLER, Reginald James

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/123 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley :RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Bomber Command,1940-1947, Page 218, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1242
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of the 5th May 1943, Wellington R1242 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh, detailed for night flying training. The aircraft was reported to have overshoot the runway and crashed at around 0215 hours, some three miles WNW of the airfield. Flt Sgt Miller was killed and three were injured.

Crew:

RAAF 412438 Flt Sgt R J Miller, Captain (Pilot)
Plus three injured

Flt Sgt Miller is buried in the Moreton-in-Marsh New Cemetery, Gloucestershire, UK.

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437436 Flight Sergeant MORAN, Laurence Dominic

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 166/28/432 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 322, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	NC 649
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 30th October 1944, Wellington NC649 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh, for a night cross-country training exercise. While in the process of letting down through cloud the aircraft is believed to have stalled for at 2335 hours, it crashed out of control and burst into flames at Donnington Farm near Stow-On-the-Wold, Gloucestershire. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 437436 Flt Sgt L D Moran, (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt R M Sinclair, (Pupil Navigator)
RAF PO Finlayson, W P C (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J S Allan, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt D G Talbot, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Pratt, (Pupil Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W H Plunkett, (Pupil Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Moran is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Sinclair is buried in the Kilcaldy (Bennochty) Cemetery, UK.
PO Finlayson is buried in the Glasgow (Eastwood) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Allan is buried in the Durham (St Oswald's) Burial Ground, UK.
Sgt Talbot is buried in the Bournemouth East Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Pratt is buried in the Leeds (Hunslet Old) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Plunkett is buried in the Middlesborough (Thorntree) Roman Catholic Cemetery, UK.

A Court of Inquiry concluded that : “ NC649 took off at 1900 hours on the 30th October, Flt Sgt Moran was a Pupil Pilot flying with a Pupil crew of six. The cross-country route was Base – St David's St Mary's, -Tiverton- Bristol- Priors Hardwick- Odstone- Base. At 1228 hours the aircraft received a QDM and it was expected that R/T communication would soon be established but after the QDM nothing was heard.

At approx 2330 hours the aircraft was heard circling near an Royal Observation Corps Post Y3 Stow on the Wold. It appeared to circle twice before crashing about half a mile

from the post, and it hit the ground approx 250 feet above the airfield. The cloud at base was 800 feet with patches of cloud at 500 feet

The cause of the accident was obscure, but it was considered that the accident was due to the aircraft striking high ground while endeavouring to locate the drome under a low cloud base, It was considered possible that the Pilot was not flying on instruments but was looking out.”

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417399 Flight Sergeant MURPHY, Eric Reginald Harry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Bar Code 5531303 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 3rd February 1944, Flt Sgt Murphy, a Navigator Bomb Aimer, died as a result of a suspected oxygen failure during a training flight in the UK. He is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

No other details of the flight are available as Archives do not hold the relevant RAF Casualty file.

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438300 Flight Sergeant NEWCOMBE, John William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/1126 Commonwealth ar Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command :Losses Operational Training Units, 1939-1947,
Page 338, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 133
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 21 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK133 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh at 0025 hours on the night of 7/8th April 1945, for night circuits and landings and single engine approaches and overshoots. The aircraft crashed at 0055 hours, when it flew into high ground near Chipping Norton about 3 miles from the drome. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 427364 Flt Sgt J K Vickers, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 433799 Flt Sgt A G S Brunskill, (Navigator Air Bomber)
RAAF 438300 Flt Sgt J W Newcombe, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 12694 WO C H Harrison, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 436496 Flt Sgt E C Graebner, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 435357 Flt Sgt J R Thomas, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

The aircraft landed after one normal circuit and then took off again at 0048 hours. At 0051 hours The Captain called "practice single overshoot" and about one minute later the aircraft was spotted when flying normally at 500 to 1000 feet., when the engines cut. The aircraft lost height immediately and crashed. At the time of the accident the weather was suitable with a cloud base of 1600 feet.

An investigation into the accident found that "during the practice single engine approach, the Pilot lost height and noticing he was getting close to high ground, he jettisoned petrol to gain height. Having done so he then sent the normal overshoot message. The engines then failed through a fuel shortage because the Pilot had left the jettison valve open." The Station Commander recorded that "the accident was an error of judgement by the Pilot"

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402169 Sergeant OSTENFELD, Christian Conrad

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 163/1148/122 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 62, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3198
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 28th July 1941, Wellington X3198 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh, for the Captain's first solo cross-country training flight. This ended on Carn Fadrum (1,206 feet above sea level), after the crew ran into fog near Llaniestyn, seven miles WSW from Pwllheli, Caenarvon. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt G CA Christie, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G M Scott, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G S Parry, (Pilot)
RCAF Sgt W J Chevers, (Observer)
RCAF Sgt W H Hindle, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt H B Webster, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 402169 Sgt C C Ostensfeld, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Christie is buried in the Hendon Cemetery, UK.

Sgt's Scott, Chevers, Hindle, Webster and Ostensfeld are buried in the Pwllheli Borough Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Parry is buried in the West Wickham (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK.

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421465 Warrant Officer RHODES, Cecil

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/49 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 21 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

WO Rhodes (Air Gunner) died of an illness on 21st May 1946. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, which is located in the grounds of the Rookwood Necropolis about 17kms west of Sydney, Australia.

As a result of an aircraft crash in the UK when he was severely burnt, he was repatriated to Australia on 30 January 1944 and admitted to No 3 RAAF Hospital for continuing treatment. He died at the Hospital on 21st May 1946.

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402251 Sergeant RICE, Clive William Pryer

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 163/157/130 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 96, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1157
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 28th January 1942, Wellington Z1157 took off from RAF Edgehill for night bombing training over the Radway ranges. At approx 2100 hours the aircraft collided in the air with another of the Unit's Wellingtons R1165, captained by Sgt H A Taylor, and Z1157 was believed to have crashed in the range area. The other aircraft R1165 returned to Edgehill and landed safely, though Sgt Taylor took the precaution of baling out his crew, some sustaining ankle injuries as a consequence. Sgt Rice lost his life in the accident.

Crew:

RAF	Sgt A Orr Captain (Pilot)	Uninjured
RAAF	402251 Sgt C W P Rice, (Observer)	Killed
RAF	Sgt Fitton,	Injured
RAF	Sgt Hollingworth,	Injured

Sgt Rice is buried in the Moreton-in-Marsh New Cemetery, UK.

In an enquiry into the accident it was concluded that Sgt Taylor had been late in completing his detail, while Sgt Orr had arrived in the range area ahead of schedule.

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404285 Sergeant ROBERTSON, Kenneth Trewin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/158/158 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947, Page 61, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	T 2458
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 21 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington T2458 Took off from Moreton-in-Marsh on the night of 23/24th July 1941, detailed to carry out a combined night cross-country and bombing practice over the Radway ranges. The aircraft was reported to have completed the bombing phase, when, at 0112 hours, the aircraft went out of control and crashed into Ufton Wood, north east of the hamlet of Ufton, and five miles ESE of Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. All the crew were killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAF FO Sutcliffe, C F Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt I R Mackintosh, (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt J N Snowden, (Pilot)
 RCAF Sgt J F MacMillan, (Observer)
 RAF Flt Sgt A H Bell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RCAF Sgt E R Kennedy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 404285 Sgt K T Robertson, (Air Gunner)

Five of the crew are buried in the Long Lawford (St John's Chapel) Churchyard, which is west of Rugby, UK.

Sgt Snowden is buried in the Frimley (St Peter) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Bell is buried in the Stowe-on-Trent (Hanley, Cemetery, UK.

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402755 Sergeant ROHRLACH, Hermann Heinrich Julius

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/158/276 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 113, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1161
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 8th May 1942, Wellington Z1161 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh, for a night cross-country training exercise. The aircraft was partially abandoned due to a fire in the port engine, before crashing at 0250 hours, into a tree near Beckingham, eleven miles NNW of Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Crew:

RAF	Sgt R I Hart, Captain (Pilot)	Uninjured
RAF	Sgt P W S Brooke, (2 nd Pilot)	Injured
RCAF	Sgt L J Tigde, (Observer)	Uninjured
RAAF	402755 Sgt H H J Rohrlach, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	401263 Sgt W L Williams, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	Sgt I McN Fergusson, (Air Gunner)	Killed

Sgt's Rohrlach and Williams are buried in the Thurlby (St Germaine) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Ferguson is buried in the Leicester (Gilrose) Cemetery, UK.

The aircraft took with the 2nd Pilot at the controls at 10.50am on the 7th May 1944. At 3.30am the following morning the port engine failed and flames appeared at the gills. The Captain ordered Sgt Fergusson the Rear Gunner to prepare to abandon the aircraft. and pressed the fire extinguisher. The aircraft was flying at a height of 1300 feet and commenced to lose height. The port airscrew then fell off and when the aircraft was at 670 feet the Captain ordered bale out. Two members of the crew did so the Captain and Sgt Tigde. The 2nd Pilot remained at the controls and apparently attempted to make a forced landing, but the aircraft hit a tree and crashed. Rohrlack and Williams had not baled out and along with the 2nd Pilot were killed in the crash.

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420066 Flight Sergeant SELLEN, Leonard George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/296 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
Page 241, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9618
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 21 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington X9618 took off from RAF Morton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, at 1605 hours on the 14th August 1943, for a training exercise. At 1705 hours the aircraft crashed near the Instone drome, 75 miles north-west from Oxford, as a result of petrol starvation. There appeared to be a misunderstanding in the orders to manipulate the fuel cocks, as an engine cut and the aircraft dived to the ground less than a mile from the runway and caught fire. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Lewis was slightly injured.

Crew:

RAAF 420091 FO White, A J (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 426012 FO Beyer, H M (Pupil W Navigator)
RAAF 420941 Sgt F I Hardaker, (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 420066 Flt Sgt L G Sellen, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Clark.
RAF Sgt Lewis

The four RAAF members who lost their lives are buried at the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
Commonwealth War Graves records do not reveal where Sgt Clark is buried.

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415879 Flight Sergeant SMITH, Albert John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/362 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 914
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 11th December 1943, Wellington DV914 took off from RAF Enstone and crashed at 1538 hours. All the crew were uninjured in the crash except Flt Sgt Smith who was killed. Flt Sgt Smith is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Crew:

RAAF 415894 Flt Sgt Bassie, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R I Scott, Navigator)
RAAF 415879 Flt Sgt A J Smith, (Bomber Aimer)
RAF Sgt D W O'Dell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408441 Sgt B H James, (Air Gunner)

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated that : “ The accident occurred just after the Pilot had been dual instruction and had been sent solo by his instructor. As Bassie states he was making his second solo approach when this was obstructed by another aircraft. He opened up and went round again. At approx 690 feet and when immediately over the runway in use, the port engine failed and flames appeared in the engine cowling. The wheels and flaps were up but full boost and RPM was still being used. The Pilot throttled back the engine placed the pitch control to fully coarse and turned off the fuel supply and switches and ordered the Bomb Aimer to press the Graviner switch.

When the engine failed the Bomb Aimer asked whether he should abandon the aircraft, but the pilot was too busy to reply. Having completed his drill of immediate action the pilot discovered that the Bomb Aimer was missing. So he leant across and pressed the Graviner switch.

The failure of the port engine and subsequent fire compelled the Pilot to make an emergency landing. He made no attempt to lower his undercarriage but contented himself with an efficient wheels up landing. When the bomb aimer disappeared he had not gone to take up his crash station as the Pilot believed, but had opened up the front hatch and abandoned the aircraft. The WAG witnessed the incident, but thinking that the altitude was too low and having received no orders to abandon, he took up his crash position with

other members of the crew. The Air Bomber chute was fully opened but this did not occur at a height sufficient to save him from fatal injury. “

An examination of the engine by a Technical Officer revealed that t” The No 3 cylinder had fractured circumferentially about four inches from the bottom. The top of the cylinder had lifted , the piston broke up and the front of the engine was covered with oil causing the extensive fire The cause of the engine failure was unknown.”.

The Grp Capt RAF Moreton-in-Marsh stated : “ Flt Sgt Bassie was on his first solo and is to be commended for his coolness in making a safe landing under difficult circumstances. It is evident that the Bomb Aimer abandoned his aircraft without orders from the Captain to do so, .Hs death is clearly due to a flagrant breach of crew discipline.”

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414377 Sergeant SMITH, Norman George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/31 Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1939-1947,
Page 195, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9667
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 21 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington X9667 took off from Moreton-in-Marsh at 1830 hours on the night of 26/27th January 1943, briefed for a Bullseye sortie which involved the crew in flying out over the North Sea to a position of at least 50 miles off the coast. The aircraft was shot down by an enemy fighter and crashed at 0025 hours into the Waddenzee, east of Wierengen (Noord Holland). Six of the crew were killed and WO Morgan was a POW.

Crew:

RAF Sgt G G Ellis, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404654 FO Mitchell, F H (2nd Pilot) (Attached from 405 Sqn RCAF)
RAF Sgt E H Tucker, (Navigator)
RAF PO Llewelyn, D (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt R Elvin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF WO J N Morgan, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 414377 Sgt N G Smith, (Air Gunner)

Sgt's Ellis and Smith are buried in the Texel (Den Berg) Cemetery, Netherlands.
Texel is one of the West Frisian Islands and Den Burg is the main town.

FO Mitchell, PO Llewelyn and Sgt Elvin are buried in the Bergen-op-Zoom War Cemetery, Netherlands. Bergen op Zoom is a town in the Dutch Province of Noord-Brabant, 40kms north west of Antwerp (Belgium).

Sgt Tucker is buried in the Wieringen (Westerland) Protestant Churchyard, Netherlands.

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407952 Flight Sergeant SQUIRE, John Manuel

Source:

AWM 237(65) NAA : A705, 163/163/436 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8643
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 14/15th July 1942, Wellington Z8643 took off for night operations against Tobruk, Middle East. Nothing was heard from the aircraft which failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF PO Richards, G Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402699 Sgt G M Nettleship, (Pilot)
RNZAF PO Williams, D P (Pilot)
RNZAF Sgt B W B Howard, (Observer)
RNZAF Sgt J A Kilner, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt G Frostick, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 407952 Flt Sgt J M Squire, (Air Gunner)

PO Richards later reported : “While flying over the sea the aircraft caught fire and impossible to control. I gave the order to bale out, and this was acknowledged to the best of my knowledge. Flt Sgt Squire also said he was about to leave. I landed in the water and managed to reach the shore about three hours later. “

Sgt Howard reported : “ We were hit by flak at approx 2am on the morning of 15th July 1942 while over Tobruk and was forced to bale out at 8000 feet into the sea about 20 miles east of Tobruk. Squire left the rear turret and he told us over the intercom he was going to jump. Sgt Frostick had his chute on when I left the aircraft. While in the sea I met FO Richards but neither of us saw any of the others.”

Flt Sgt Squire died from pneumonia in a field hospital on the 19th July 1942, due to a long stay in the water after baling out. He was picked up by the Italians.
He is buried in the Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya.

Sgt Nettleship survived the accident. He was discharged a Flying Officer on 24/12/1944. when a member of No 7 O T U.

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406413 Sergeant STEPHENS, Ernest Walter

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/39/225 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records
AWM 54 779/3/129 Part 10 W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947, Page 122, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	W 5618
Radio call sign:	- W
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

Wellington W5618 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. The aircraft was last heard making a wireless transmission at 0416 hours and was advised to steer a course of 282 degrees. Nothing further was heard and the aircraft failed to return to base.

Crew:

RCAF Flt Sgt F B Albright, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt J H Forsyth, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 406143 Sgt E V Stephens, (Observer)
RAAF 407601 Sgt R T Burt, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406542 WO D A G Watkins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Richards, W M (Rear Gunner)

Four of the crew died and WO Watkins was a POW.

Flt Sgt Forsyth evaded capture, but on the 6th June he was hit and killed by an express train at, or near Chalon-sur-Saone station, in Saone-et-Loire, having made considerable progress through France on his evasion attempt. He is buried in the Choloy War Cemetery, France.

The four who were killed when the aircraft crashed are buried in the Charleroi Communal Cemetery, France.

In a POW report, WO Watkins stated : "The aircraft was returning from Essen on the 1st June 1942. at about 2.30am in the morning. The aircraft was over Belgium, and was attacked from the rear. In the first burst the port engine was hit and probably other parts of the aircraft. The plane immediately filled with smoke, one wing dropped and it dived in. I heard the Captain shout "abandon", and I had some difficulty in clipping on my chute. I do not know the height at which I baled out, but we were not very far from the ground. I managed to fall out. The aircraft was burning fiercely on the ground. Some of the crew might have got out, but later the Germans said there were five bodies in the aircraft. Possibly the Rear Gunner was killed in the shooting. We crashed near Charleroi in Belgium. In my opinion all the others were killed. I managed to get an old suit of civilian, but was seen and apprehended by the Germans. I was released by the British Army on 2nd May 1945."

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435357 Flight Sergeant THOMAS, John Raymond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/1126 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command :Losses Operational Training Units, 1939-1947,
Page 338, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 133
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 21 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK133 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh at 0025 hours on the night of 7/8th April 1945, for night circuits and landings and single engine approaches and overshoots. The aircraft crashed at 0055 hours, when it flew into high ground near Chipping Norton about 3 miles from the drome. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 427364 Flt Sgt J K Vickers, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 433799 Flt Sgt A G S Brunskill, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 438300 Flt Sgt J W Newcombe, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 12694 WO C H Harrison, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 436496 Flt Sgt E C Graebner, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 435357 Flt Sgt J R Thomas, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

The aircraft landed after one normal circuit and then took off again at 0048 hours. At 0051 hours The Captain called “practice single overshoot” and about one minute later the aircraft was spotted when flying normally at 500 to 1000 feet., when the engines cut. The aircraft lost height immediately and crashed. At the time of the accident the weather was suitable with a cloud base of 1600 feet.

An investigation into the accident found that “during the practice single engine approach, the Pilot lost height and noticing he was getting close to high ground, he jettisoned petrol to gain height. Having done so he then sent the normal overshoot message. The engines then failed through a fuel shortage because the Pilot had left the jettison valve open.” The Station Commander recorded that “the accident was an error of judgement by the Pilot”

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3183 Flight Sergeant THROWER, Samuel Harrington Considine

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/166 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Command, 1940-1947, Page 262, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 918
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 16th November 1943, Wellington DV918 took off from RAF Enstone at 2010 hours, to carry out a training exercise. The aircraft crashed ten minutes later while going round the circuit, coming down at Hookerswell Farm on the south east side of the village of Little Tew, nine miles SSW of Banbury, Oxfordshire. It was thought that the pilot may have been a little bit premature in raising the flaps, thus losing valuable height while still close to the ground. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt Selby was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 3183 Flt Sgt S H C Thrower, (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt D W Pike, (Navigator)
RAF PO Matheson, W R (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt W D Cole, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Selby, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Thrower is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Pike is buried in the Leeds (Harehills) Cemetery, UK.

PO Matheson is buried in the Sandwich Cemetery, Ross and Cromarty, UK.

Sgt Cole is buried in the Bideford Church Cemetery, UK.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “ The aircraft was engaged on local night circuits and landings and the accident occurred after one hours flying. The Pilot had received one check circuit from a Screened instructor who had then watched him do two further circuits solo. On the third circuit the aircraft opened up at about 100 feet to go round again, but it crashed one mile from the flare path.

The Grp Capt RAF Moreton-in-Marsh stated : “The accident was due to inexperience and to the advent of a sudden emergency. The possible failure of the engines is being investigated., but the circumstances of the accident point to insufficient air speed and a possible “Dorn Drop” of air from the crest of the hill facing the runway.”

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427364 Flight Sergeant VICKERS, John Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/1126 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command :Losses Operational Training Units, 1939-1947,
Page 338, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 133
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 21 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK133 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh at 0025 hours on the night of 7/8th April 1945, for night circuits and landings and single engine approaches and overshoots. The aircraft crashed at 0055 hours, when it flew into high ground near Chipping Norton about 3 miles from the drome. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 427364 Flt Sgt J K Vickers, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 433799 Flt Sgt A G S Brunskill, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 438300 Flt Sgt J W Newcombe, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 12694 WO C H Harrison, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 436496 Flt Sgt E C Graebner, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 435357 Flt Sgt J R Thomas, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

The aircraft landed after one normal circuit and then took off again at 0048 hours. At 0051 hours The Captain called “practice single overshoot” and about one minute later the aircraft was spotted when flying normally at 500 to 1000 feet., when the engines cut. The aircraft lost height immediately and crashed. At the time of the accident the weather was suitable with a cloud base of 1600 feet.

An investigation into the accident found that “during the practice single engine approach, the Pilot lost height and noticing he was getting close to high ground, he jettisoned petrol to gain height. Having done so he then sent the normal overshoot message. The engines then failed through a fuel shortage because the Pilot had left the jettison valve open.” The Station Commander recorded that “the accident was an error of judgement by the Pilot”

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430423 Flight Sergeant WHITE, Desmond Victor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/579 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 319, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 693
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 12th October 1944, Wellington LN693 took off from RAF Morton-in-Marsh at 1058 hours, briefed for a five hour navigation training exercise. The aircraft dived into the ground at 1543 hours from around 800 feet, near the airfield at RAF Moreton-in-Marsh. Gloucestershire, 15 miles south west of Banbury. The six on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 23723 Flt Sgt H J Maddalena, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F J W Rawlings, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt H Allport, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 430423 Flt Sgt D V White, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt J E Peck, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R A Dowling, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt's Maddalena and White are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK
Sgt Rawlings is in the Enfield Crematorium, UK.
Sgt Allport is buried in the Staveley Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Peck is in the Islington Cemetery and Crematorium, UK.
Sgt Dowling is buried in the New Southgate Cemetery, UK.

The Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : "From eye witnesses accounts, the aircraft on return from the five hour cross-country, was observed to come down from about 800 feet in an appreciatively steep powered decent, and continued unchecked on the same path until the aircraft hit the ground and exploded."

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407659 Sergeant WORLEY, Thomas Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 115, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1142
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 21st May 1942, Wellington R1142 took off from RAF Edgehill for dual instruction in overshoot procedures. The aircraft landed heavily at 2350 hours and the throttles were advanced in order to go round again. It seems likely however, that damage had occurred, as the bomber stalled and crashed two miles east of the airfield. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt Murray was injured.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt G H Wilsher, (Screened Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Anderson, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Swales, (Pilot)
RAAF 407659 Sgt T A Worley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A R Murray, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Wilsher is buried in the Twickenham Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Anderson is buried in the Blackpool (Carleton) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Swales is buried in the Roundhay (St John) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Worley is buried in the Moreton-in-Marsh New Cemetery, UK
Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sgt Murray is buried.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “ The Pilot tried to go around again after an attempted landing and the aircraft stalled and crashed. An investigation has revealed no defect to which the cause of the accident could be attributed.

The accident occurred at night approx half a mile from the upwind end of the runway lit by a row of Glim Lamps with Goose Neck flares at Nos 1,2 and 3.

The Primary cause of the accident was that the Screened Pilot whilst giving dual did not touch down until approx half way up the runway. He made a heavy landing, bounced, and opened up to go around again and the aircraft stalled and crashed. The Screened Pilot had not been instructing for very long and appears to have allowed the aircraft to stall after bouncing off a heavy landing.”

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19907 Flight Sergeant HAZELDENE, Jack Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/337 Commonwealth War Graves records
WR Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 254, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1028
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the night of 7/8th October 1943, Wellington R1028 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh at 1856 hours, for a non-operational night cross country training flight.. The aircraft lost power from the port engine and at 2100 hours, while on finals to Little Rissington airfield, crashed into the back garden of the Lamb Inn at Great Rissington, 16 miles ESE of Cheltenham Five on board the aircraft were killed and Sgt J Smith was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 19907 Flt Sgt J A Hazeldene, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A W Jones, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt H Cox, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J V Rees, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt J A Johnson, (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt J Smith, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Hazeldene is buried in the Little Rissington (St Peter) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Jones is buried in the Liverpool (Anfield) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Cox is buried in the Birmingham (Yardley) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Rees is buried in the Port Talbot (Goytre) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Johnson is buried in the Godalming New Cemetery, UK.

In a report into the accident the Air Cdre commanding Greater Rissington stated : “ The aircraft stalled when making a right hand turn while approaching to make a forced landing with the port engine out. The aircraft took off at 1939 hours and at 0045 hours the Pilot requested permission to land, having completed the cross-country exercise. At 0050 hours permission was given permission and this was acknowledged. The Pilot advised that one engine had cut out, and making a right hand circuit, the aircraft approached but crashed at 0103 hours while apparently turning in to land. The aircraft hit the ground at a fairly steep angle. It was considered that the port engine failed at 0045 hours. The probabilities are that an engine failed at 3/4000 feet and the Pilot on turning round had difficulty in controlling the aircraft, throttled back, lost height and hit the ground.”

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23723 Flight Sergeant MADDALENA, Harold James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/579 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 319, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 693
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 12th October 1944, Wellington LN693 took off from RAF Morton-in-Marsh at 1058 hours, briefed for a five hour navigation training exercise. The aircraft dived into the ground at 1543 hours from around 800 feet, near the airfield at RAF Moreton-in-Marsh. Gloucestershire, 15 miles south west of Banbury. The six on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 23723 Flt Sgt H J Maddalena, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt F J W Rawlings, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt H Allport, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 430423 Flt Sgt D V White, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt J E Peck, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R A Dowling, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt's Maddalena and White are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK
Sgt Rawlings is in the Enfield Crematorium, UK.
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Sgt Peck is in the Islington Cemetery and Crematorium, UK.
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The Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : "From eye witnesses accounts, the aircraft on return from the five hour cross-country, was observed to come down from about 800 feet in an appreciatively steep powered decent, and continued unchecked on the same path until the aircraft hit the ground and exploded."

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23503 Flight Sergeant MARTIN, James Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/349 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3215
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 11th February 1944, Wellington X3215 was detailed to carry out a night non operational Bullseye exercise. The engine cut on take off and it crashed near Black Downs near Stretton on Fosse, UK. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 23503 Flt Sgt J F Martin, Captain (Pilot)

RAF Sgt Lpurvis, (Navigator)

RAF Sgt J E Armitage, (Bomb Aimer)

RAF Sgt P H Earwaker (Wireless Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt M J Breen, (Mid Upper Gunner)

RAF Sgt M Hole, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Martin, and Sgt's Earwaker and Armitage are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Purvis is buried in the South Ealing Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Breen is buried in the Naas (St Corban's) Catholic Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Hole is buried in the Deal Cemetery, UK.

A Technical report into the crash stated : “ The aircraft had struck a large tree at the scene of the crash, with the port wing tip tearing off approx five feet of wing . The aircraft continued on course ,turning on its back and crashing into trees 100 yards further on. It disintegrated and burnt fiercely. Both engines were torn away and both propellers complete with reduction gear were broken away from the engines. The undercarriage was in the fully retracted position, and the starboard flapjack showed the flaps were up. The port flapjack showed about 10 degrees of flap, but this was considered due probably to the wing hitting the tree.

It was noted that a tree about 1000 yards away from the end of the runway in use, had been broken 20 feet from the ground and a telephone wire pulled down. On examination it was found the branches of the tree had been clearly cut by a propeller, and it was concluded that the damage had been caused by the aircraft striking the tree with the starboard propeller. The aircraft had then flown on for about three miles gaining height to approx 200 feet to clear a hill before it crashed.

The engines were stripped down for examination but no internal faults could be found. No cause for the accident could be advanced, but two alternatives were seen as possible. Either that some slight engine trouble was present during take off, the nature of which it was impossible to diagnose, OR that the flaps were raised too soon causing the aircraft to sink before sufficient height had been obtained.” .

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401263 Sergeant WILLIAMS, Willoughby Lloyd

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/158/276 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 113, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1161
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 8th May 1942, Wellington Z1161 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh, for a night cross-country training exercise. The aircraft was partially abandoned due to a fire in the port engine, before crashing at 0250 hours, into a tree near Beckingham, eleven miles NNW of Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Crew:

RAF	Sgt R I Hart, Captain (Pilot)	Uninjured
RAF	Sgt P W S Brooke, (2 nd Pilot)	Injured
RCAF	Sgt L J Tigde, (Observer)	Uninjured
RAAF	402755 Sgt H H J Rohrlach, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	401263 Sgt W L Williams, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	Sgt I McN Fergusson, (Air Gunner)	Killed

Sgt's Rohrlach and Williams are buried in the Thurlby (St Germaine) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Ferguson is buried in the Leicester (Gilrose) Cemetery, UK.

The aircraft took with the 2nd Pilot at the controls at 10.50am on the 7th May 1944. At 3.30am the following morning the port engine failed and flames appeared at the gills. The Captain ordered Sgt Fergusson the Rear Gunner to prepare to abandon the aircraft. and pressed the fire extinguisher. The aircraft was flying at a height of 1300 feet and commenced to lose height. The port airscrew then fell off and when the aircraft was at 670 feet the Captain ordered bale out. Two members of the crew did so the Captain and Sgt Tigde. The 2nd Pilot remained at the controls and apparently attempted to make a forced landing, but the aircraft hit a tree and crashed. Rohrlack and Williams had not baled out and along with the 2nd Pilot were killed in the crash.

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426012 Flying Officer BEYER, Harry Malcolm

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/296 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
Page 241, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9618
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 21 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington X9618 took off from RAF Morton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, at 1605 hours on the 14th August 1943, for a training exercise. At 1705 hours the aircraft crashed near the Instone drome, 75 miles north-west from Oxford, as a result of petrol starvation. There appeared to be a misunderstanding in the orders to manipulate the fuel cocks, as an engine cut and the aircraft dived to the ground less than a mile from the runway and caught fire. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Lewis was slightly injured.

Crew:

RAAF 420091 FO White, A J (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 426012 FO Beyer, H M (Pupil W Navigator)
RAAF 420941 Sgt F I Hardaker, (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 420066 Flt Sgt L G Sellen, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Clark.
RAF Sgt Lewis

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Commonwealth War Graves records do not reveal where Sgt Clark is buried.

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410251 Flying Officer McCORMACK, William Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/127 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 217, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Anson
Serial number:	DG 985
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 5th May 1943, Anson DG985 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh, tasked for a night navigation training exercise. The aircraft encountered low cloud and at 0220 hours the aircraft flew into the side of a hill near Blockley, Gloucestershire, some three miles WNW of the airfield. The crew of six were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt S A Payne, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Fox, A R (Navigator)
RAAF 410251 FO McCormack, W T, (
RAF Sgt W J Shirley, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt S R Mosey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L F Evans, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Payne is buried in the Eltham Cemetery London, UK.

PO Fox is buried in the Fulwood (Christ Church) Vhurchyard, UK.

FO McCormack is buried in the Moreton-in-Marsh New Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Shirley is buried in the Northwood Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Mosey is buried in the Illingworth Methodist Chapel Yard, UK.

Commonwealth War Graves does not reveal where Sgt Evans is buried.

Owing to the possibility of low cloud, the aircraft was recalled and the message was received on 5th March. The position signalled by the aircraft indicated it was returning and had overshot the drome. A signal was sent to the aircraft redirecting a diversion to Pershore, but the aircraft had crashed while the signal was being sent. It seems likely that the Pilot came down in an endeavour to see the ground, and the aircraft struck some tree on top of a hill 300 feet above the drome.

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437036 Flight Sergeant WEEKS, Maxwell Allen

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAAQ : A705, 166/43/812 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	MF 530
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Trai8ning RAF

Summary:

On the 12th August 1944, Wellington MF530 was detailed to carry out a non operational daytime fighter affiliation exercise. The aircraft was involved in an accident at 1210 hours at Moreton-in Marsh, in which Flt Sgt Weeks was killed, FO Dobbie was injured and all the Pupil Crew were uninjured.

Pupil Crew:

RAF FO Bowman, J P (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L T Jenkins, (Navigator)
RAF PO Harder, A R J (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt F B West, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Seed, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W T Logan (Air Gunner)

Non Occupants of aircraft ::

RAF FO Dobbie, D A (Screened Pilot) Injured.
RAAF 437036 Flt Sgt M A Weeks, (Pupil Pilot) Killed

A Court of Inquiry into the accident found that : “ A motor van was left by Flt Lt Walker a screened Pilot and driver of the light van in front of an aircraft with its engines running, in such a position that it was not visible from the Pilot of the aircraft in the left hand seat In consequence when PO Bowman taxied the aircraft forward it collided with the van.

The main causes of the accident was that the aircraft was marshalled too near to the perimeter by FO Bowman before taking over the aircraft from Flt Sgt Weeks
Flt Lt Walker did not show sufficient care when he parked the van near to the aircraft
FO Bowman did not carry out a systematic check for obstructions prior to moving the aircraft forward and he did not ensure that PO Harder his Bomb Aimer was in a position in the second Pilot's seat to warn him of any obstruction. The Court also found that Flt Lt Walker was not in possession of written authority to drive MT Vehicles.
Flt Lt Walker stated that : “The aircraft was carrying out two fighter affiliation exercises and having completed the first exercise, the aircraft taxied to the grass and parked in front of Flying Control about 10 yards from the perimeter track. Then Flt Sgt Weeks and crew vacated the aircraft and FO Bowman took over. I drove the van with FO Dobbie as a passenger up to aircraft parking it on the perimeter track on the Pilots blind side The reason was to check the change over of the two crews I returned to the van with the

intention of moving it to allow the aircraft to taxi for take off, and on reaching the right hand side of the van someone called out and there was a crash as the starboard propeller of the aircraft hit the van. I leapt away and threw myself flat on my face. On getting to my feet, I could see that FO Dobbie was lying on the perimeter track with his head injured. Sgt Weeks was also lying on the perimeter track having been hit in the face with a splinter from the propeller.”

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417714 Flight Sergeant McINTYRE, Allan David

Source:

AWM237(65) NAA : A705, 166/16/420 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 314, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 135
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 31st August 1944, Wellington BK135 took off from RAF Morton-in-Marsh for a cross-country training exercise. The aircraft flew into an electrical storm and at 1042 hours dived out of clouds to crash at Oldstone Farm near Ashbury, nine miles WSW of Wantage, Berkshire. The seven on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 417714 Flt Sgt A D McIntyre, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt P Henshall, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt T E Rhodes, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt S D Gingold, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432459 Sgt D G Grant (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt B Sandall, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R Davidson, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt McIntyre and Sgt Grant are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Henshall is buried in the Stone Cemetery, Staffordshire, UK.
Sgt Rhodes is buried in the Leeds (Lawns Wood) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Gingold is buried in the Birmingham (Witton) Jewish Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Sandall is buried in the Ashby Puerorum (St Andrew) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Davidson is buried in the Aberdeen (Springbank) Cemetery UK.

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414377 Sergeant SMITH, Norman George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/31 166/38/29 Micro Film No 463
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9667
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	405 Sqn RCAF

Summary:

On the 27th January 1943, Wellington X9667 crashed in the sea between Den Helder and the Island of Texel, Holland. Flt Sgt Morgan was a POW and the others were missing. The aircraft was detailed for a Bullseye Exercise and took off at 0830 hours. WT silence was ordered, and nothing was heard after take off. The Bullseye route took the aircraft 50 miles out over the North Sea from Clacton, and it was considered possible that the aircraft was destroyed by enemy action.

Crew:

RAAF 404654 FO Mitchell, F H Captain (Screened Pilot) (405 Sqn RCAF)
RAF Sgt G G Ellis, (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt G H Tucker, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D Llewellyn, Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt J N Morgan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R E Elvin,(Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 414377 Sgt N G Smith. (Air Gunner) (of 21 Operational Training RAF)

The bodies of FO Mitchell and Sgt's Llewellyn and Elvin were washed ashore on the main land of Holland in the vicinity of Van Helder. FO Mitchell and Sgt Elvin are buried in the Bergen-op-Zoom War cemetery, Netherlands. The town of Bergen-op-Zoom is in the Dutch province of Noord-Brabant, some 40kms north west of Antwerp (Belgium).

The bodies of Sgt's Ellis and Smith were washed ashore on the south side of the Island of Texel. They are buried in the Texel (Den Burg) Cemetery, Netherlands..

Commonwealth War Graves does not record what happened to Sgt's Llewellyn or Tucker.

Flt Sgt Morgan a POW reported : "FO Mitchell our Captain and Pilot remained at the controls, giving myself and others the opportunity of abandoning the aircraft in the nick of time. The suddenness of the attack which ended our ill fated flight, was such that I am unable to give much detail of our last moments together."

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420091 Flying Officer WHITE, Aubrey James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/296 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9618
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 21 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington X9618 took off from RAF Morton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, at 1605 hours on the 14th August 1943, for a training exercise. At 1705 hours the aircraft crashed near the Instone drome, 75 miles north-west from Oxford, as a result of petrol starvation. There appeared to be a misunderstanding in the orders to manipulate the fuel cocks, as an engine cut and the aircraft dived to the ground less than a mile from the runway and caught fire. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Lewis was slightly injured.

Crew:

RAAF 420091 FO White, A J (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 426012 FO Beyer, H M (Pupil W Navigator)
RAAF 420941 Sgt F I Hardaker, (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 420066 Flt Sgt L G Sellen, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Clark.
RAF Sgt Lewis

The four RAAF members who lost their lives are buried at the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Commonwealth War Graves records do not reveal where Sgt Clark is buried.

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404671 Sergeant PASCOE, Vyvyan Roessler

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/149/195 Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 115, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	AD 625
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	22 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 25th May 1942, Wellington AD625 while waiting for clearance to take off from Stratford-upon-Avon, was struck at 0240 hours by another of the Unit's aircraft and totally destroyed. Five were killed and two were injured.

Crew:

RAF	FO Gale, J J Captain (Pilot)	Injured
RAAF	404671 Sgt R V Pascoe, (Pilot)	Killed
RNZAF	Sgt J S Williams, (Observer)	Killed
RNZAF	Sgt D Callaghan, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RNZAF	Sgt M Wilkinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	Sgt J E Hough, (Air Gunner),	Killed
RCAF	PO Morris, (Air Gunner)	Injured

Sgt's Pascoe, Williams, Callaghan, and Wilkinson are buried in the Stratford-upon-Avon Cemetery, UK. Sgt Hough is buried in the Macclesfield Cemetery, UK.

The Sqn Ldr of Training Wing at 22OTU reported : "Wellington AD625 was waiting at a taxiing post prior to receiving permission to cross the flare path in order to taxi to dispersal. Aircraft DV840 made a bad approach and swung into the waiting aircraft. No blame is attached to the Pilot of the waiting aircraft AD625, as he was at least 200 yards away from the runway in use for night flying."

In his remarks on the accident, the Gr Capt 22 OTU stated : ' The accident appears to have occurred solely through an error of judgement on the part of Sgt Whitworth, captain of DV840, in that his approach took him some 30 degrees across the flare path and overshooting."

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405256 Sergeant BROODBANK, Ronald Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/103/197 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 120, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: N 2851
Radio call sign: - F3
Unit: 23 Op Training RAF

Summary:

Wellington N 2851 of No 23 Op Training RAF, took off from RAF Station Stradishall, at 2312 hours on the night of 30/31st May 1942, detailed to attack Cologne, Germany. The aircraft failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF	Sgt W.R.C. Johnston, Captain (Pilot).
RAAF	403132 Sgt J. Donn-Patterson, Observer.
RAAF	401412 Sgt F.G. Bolton, Wireless Operator/Air Gunner.
RAAF	404913 Sgt M.L. Glenton-Wright, Wireless Operator/Air Gunner.
RAAF	405256 Sgt R.A. Broodbank. Air Gunner.

Following post war enquiries and investigations it was established that the aircraft crashed near Gravendeel Zuid, Holland, and the remains of Sgt Johnston (RAF) and Sgt Broodbank (RAAF) were interred at Grosswijk Cemetery, Rotterdam. Also the severity of the explosion in the crash was such that it was found impossible to recover the remains of the other three missing crew members and in 1948 it was recorded that they had no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

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403041 Sergeant CONNELL, Bernard Bradley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/412 digitised Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training RAF, 1940-1947,
Page 93, Volume 7,

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	T 2953
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	23 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 3rd January 1942, Wellington T2953 took off from RAF Pershore, Worcestershire, with a screened Pilot, two Pupil Pilots and two Wireless Operators to practice circuits and landings. During the exercise the weather deteriorated, and at about 0900 hours while turning at a very low altitude (probably trying to line up with the runway), lost control and crashed into a thickly wooded area. All five on board were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Hay, R P (Instructor Pilot)
RAAF 403143 Sgt R B Murphy, (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 403041 Sgt B B Connell, (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt J H Marshall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H K Jones, (Wireless Air Gunner)

PO Hay is buried in the Huntly Cemetery, Scotland, UK.

Sgt's Murphy and Connell are buried in the Pershore Cemetery, Worcestershire, UK.
Sgt Marshall's name is inscribed on Panel 11 of the Screen Wall at Chingford Mount Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Jones is buried in the Llanidloes (Dolhafren) Cemetery, Wales, UK.

A report into the flying accident stated : "On the night of 3rd January 1942, PO Hay with a crew of four was authorised to carry out circuits and landings in Wellington T2953. The aircraft took off from RAF Pershore at 1745 hours, in rather poor weather conditions, visibility 3 miles, cloud base 1500 feet. Owing to a possible deterioration in the weather, the ACP was instructed to have a full Goose Neck flare path lit. PO Hay carried out circuits and landings until approx 1900 hours, when he was given permission to land. He acknowledged this, but the aircraft did not re-appear. It was subsequently found that the aircraft had crashed in thickly wooded ground approx 200 feet above and two miles ENE of the drome boundary. The weather at the time of the crash was deteriorating with 10/10ths low cloud and decreasing visibility.

The Investigation Officer into the crash stated : " The accident was due to the Pilot inaccuracy at a low altitude, in an attempt to line up with the runway, with insufficient evidence to prove why the aircraft was so low and off course."

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401573 Sergeant HENDERSON, Valentine Stewart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5538344 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 113, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1053
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	23 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 7th May 1942, Wellington Z1053 took off from RAF Pershore for night bombing training, armed with 6 x 250lb practice bombs, sand filled. At approx 0340 hours, the aircraft stalled and dived almost vertically, to crash at Lower Moor between the airfields of Pershore and Defford in Worcestershire. All the crew were killed. The cause of the crash was attributed to the propeller and reduction gear shearing from one of the engines.

Crew:

RAF PO Palin, P J A H, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt G L M Meshau, (Observer)
RAAF 401573 Sgt V S Henderson, (Observer)
RCAF Sgt J M L Charbonneau, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt J M Sadler, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L F Fisher, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Pershore Cemetery, Worcestershire, UK.

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403143 Sergeant MURPHY, Rodger Bede

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/412 digitised Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training RAF, 1940-1947,
Page 93, Volume 7,

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	T 2953
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	23 Op Training RAF

Summary:

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Crew:

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402435 Flying Officer BOYD, Thompson Neville Digby

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5373717 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley, RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 82, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	T 2844
Radio call sign:	- B3
Unit:	23 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 26th October 1941, Wellington T2844 took off from RAF Pershore for an Air Test. At around 1655 hours the dinghy broke loose and fouled the controls. Before anyone could bale out the aircraft went into a steep dive, and both main planes failed, sending the aircraft hurtling into the ground near Swindon Farm, Stoke Orchard, four miles NNW of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO H Rose, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Gibson, M F (Pilot)
RAAF 402435 FO Boyd, T N D, (Pilot)
RAF PO Symes, R C (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt Walker, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt P H Lacey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F H P Tolley, (Air Gunner)

PO Rose is buried in the East Ham (Harlow Road) Jewish Cemetery, UK.
FO Boyd, PO Gibson and Sgt Lacey are buried in the Gloucester Old Cemetery, UK.
PO Symes is buried in the Southampton (South Stoneham) Cemetery, UK.
Flt Sgt Walker is buried in the Cupar New Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Tolley is buried in the Malden (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK.

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401073 Pilot Officer MAWDESLEY, William John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 162/44/146 Commonwealth War Graves records.
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 123, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1266
Radio call sign:	- 02
Unit:	23 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On 2nd June 1942, Wellington R1266 took off from RAF Stradishall at 2305 hours, detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 401073 PO Mawdesley, W J Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt F J B Scrimes, (Observer)
RAF Sgt K N Killby (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF T L J Norrie, (Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Murray, G W (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed near the Terwindt Brickyard at Kerkdriel (Gelderland) on the west bank of the Naas, some 13kms WNW of Oss in the neighbouring Province of Noord Brabant. All the crew are buried in the Uden War Cemetery.

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407727 Pilot Officer ODGERS Allan Howard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA A705, 163/50/46 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1342
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	23 Operational Training RAF

Summary:

On the 26th February 1942, PO Odgers, was accidently killed, when in a moment of mental aberration, he walked under the propeller of Wellington R1342 instead of going around the wing tip. The other crew members were not injured.

Crew:

RAF Sgt L A Seamer, (1st Pilot)
RAAF 407727 PO Odgers, A H (2nd Pilot)
RAF Sgt R Sharp, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A T Drysdale, (Air Gunner)

PO Odgers is buried in the Pershore Cemetery, UK.

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407201 Sergeant DURDIN, Reginald Wilton

Source:

AWM 237 (65 NAA A705, 163/104/81 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 84, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	N 2783
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	25 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 9th November 1941, Wellington N2783 took off from RAF Finningley, detailed to carry out a night training exercise. The aircraft crashed due to an incorrectly set altimeter, at 2115 hours, near Rossington, four miles south east of Doncaster.

Crew:

RAAF	400471 Sgt H C Howard, Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RNZAF	Sgt A J Coe, (Injured
RAF	Sgt F M Oddy, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	Sgt W Holden, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	407201 Sgt R W Durdin, (Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	406149 Sgt C W Musto, (Air Gunner)	Injured

Sgt's Howard and Durdin are buried in the Finningley (St Oswald) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Oddy is buried in the Shipley (Nab Wood) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Sgt Holden is buried in the Bradford (Bowling) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Sgt Coe received burns to his hands, and Sgt Musto received facial injuries.

Sgt Musto lost his life on 11th August 1942, when flying with 207 Sqn RAF.

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403664 Sergeant GRIMWADE, James William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705. 163/118/399 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5683
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 25 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Lancaster R5683 on 26th July 1942, crashed shortly after take off. The aircraft was seen to fall suddenly and crash into soft sand and shallow water., six miles west of Boston, Lincolnshire. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt G Appleyard, DFN Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R L Beaddie, (Flight Engineer)
RCAF Sgt Dauvill,
RAF PO Smith,
RAAF 403664 Sgt J W Grimwade, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Young,
RAF Sgt J D Davie, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Appleyard and Sgt's Beaddie and Geimwade are buried in the Conningsby Cemetery, , UK.

Sgt Davie is buried in the Felixtowe New Cemetery, UK.

Commonwealth War Graves do not reveal where Sgt's Dauvill and Young or PO Smith are buried.

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12694 Warrant Officer HARRISON, Charles Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/1126 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command :Losses Operational Training Units, 1939-1947,
Page 338, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 133
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 21 GROUP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington BK133 took off from RAF Moreton-in-Marsh at 0025 hours on the night of 7/8th April 1945, for night circuits and landings and single engine approaches and overshoots. The aircraft crashed at 0055 hours, when it flew into high ground near Chipping Norton about 3 miles from the drome. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 427364 Flt Sgt J K Vickers, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 433799 Flt Sgt A G S Brunskill, (Navigator Air Bomber)
RAAF 438300 Flt Sgt J W Newcombe, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 12694 WO C H Harrison, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 436496 Flt Sgt E C Graebner, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 435357 Flt Sgt J R Thomas, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

The aircraft landed after one normal circuit and then took off again at 0048 hours. At 0051 hours The Captain called “practice single overshoot” and about one minute later the aircraft was spotted when flying normally at 500 to 1000 feet., when the engines cut. The aircraft lost height immediately and crashed. At the time of the accident the weather was suitable with a cloud base of 1600 feet.

An investigation into the accident found that “during the practice single engine approach, the Pilot lost height and noticing he was getting close to high ground, he jettisoned petrol to gain height. Having done so he then sent the normal overshoot message. The engines then failed through a fuel shortage because the Pilot had left the jettison valve open.” The Station Commander recorded that “the accident was an error of judgement by the Pilot”

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408144 Sergeant GROOM, Rae

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 163/158/284 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley, RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 115, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 841
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	25 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 21st May 1942, Wellington DV841 took off from RAF Finningley, for a navigation training exercise. The aircraft crashed at 1755 hours at Emma Pits Road on West Paddy Moor, a mile north west of Crook in Co, Durham, UK. It had been on a cross country to the Isle of Man and was returning via York.

The aircraft was seen to spin in by the Observer Corps after travelling straight and level at about 8000 feet. Other witnesses stated that smoke was pouring from one of its engines. All the crew were killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAAF 407833 Sgt R D Roberts, (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 408144 Sgt R Groom, (Pupil Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt W N Reeves, (Pupil Observer)
RCAF Flt Sgt R M Boates, (Pupil Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt A F Roberts, (Pupil Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Darlington West Cemetery, UK.

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413023 Sergeant McCOSKER, Hector Gordon Roch

Source:

AWM 2347 (65) NAA : A705, 163/141/765 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Oxford
Serial number:	V 4035
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	25 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 28th September 1942, Oxford V4035 took off on a non-operational day fog beam approach training exercise. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF	PO Tree, B G (Instructor Pilot)	Injured but died later
RAAF	413023 Sgt H G R McCosker, (Pupil Pilot)	Injured but died later
RAF	Flt Sgt E Chamberlain, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Injured

In an Enquiry into the accident the Wg Cdr 25OTU concluded : "There was no evidence to prove that any technical failure occurred in the main transmitter or the receiving set in the aircraft. Eye witnesses are of the opinion that the approach of the aircraft was too low. The faulty approach must be attributed to an error on the part of the Instructor PO Tree. He was known to be a steady and reliable pilot but it is possible that his experience on the beam had been gained by concentrated flying in a comparatively space of time, and this may have produced a feeling of over confidence. It was likely that the two pilots would not have sustained fatal injuries, had they been strapped in."

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400546 Sergeant TINDLEY, Henry Wallace

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/167/23 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 9041
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 15 OP BASE RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z9041 soon after leaving RAF St Eval in transit to the Middle East, crashed into the sea at 0430 hours on 7th January 1942. All the crew were missing.

Crew:

RAAF 400546 Sgt H W Tindley (Observer)
 RAF Sgt L Jennings (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt Ougd,
 RAF Sgt Krenshaw,
 RAF Sgt Griffiths,
 RAF Sgt Lockhart

The bodies of Sgt Tindley and Sgt Jennings were recovered from the sea, while Sgt Lockhart was reported safe.

Sgt Tindley is buried in the Illogan (St Illogan) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Jennings is buried in the Shaw Cemetery, Newbury.

Information about the other three missing crew members could not be located on Commonwealth War Graves records.

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407833 Sergeant ROBERTS, Rambler David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 163/158/284 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley, RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 115, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 841
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	23 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 21st May 1942, Wellington DV841 took off from RAF Finningley, for a navigation training exercise. The aircraft crashed at 1755 hours at Emma Pits Road on West Paddy Moor, a mile north west of Crook in Co, Durham, UK. It had been on a cross country to the Isle of Man and was returning via York.

The aircraft was seen to spin in by the Observer Corps after travelling straight and level at about 8000 feet. Other witnesses stated that smoke was pouring from one of its engines. All the crew were killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAAF 407833 Sgt R D Roberts, (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 408144 Sgt R Groom, (Pupil Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt W N Reeves, (Pupil Observer)
RCAF Flt Sgt R M Boates, (Pupil Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt A F Roberts, (Pupil Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Darlington West Cemetery, UK.

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403959 Sergeant SHARPE, Oswald George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/161/255 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 141, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 829
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	25 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On 1st August 1942, Wellington DV829 took off from RAF Finningley at 2349 hours, to attack Dusseldorf, Germany. The aircraft was coned at 9000 feet by searchlights and, soon after, hit by flak. While trying to escape from the beam, the bomber lost height and while partially out of control, flew into a pylon and crashed. Four of the crew were killed and PO Frith was a POW.

Crew:

RAF PO Frith C J Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C H Moody, (Observer)
RAF Sgt G C Padkin, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 403959 Sgt O G Sharpe, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J H Campbell (Air Gunner)

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

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402212 Pilot Officer COHEN, Geoffey Landas

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/26/125 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 63, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3177
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	25 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 3rd August 1941, Wellington X3177 took off from RAF Finningley, for a night training exercise. At sometime between 0430 and 0530, the bomber hit the ground at high speed, roughly three miles south west of Bawtry, Nottinghamshire, UK. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF FO Gilbert, H T DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Soar, (Pilot)
RAAF PO Crane, W H (Observer)
RAAF 402212 PO Cohen, G L (Observer)
RAF Sgt E J Matthews, (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt W Harrison, (Wireless Air Gunner)

FO Gilbert, PO Crane and PO Cohen are buried in the Finningley (Holy Trinity and St Oswald) Churchyard Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Soar is buried in the Ticknall (St George) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Matthews is buried in the Gellygaer Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Harrison is buried in the Birtley New Cemetery, UK.

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402567 Pilot Officer CRANE, William Henry

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/26/125 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 63, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3177
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	25 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 3rd August 1941, Wellington X3177 took off from RAF Finningley, for a night training exercise. At sometime between 0430 and 0530, the bomber hit the ground at high speed, roughly three miles south west of Bawtry, Nottinghamshire, UK. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF FO Gilbert, H T DFC Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H Soar, (Pilot)
RAAF PO Crane, W H (Observer)
RAAF 402212 PO Cohen, G L (Observer)
RAF Sgt E J Matthews, (Wireless Operator)
RAF Sgt W Harrison, (Wireless Air Gunner)

FO Gilbert, PO Crane and PO Cohen are buried in the Finningley (Holy Trinity and St Oswald) Churchyard Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Soar is buried in the Ticknall (St George) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Matthews is buried in the Gellygaer Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Harrison is buried in the Birtley New Cemetery, UK.

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400311 Sergeant STRANG, Alan Leslie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/160/165 163/163/310

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	AD 635
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 15 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Wellington AD635 crashed on 16th February 1942, when in transit from the UK to the Middle East. Information from the American Ambassador, stated that the aircraft had crashed in mountains near Kef Cum Teboul, 12 miles east of La Cala near the Tunisian border. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RNZAF PO O'Brien, A (Pilot)
RNZAF Sgt W B Stehr, (Pilot)
RAAF 402433 Sgt W R Wren (Observer)
RAAF 414091 Sgt J D Sandilands, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 400311 Sgt A L Strang, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Foote, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Bone War Cemetery, Annaba, Algeria.

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404091 Flying Officer ELLERAY, Desmond Barton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 163/30/46 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Manchester
Serial number:	L 7248
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	25 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 18th November 1941, Manchester L7248 took off from RAF Finningley for a night navigational training flight. Following loss of power from the port engine, the aircraft crashed at 2245 hours at Scaftworth, seven miles NNW from Retford, Nottingham, UK.

Crew:

RAF	Flt Sgt L H Adams, DFM Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAF	Flt Sgt R W H Baxter, DFM (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	404091 FO Elleray, D B (Observer)	Killed
RAF	PO Danielson, C (Injured
RAF	Sgt R Rowell, (Injured

Flt Sgt Adams is buried in the Southend-on-Sea (Sutton Road) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Baxter is buried in the Letchworth (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.

FO Elleray is buried in the Finningley (Holy Trinity and St Oswald) Churchyard Extension, UK.

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400471 Sergeant HOWARD, Henry Clifford

Source:

AWM 237 (65 NAA A705, 163/104/81 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	N 2783
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	25 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 9th November 1941, Wellington N2783 took off from RAF Finningley, detailed to carry out a night training exercise. The aircraft crashed due to an incorrectly set altimeter, at 2115 hours, near Rossington, four miles south east of Doncaster.

Crew:

RAAF	400471 Sgt H C Howard, Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RNZAF	Sgt A J Coe,	Injured
RAF	Sgt F M Oddy, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	Sgt W Holden, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	407201 Sgt R W Durdin, (Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	406149 Sgt C W Musto, (Air Gunner)	Injured

Sgt's Howard and Durdin are buried in the Finningley (St Oswald) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Oddy is buried in the Shipley (Nab Wood) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Sgt Holden is buried in the Bradford (Bowling) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

Sgt Coe received burns to his hands, and Sgt Musto received facial injuries.

Sgt Musto lost his life on 11th August 1942, when flying with 207 Sqn RAF.

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437364 Sergeant BLOCK, Noel Herbert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/479 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 754
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	26 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 25 Mach 1944, Wellington BJ754 took off from RAF Little Horwood, and during take off at a height of 150-200 feet, the propeller disintegrated, and a piece of the propeller killed the Rear Gunner Sgt Block, who was seated next to the Pilot, due to the Bomb Aimer taking a turn in the rear turret for experience.

The Rear Gunner was struck by a piece of airscrew after it had torn a hole through the side of the fuselage. His seat collapsed and he fell to the floor. The Pilot made a successful belly landing on the airfield, and the rest of the crew were uninjured.

Crew:

RAAF 424465 Flt Sgt R F J Roeder, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Parden, C B (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 426182 Flt Sgt H G G Tarlington, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAAF 436731Sgt K R Phillips, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 437364 Sgt N H Block, (Rear Gunner)

Sgt Block is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

The other uninjured RAAF crew members survived the crash and the war.

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416649 Flight Sergeant CALVESBERT. John Frederick

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/122 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 833
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	26 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On 8th June 1943, Wellington BJ833 took off from RAF Little Horwood to carry out circuits and landings in daylight. Soon after take off and after gaining height, the aircraft commenced to dive steadily and crashed at 1758 hours at Sionhill Farm on the eastern side of East Claydon, six miles SSE of Buckingham. The three man crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 416649 Flt Sgt J F Calvesbert, (Trainee Pilot)
RAF Sgt G Fall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt E H Palava, (Air Gunner)

Both Flt Sgt Calvesbert and Sgt Palava are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery,
UK The Cemetery is 30 miles from London.
Sgt Fall is buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, UK.

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412827 Warrant Officer ORMISTON, Faulkner Adrian Andrew

Source

AWM 237 (65) NA : A705, 166/6/493 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Albermarle
Serial number:	V 1609
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	18 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On 15th April 1944, Albermarle V1609 crashed at 1535 hours during a day non-operational training exercise doing local circuits and landings. Four of the crew were killed and one injured.

Crew:

RAAF	413556 Flt Sgt R P H Brown, Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAF	Sgt J Crichton, (Navigator)	Killed
RAAF	412827 WO F A A Ormiston, (Bomb Aimer) *	Killed
RAF	Sgt A G Crowe, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	Sgt A Ewen, (Air Gunner)	Injured

*At the time WO Ormiston was attached to 51OTU RAF

Flt Sgt Brown and WO Ormiston are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Crichton is buried Dumphries (St Michael's) Cemetery, UK
Sgt Crowe is buried in the Hartford (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK..

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “ Flt Sgt Brown was detailed to carry out local circuits and landings for three hours until 1537 hours. At 1500 hours he took off for the last circuit and apparently proceeded to Hartford where the Wireless Air Gunner lived. From initial reports the aircraft was carrying out a shoot up and one wing struck the chimney of a house, causing the aircraft to crash only 200yards from the WAG's house.

The Group Captain RAF Ashbourne stated :” The Pilot was ordered to practice circuits and landings and apparently disobeyed orders and flew to Hartford village where he carried out a ”shoot up”. .

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418640 Flight Sergeant DALTON, John Phillip Sinclair

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/346 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 314
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	26 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 7th July 1944, Wellington LP314 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 0125 hours for night circuit training. At approx 0215, following the failure of the starboard engine, the crew tried to make a landing on the airfield. Initially, all went well until the aircraft was nearing the runway when, at a height estimated to have been no more than 250 feet, it swung violently and crashed. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 418640 Flt Sgt J P S Dalton, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 432582 Flt Sgt W A Sheppard, (Wireless Operator Air)
RAF Sgt I A Checkley, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated :” It appears that the starboard propeller feathered either by itself or by the Pilot by means of the ‘decrease’ switch., causing the aircraft to swing starboard and lose height rapidly. Full right ruder trim indicates and attempt was made to counteract the swing and obtain control of the aircraft prior to the crash, but not until it was nearly on a reciprocal to its original course. The aircraft stalled before it hit the ground and dropped the starboard wing. The aircraft burst into flames and the ammunition exploded. The cause of the accident was obscure.”

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419461 Flight Sergeant DOHERTY, Nicholas

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/155 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 440
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	26 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 11th December 1943, Wellington BK440 took off from RAF Little Horwood at 0645 hours, detailed to carry out a navigation training sortie. The aircraft exploded at approx 0800 hours and crashed near Park Farm, Hindolveston, eight miles ESE of Packenham in Norfolk. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt A Merridew, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S Wilson, (Navigator)
RAAF 419461 Flt Sgt N Doherty, (
RAF Sgt E W Brown, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt W E Martin, (Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt A W Ellis, (Air Gunner)

Five of the crew are buried in the Cambridge City cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.
Sgt Brown is buried in the Rushden Cemetery, UK

A Court of Inquiry into the accident found that : “ The aircraft impacted at a very steep angle, the wreckage caught fire and burnt. Various parts of the structure broke off shortly before impact, notably the outer sections of both main planes and both tail planes, all in the down load, also the rear part of the fuselage broke away.

It was considered that loss of control occurred resulting in a high speed dive and that the undue strain imposed by an effort to recover caused the failure of the main structure, There was no evidence to prove why the loss of control had occurred, but several conditions existed which could have caused it eg. entering cloud from bright moonlight, turbulent conditions in cloud, icing, hailstorm.”

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403565 Sergeant DOWNS, Alexander Irvine Lewis

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/103/203 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 155, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 867
Radio call sign:	- E
Unit:	26 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the night of 10/11th September 1942, Wellington DV867 took off from Wing at 2100 hours armed with 4 x 500lb GP bombs, and detailed to attack Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 403565 Sgt A I L Downs, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J J Kearns, (Observer)
RAF Sgt R H Kirkpatrick, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J W Rowling, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt T P Allenby, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was shot down at 0032 hours by a German night fighter and crashed between Stramproy and Hunsell (Limburg), two small villages 8kms SSE and 10kms south-east respectively of Weert, Holland.

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Locality Gelderland, Netherlands.

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403570 Sergeant EDYE, Bruce Henry

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/105/102 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HX 375
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	26 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the night of 1/2nd January 1942, Wellington HX375 took off at 2259 hours from RAF Graveley, carrying 600 gallons of fuel and armed with a 500lb bomb and 6 SBC, each holding 90 x 4lb incendiaries. The aircraft was detailed to bomb Essen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Sgt K Edmonds, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt K B Utman, (Observer)
RAAF 403570 Sgt B H Edey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt G Horner, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt R I Derry, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed about 0130 hours near Antwerpen, and all the crew were killed. They are buried in the Schoonselhof Cemetery, Antwerpen, Belgium.

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427123 Flight Sergeant KINSMAN, William Clifton

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/190 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 275, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	JA 455
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	26 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 5th February 1944, Wellington JA455 took off from Wing for a training exercise. The aircraft lost power while preparing to land and crashed into a wood at Fox Covert, about midway between Wing and Stewkley, Buckinghamshire. Two were killed and three were injured in the crash.

Crew:

RAAF	423995 Sg E T Bowe, Captain (Pilot)	Injured
RAF	Sgt J Corrigan,	Injured
RCAF	Sgt J S Duguid, (Navigator)	Killed
RAAF	427123 Flt Sgt W C Kingsman, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)	Killed
RAAF	428776 Sgt B J O'Hare, (Wireless Operator)	Injured
RAF	Sgt K L Pierce,	uninjured

The two who lost their lives are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Bowe survived the crash and the war. He was discharged from the RAAF on 26th July 1945 a Warrant Officer and his unit was attached to 26 Op Training RAF

Sgt O'Hare survived the crash and the war. He was discharged from the RAAF on 31st October 1945 a Warrant Officer and his unit was attached to 26 Op Training RAF.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident found that :: "Sgt Bowe on returning from the exercise called base on the R/T at 2305hours. At this time he instructed the Bomb Aimer to switch on the Nacelle tanks and the Bomb Aimer reported that this was done after going to the rear of the aircraft. At 2308 hours he was given instructions to reduce height to 1500 feet, and go over to visual control which he acknowledged. Less than a minute after both engines cut and from eye witnesses accounts Bowe tried to put the aircraft down on the drome. His undercarriage was locked down and approx 28 degrees of flaps

down. He lost height, downwind, crossing the left hand boundary close to the runway in use at approx 400 feet and then tried to turn on to the flare path. He did not have sufficient height to execute the necessary turn and the aircraft cashed in Fox Covert 200 yards short of the flare path.

The fuel supply to the engines had been cut off. The main fuel supply Cocks CP and CS had been turned off by the Bomb Aimer, when the Nacelle tanks should have been turned on. He also had a lack of familiarity with the new Type of Nacelle fuel cock. “

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426961 Flight Sergeant MIGNER, Alexander

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5526354 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
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Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 491
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	26 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 30th December 1943, Wellington BK491 took off from RAF Little Horwood, at 1854 hours, for a night flying training exercise. The aircraft banked steeply and crashed at 1855 hours at North End Farm near Thornborough, four miles or so north west of the airfield.

Crew:

RNZAF WO K G Tucker, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A A Sadler (Navigator)
RAAF 426961 Flt Sgt A Migner (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J E Lane. (Air Gunner)

WO Tucker, Sgt Sadler and Flt Sgt Migner are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK. Sgt Lane is buried in the Hemel Hempstead (Heath Lane) Cemetery, UK.

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

403599 Sergeant OGILVIE, Creighton Carlyle

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/148/281 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 155, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 703
Radio call sign:	- C
Unit:	26 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the night of 10/11th September 1942, Wellington DV703 took off from Wing, armed with 4 x 500lb of bombs, and detailed to attack Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 403599 Sgt C C Ogilvie, Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO L Hedley, (
RAF PO M'Ilveen, J (Observer)
RAF Sgt J W Gardner, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt J B Higginson, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft was attacked from below by a night fighter, whose canon shells severed petrol and oil pipes and set alight to the fuselage. Communication between the crew was impossible as the blaze immediately destroyed the intercom system. WO Hedley managed to speak to the skipper who told him to bale out. He did so, though lost consciousness in the process. Out of control, The aircraft hit the ground at around 0015 hours some 500 metres south west of Overhetfeld, on the north west side of Wiederkruchten. Four of the crew were killed and WO Hedley was a POW.

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

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

432582 Flight Sergeant SHEPPARD, William Arthur

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/463 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 303, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 314
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	26 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 7th July 1944, Wellington LP314 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 0125 hours for night circuit training. At approx 0215, following the failure of the starboard engine, the crew tried to make a landing on the airfield. Initially, all went well until the aircraft was nearing the runway when, at a height estimated to have been no more than 250 feet, it swung violently and crashed. The crew of three were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 418640 Flt Sgt J P S Dalton, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 432582 Flt Sgt W A Sheppard, (Wireless Operator Air0
RAF Sgt I A Checkley, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

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

424169 Sergeant FIETZ, Clive Henry Charles

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/96 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 239, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3790
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	26 Operational Trg RAF

Summary::

On the 7th August 1943, Wellington X3790 took off from RAF Little Horwood for a night flying detail. At around 0255 hours, the aircraft approached the runway but was obliged to overshoot. While doing so, Sgt Davies lost control and moments later his aircraft smashed into the High Street at Winslow, six miles south east of Buckingham, totally demolishing the Chandos Arms and nearby dwellings. The carnage was dreadful, for in addition to the four crew members killed no less than 13 civilians died.

Crew:

RAF	Sgt W Davies Captain (Pilot)	
RAF	Sgt J Harrington, (Navigator)	Injured
RAF	Sgt J Y Sowter, (Air Bomber)	
RAF	Sgt J P V McKeon, (Wireless Air Gunner)	
RAAF	424169 Sgt C H C Fietz, (Air Guinner)	

Sgt Davies was buried in the Pontnewydd (Holy Trinity) Churchyard, Cwmbran, UK.
Sgt Sowter was cremated in the Oxford Crematoruim, UK.
Sgt's McKeon and Fietz are buried in the Oxford (Bottley) Cemetery, UK.

A report by an eyewitness Sgt Hearne stated : "I was on duty the ACF caravan on the night of 6/7th August 1943. At approx 0300 hours X3790 approached to land and almost after touching down, overshoot, and appeared to be going round again. At 0305 I saw what looked to be a crashed aircraft in flames directly over Winslow. I reported this."

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

425053 Pilot Officer QUAITE, Lorraine John DFM

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/130 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 260, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 295
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 6th November 1943, Wellington LN295 took off from RAF Lichfield for an evening cross-country training. The aircraft collided at 2208 hours with a Wellington of No 26 O T U, with both machines falling near the main gate at Alconbury airfield in Huntingdonshire, and not far from the village of Abbots Ripton. Five of the crew in LN295 were killed and Gr Capt Heffernan was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 0318 Gr Capt Heffernan, P G Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425053 FO Quaite, L J DFM (Navigator)
RAAF 416886 PO Parker, J F (Observer)
RAAF 403864 PO Finch, C G (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427788 Sgt A H Anderson, (Air Gunner)
S/O Hughes, K L (Women's Auxiliary Air Force)

Those who lost their lives are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

Gr Capt Heffernan who commanded RAF Lichfield, was admitted to RAF Hospital where he spent many weeks recovering from his injuries. He remained in the RAAF and in 1953 was awarded the OBE. He retired in the rank of Air Commodore in 1956 and died on the 30th January 1996.

Citation :

The Citation for the award of the DFM to the then Sgt Quaite of 460 Sqn RAAF is as follows : “ Sgt Quaite has taken part in many operational strikes and has proved to be a navigator of exceptional ability who has contributed in no small way to the successes attained by his crew. On one occasion when his aircraft was badly damaged by enemy fighters, it was largely due to his advice and navigation that the pilot was able to fly the aircraft back to base with 30 gallons of petrol left.” (London Gazette 10/12/1943)

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

427788 Sergeant ANDERSON, Alexander Henry

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/130 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 260, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 295
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

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405670 Sergeant BAKER, William John

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/90/451 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 176, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1744
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 20th November 1942, Wellington Z1744 took off from RAF Lichfield at 0803 hours, detailed to carry out a combined bombing and photographic exercise. Fairly early in the flight, the aircraft was approached by two Spitfires reportedly from an American Unit, One passing so close that it took away the trailing aerial, and rendered the W/T equipment unserviceable. At approx 1410 hours eyewitnesses on the ground saw the aircraft flying low over some factory buildings near Leek in Staffordshire, and then to their horror, it smashed into high ground at a place known locally as Hen Cloud. Five of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Cheek was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 401882 Sgt J R Barlow, (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 414051 FO Love, J (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 411374 FO Pettiford, K (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 405670 Sgt W J Baker, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt H J Buckley, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 416411 Flt Sgt K S Cheek, (Pupil Air Gunner)

The four RAAF crew members who lost their lives are buried in the Fradley (St Stephen) Churchyard, UK. Flt Sgt Buckley is buried in the Pontypridd (Glyntaff) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Cheek survived the crash and the war. He was discharged WO on 8/11/1945 when a member of No 3AOS.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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411475 Sergeant BANNISTER, Rupert Theodore

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/90/340 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 137, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 800
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 19th July 1942, Wellington DV800 took off from RAF Lichfield, for a day cross-country training. While over North Wales, the crew strayed 10 miles north of their intended track. At around 1230 hours, and flying above cloud, (cloud base 2000 feet) it was assumed that the pilot decided to let down through the overcast in order to establish their position, and while doing so the aircraft smashed into the Black Ladder mountain near Carnedd Dafydd in Snowdonia. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 416004 Sgt E H Longbottom, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L D Traylen, (Observer)
RAF Sgt R I Bowen, (Observer)
RAF Sgt S J Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 411475 Sgt R T Bannister, (Air Gunner)

Sgt's Longbottom and Bannister are buried in the Llanberligg Public Cemetery, Caenarvon, UK

Sgt Traylen is buried New Southgate Cemetery, UK

Sgt Bowen is buried in the Enfield (Lavender Hill) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Wilson is buried in the Seagoe Church of Ireland Churchyard, UK.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident found that : “ The Primary cause of the accident : could not be established as the accident occurred in daytime away from Lichfield drome. The Secondary cause : It appears that owing to an error in navigation, the aircraft was about 10 miles south of its track from Holyhead to Thyl which resulted in the aircraft flying into Mt Snowden. Cloud base at the time was 2000 feet.

The crew had been briefed to fly at 7000 feet and it can only be assumed that the Pilot decided to fly below the clouds to pinpoint his position. as the wireless in the aircraft must have been U/S as nothing had been heard from the aircraft for several hours. The wireless went U/S shortly after 1206 hours when the last message was received. The Pilot was an above average Pilot.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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401882 Sergeant BARLOW, James Robert

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/90/451 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 176, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1744
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 20th November 1942, Wellington Z1744 took off from RAF Lichfield at 0803 hours, detailed to carry out a combined bombing and photographic exercise. Fairly early in the flight, the aircraft was approached by two Spitfires reportedly from an American Unit, One passing so close that it took away the trailing aerial, and rendered the W/T equipment unserviceable. At approx 1410 hours eyewitnesses on the ground saw the aircraft flying low over some factory buildings near Leek in Staffordshire, and then to their horror, it smashed into high ground at a place known locally as Hen Cloud. Five of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Cheek was injured.

Crew:

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RAAF 411374 FO Pettiford, K (Pupil Navigator)
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RAF Flt Sgt H J Buckley, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
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Flt Sgt Cheek survived the crash and the war. He was discharged WO on 8/11/1945 when a member of No 3AOS.

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435557 Sergeant BEATSON, Earl Hume

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/638 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 306, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 437
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 30th July 1944, Wellington LP437 took off from RAF Lichfield, for night bombing practice. The aircraft was diverted to Hixen and then diverted to Sleightford where an attempt was made to land. The aircraft stalled while in the circuit and crashed at 0410 hours at Doxey Wood Farm, Thorny Fields Land. On impact the aircraft burst into flames and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 424927 Flt Sgt F L Stephens, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 430243 Flt Sgt R K Bolger, (Navigator Air Bomber)
RAAF 432627 Flt Sgt J H Normyle, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436249 Flt Sgt J J Manners (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 44993 Sgt H A Smyth, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 435557 Sgt E H Beatson, (Air Gunner)
Sapper J J Wilson, 8 Aust Field Coy, RAE (PAX).

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.
Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sapper Wilson is buried.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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401884 Sergeant BELL, Frederick George

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/5/38 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 199, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 241
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 3rd February 1943, Wellington BK241 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 1812 hours, detailed to carry out night cross-country training. The aircraft returned to base about 2300 hours, and commenced to circle in readiness to land. At 2302, however, the aircraft went into a flat spin and crashed four miles to the north east of the airfield. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 401884 Sgt F G Bell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A W Reid, (Navigator)
RAAF 406737 Sgt K V Howes, Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P J Keown, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 413999 Sgt R K Hodson, (Air Gunner)

Sgt's Bell, Reid, Howes and Hodson are buried in the Sproston (St Paul) Churchyard Extension, UK.

Sgt Keown is buried in the Belfast (Dundonald) Cemetery, Northern Ireland.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “ the accident occurred at night at the time the Pilot on completion of the exercise was circling the drome prior to landing. The cause of the accident is unknown, but it was presumed to be the result of loss of control followed by either a stall turn or flat spin.”

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

413710 Flight Sergeant BICKNELL, Aubrey Griffith

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/305 Commonwealth War Graves records .

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

At 2220 hours on the 7th October 1943, Flt Sgt Bicknell 9a Wireless Air Gunner), was dangerously injured at Gates Corner, Woodford Green, as a result of an enemy bombing raid. Flt Sgt Bicknell was off duty and on leave at the time of the raid. He died from his injuries at 1140 hours on the 15th October, 1943.

Flt Sgt Bicknell is buried in the Brookwood Cemetery UK. Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

430243 Flight Sergeant BOLGER, Ray Kethel

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/638 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 306, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 437
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 30th July 1944, Wellington LP437 took off from RAF Lichfield, for night bombing practice. The aircraft was diverted to Hixen and then diverted to Sleightford where an attempt was made to land. The aircraft stalled while in the circuit and crashed at 0410 hours at Doxey Wood Farm, Thorny Fields Land. On impact the aircraft burst into flames and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

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RAAF 430243 Flt Sgt R K Bolger, (Navigator Air Bomber)
RAAF 432627 Flt Sgt J H Normyle, (Air Bomber)
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411117 Sergeant BRADLEY, Keith James

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/127/57 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-197,
Page 137, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	N 2749
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 19th July 1942, Wellington N2749 took off from RAF Lichfield, at 2315 hours detailed to carry out a non-operational night navigation training sortie. The aircraft crashed at 0308 hours into houses near the Fish Dock at Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire. Police eyewitnesses said that the aircraft was firing off red Verey cartridges and appeared to be flying on one engine. .

The Searchlight Pointer organization attempted to guide the aircraft to a nearby drome, but it overshot the landing ground and a few minutes later crashed. It was believed that engine trouble may have arisen as small explosions were heard prior to the crash and only one of the engines appeared to be functioning. The Pilot attempted a forced landing but was uncertain of the ground beneath him.

Crew:

RAAF 404856 Sgt K H C Steinbach, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 411145 Sgt E D R Jennings, (Observer)
RAAF 411206 Sgt G B Warburton (Observer)
RAAF 408131 Sgt W H Condon, (Observer)
RAAF 411117 Sgt K J Bradley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Cooke, (Air Gunner)

The five RAAF Crew members are buried in the Pembroke Dock Military Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Cooke is buried in the Wolverton (New Bradwell) Cemetery, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

408131 Sergeant CONDON, William Harry

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/127/57 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-197,
Page 137, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
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430014 Flight Sergeant CURRIE, Alan Livingstone

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/633 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 315, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 252
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the night of 5/6th September 1944, Wellington BK252 took off at 2058 hours from RAF Church Broughton, detailed to carry out night cross-country training. During the flight the port engine ceased to function and the flight was aborted. The aircraft returned to base but overshot the first approach, and while attempting to go round again it yawed violently and crashed at 0018 hours some 2000 yards north west of the airfield. A fierce fire broke out more or less on impact.

Crew:

RAAF	430014 Flt Sgt A L Currie, Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	430045 Flt Sgt R F Newnham, (Navigator)	Injured
RAAF	431258 Sgt R W McDougall, (Bomb Aimer)	Injured
RAAF	430616 Flt Sgt R A Groves, (Wireless Operator)	Killed
RAAF	436911 Flt Sgt R J Heal, (Mid Upper Gunner)	Injured
RAAF	435986 Flt Sgt T E Hennessy, (Rear Gunner)	Injured

Flt Sgt Currie and Flt Sgt Groves are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

The four injured RAAF members of the crew survived the crash and the war

Evidence given by the Navigator to a Court of Inquiry stated “ The aircraft was detailed to carry out a solo night cross country on the night of 5/6th September 1944. He reported that everything was satisfactory until the last leg when the Captain decided to return to base instead of to Staffordshire base. The reason he gave for this short cut was that the engine temperature had dropped to 50 degrees. Also an engine, I think it was the starboard engine had backfired 2 or 3 times although there was no trouble previously. On reaching base we prepared to land, but when in the funnel the Captain said he had received a red and commenced to overshoot. A short time after the overshoot, the Captain gave the order to take up crash positions, and I climbed onto the Navigators table.”

In its conclusion the Court stated : “ When in the funnel the aircraft had been given a red light signal and it began overshoot action. When a third of the way along the runway the aircraft swung to port and began to lose height. The aircraft crashed one mile north west of the airfield in a steep diving turn to port with the port wing well down. In an examination of the port engine on the unit it revealed what is thought to be a technical

failure. There is some doubt as to whether this was the primary cause of the accident and further technical examination will be necessary.

If the port engine failed during the overshoot with the undercarriage partly lowered and with full flaps and low airspeed, it would be virtually impossible for the pilot to maintain height or control. Evidence obtained supports the theory of a port engine failure.”

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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400952 Flight Lieutenant FALKINER, John Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/687 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	W 1272
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	20 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 22nd September 1942, Halifax W1272 crashed at 0912 hours , one quarter of a mile east of Middle Farm, Casterton, UK.

Crew:

RAAF 400952 Flt Lt Falkiner, J A Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF PO Percival, J W DFC, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L H Jones, (Flight Engineer)
RAAF 402589 Flt Sgt R G Cox, (Air Gunner)

Flt Lt Falkiner is buried in the Wooten (St Lawrence) Churchyard, UK.

PO Percival and Flt Sgt Cox are buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Jones is buried in the Adwick-Le-Street, Cemetery, UK.

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

424741 Sergeant DEATH, Ernest Norman

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/168 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 248, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 152
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 10th September 1943, Wellington BK152 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2144 hours, detailed to carry out night dual circuits and landings. At around 2245 hours, the aircraft came in to land on the Hixon runway, but touched down too far along the strip. The throttles were opened and the aircraft began to climb until without any hint of trouble, it dived into a house less that a mile south west of the airfield. It was thought likely that the flaps were raised in error for the undercarriage. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 400497 FO Stewart, N G DFM (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 420652 Flt Sgt D J Fernance (Pilot)
RAAF 410745 Flt Sgt F C Stringer, (Navigator)
RAAF 421642 PO Swinney, T F (Air Bomber)
RAAF 4118597 Flt Sgt A J Vickerman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 424741 Sgt E N Death, Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

Citation :

Thr citation for the DFM awarded to the then Flt Sgt Stewart attached to No 148 Sqn RAF, is as follows :

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

426555 Flight Segeant DESHON, Frederick Popham

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/241, 166/11/109

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947, Page 272, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 652
Radio call sign:	- Z
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 21st January 1944, Wellington BJ652 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 2017 hours for a night cross-country training flight. At 2130 hours on the advice of the Met Office at No 93 Group, Lichfield broadcast a general message advising all aircraft to land by 2330 hours. This was not acknowledged by BJ652, which nine minutes later transmitted a wireless signal advising its position as Gainsborough. Subsequently, the aircraft heading south, crashed at 2210 cutting a swathe through trees before impacting onto a limestone outcrop, just below 700 feet above sea level, and on the western edge of Smerrill Dale, a mere 100 yards from Smerrill Grange Farm, the farm being near the Derbyshire village of Middleton-by-Youlgrave Cemetery. All the crew were killed

Crew:

RAAF 416941 Flt Sgt L G Edmonds, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 426555 Flt Sgt F P Deshon, (Navigator)
RAAF 426621 Flt Sgt J Kydd, Air Bomber
RAAF 30581 Flt Sgt W T Barnes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430628 Sgt T D Murton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434608 FO Perrett, K (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “The aircraft took off on a six hour cross country exercise at 2017 hours. Initially the aircraft had R/T trouble which was not remedied until 1945 hours when he was told to stand by, as Control had been advised by Met that a cold front would effect the northern part of the route. The route was altered slightly eliminating the leg to Peebles and making the spot northern turning point Down Pecklington. After the aircraft had taken off, the Group Met advised Lichfield to recall the aircraft by 2330 hours and Lichfield sent out a recall on the 2130 broadcast and advised Group Met later that it had been acknowledged. At 2330 hours Lichfield advised that the recall had not been acknowledged. by BJ642. No more was heard from BJ642 until it was reported that it had crashed at 2210 hours 10 miles north of Ashbourne airfield, Derbyshire.”

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

414664 Sergeant ECCLES, John Stoppard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/5 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 191, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 405
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 11th January 1943, Wellington BK405 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 1535 hours, detailed to carry out circuits and landings, combined with single-engined flying. At around 1550 hours the Pupil pilot went through the drill in readiness to shut down the port engine, but tragically, he feathered the starboard propeller. Immediately the aircraft spun and crashed at Boylestone. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Tye, R H (Instructor Pilot)
RAAF 409191 Sgt W R Wearne, (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Kerr, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408737 Sgt J R McDonald (Pupil Air Gunner)
RAAF 414664 Sgt J S Eccles, (Pupil Air Gunner)

FO Tye, Sgt Wearne and Sgt McDonald are buried in the Scropton (St Paul) Churchyard and Extension, UK.

Sgt Eccles is buried in the Salford (Agercroft) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK

Sgt Kerr is buried in the St Albans Cemetery, UK.

In a Court of Inquiry into the accident the OC of the Training Wing stated : “ The accident occurred at daytime at Boylestone, Staffordshire, when the aircraft was carrying out circuits and landings. The aircraft was observed to spin in near the drome and crash in the stall position and burn. The Pupil was being given instruction in single engine flying and it is possible that he turned into the dead engine and before the Instructor could correct it the aircraft got into a spin at a height too low for the instructor to pull out in time.”

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

416941 Flight Sergeant EDMONDS, Lloyd George

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/241, 166/11/109

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947, Page 272, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 652
Radio call sign:	- Z
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

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Crew:

RAAF 416941 Flt Sgt L G Edmonds, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 426555 Flt Sgt F P Deshon, (Navigator)
RAAF 426621 Flt Sgt J Kydd, Air Bomber
RAAF 30581 Flt Sgt W T Barnes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430628 Sgt T D Murton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434608 FO Perrett, K (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “The aircraft took off on a six hour cross country exercise at 2017 hours. Initially the aircraft had R/T trouble which was not remedied until 1945 hours when he was told to stand by, as Control had been advised by Met that a cold front would effect the northern part of the route. The route was altered slightly eliminating the leg to Peebles and making the spot northern turning point Down Pecklington. After the aircraft had taken off, the Group Met advised Lichfield to recall the aircraft by 2330 hours and Lichfield sent out a recall on the 2130 broadcast and advised Group Met later that it had been acknowledged. At 2330 hours Lichfield advised that the recall had not been acknowledged. by BJ642. No more was heard from BJ642 until it was reported that it had crashed at 2210 hours 10 miles north of Ashbourne airfield, Derbyshire.”

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

420652 Flight Sergeant FERNANCE, Darcy James

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/168 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 248, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 152
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 10th September 1943, Wellington BK152 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2144 hours, detailed to carry out night dual circuits and landings. At around 2245 hours, the aircraft came in to land on the Hixon runway, but touched down too far along the strip. The throttles were opened and the aircraft began to climb until without any hint of trouble, it dived into a house less that a mile south west of the airfield. It was thought likely that the flaps were raised in error for the undercarriage. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 400497 FO Stewart, N G DFM (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 420652 Flt Sgt D J Fernance (Pilot)
RAAF 410745 Flt Sgt F C Stringer, (Navigator)
RAAF 421642 PO Swinney, T F (Air Bomber)
RAAF 4118597 Flt Sgt A J Vickerman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 424741 Sgt E N Death, Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

Citation :

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

431920 Flight Sergeant FLETCHER, Dennis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/311 166/38/699

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947, Page 317, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 436
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 18th September 1944, Wellington LP436 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2240 hours, detailed to carry out night bombing training. At 2320 hours, the aircraft dived from 6000 feet, pulled up sharply and stalled into trees about four miles west of the airfield. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 429292 Flt Sgt L D Southwood, (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 430358 FO Buckland, E C (Navigator)
RAAF 430056 FO Ruglen, J M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 433234 Flt Sgt D R McDonald, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 431920 Flt Sgt D Fletcher, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

The Sqn Ldr Training Wing at 27 O T U stated : "The cause of the accident is obscure, but the importance of frequent references to instruments during flights at night in a circuit has been pointed to pupil pilots."

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

406476 Sergeant FLETCHER, William John Percival

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/169/106 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 157, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	L 7815
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 13th September 1942, Wellington L7815 took off at 2331 hours from RAF Lichfield and carrying 4 x 500 lb GP bombs, was detailed to carry out an attack on Bremen, Germany. Within minutes of lifting off, the port engine began to falter and the crew made an immediate return to base. Tragically, while turning final, the aircraft spun out of control and crashed. A mere nine minutes had elapsed from the time of their departure. On impact the aircraft became a mass of flames and the crew of five were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 406476 Sgt W J P Fletcher, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 411555 Sgt J A Turnbull, (Observer)
RAF Sgt F W Lewis, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 408774 Sgt J G Milne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F Thompson, (Air Gunner)

The three RAAF crew members are buried in the Fradley (St Stephens) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Lewis is buried in the Acomb (St Stephen) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Thompson is buried in Belfast (Dundonald) Cemetery, UK.

In the aftermath of the accident, a party of RAF ground staff were detailed to mount guard on the wreckage. At 0320 hours, there was a tremendous explosion and when rescuers reached the scene they found the following casualties :

Cpl Zucker is buried in the Hazelrigg Jewish Cemetery, UK.
LAC Ward is buried in the Fradley (St Stephens) Churchyard, UK.
AC1 Aveyard is buried in the Ossett (Holy Trinity) Churchyard, UK.
AC1 Marten is buried in the Prestayn (Christ Church) Churchyard, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

401498 Flight Sergeant FORBES, William Dennis Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 208, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3547
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 20th March 1943, Wellington X3547 took off from RAF Lichfield detailed to carry out cine camera gun exercise. The aircraft crashed at 1520 hours after flying into a barrage balloon cable at Barrows Green in the northeast outskirts of Crewe, Cheshire. It is much suspected that the crash site was attended by RAF Cranage. .

Crew:

RAAF 402813 Flt Sgt L D Watson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D Williams, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Rouse, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt F R Conway (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt L G Coppins, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H T Holley, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L F Hills, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 401498 Flt Sgt W D K Forbes, (Air Gunner)

Both Flt Sgt Watson and Flt Sgt Forbes are buried in the Byley (St John) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Williams is buried in the Cadoxton-Juxta-Neath (SS Catwyg and Illtyd) Churchyard. UK.

Sgt Rouse is buried in the Wandsworth (Streatham) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Conway is buried in the Eccleshall (All Saints) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Coppins is buried in the Hucknall Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Holley is buried in the Mortlake Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Hills is buried in the New Southgate Cemetery, UK.

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411220 Sergeant GLAISTER, Albert John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/117/156 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 110 , Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	K 9635
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 27/28th April 1943,,Wellington K9685 took off from RAF Lichfield, at 2168 hours, detailed to carry out scatter leaflets in the Lille region of France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 403652 FO L G Chick Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402672 Sgt M B Remfry, (Observer)
RAF Sgt F J Dodd, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J R Stukins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 411220 Sgt A J Glaister, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Belgium.

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

406392 Sergeant GODFREY, William Allen

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/118/285 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 101, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8785
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 26th February 1942, Wellington Z8785 took off from RAF Lichfield, at 1440 hours, detailed to carry out a training exercise. Twenty minutes after take off when the port engine failed, the aircraft crash landed near Trent Valley Railway Station, Lichfield. A fire broke out from the starboard motor, the flames spread rapidly, consuming the aircraft. Sgt Godfrey died later of his injuries, and Sgt's Longmuir and Jennings were injured

Crew :

RAAF Sgt R Longmuir, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF Sgt D Jennings, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G B Mellor, (
RAF Sgt T Willey, (
RAAF 406392 Sgt W A Godfrey, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Godfrey is buried in the Fradley (St Stephen) Churchyard, UK.

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

404476 Sergeant GREER, Arthur William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/118/336 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 110, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8901
Radio call sign:	- V
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 27/28th April 1942, Wellington Z8901 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2241 hours, detailed to scatter leaflets in the Lille region of France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt G A Dale, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt W J Jewell, (Observer)
RAAF 404476 Sgt A W Greer (Wireless Air Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt W G Mutton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt I C Inder, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Sauter (Namur), 3kms SSE of Philiperville, Belgium.
All the crew were killed, and they are buried in the Charleroi Communal Cemetery,
Belgium.

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

430616 Flight Sergeant GROVES, Reginald Arthur

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/633 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 315, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 252
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the night of 5/6th September 1944, Wellington BK252 took off at 2058 hours from RAF Church Broughton, detailed to carry out night cross-country training. During the flight the port engine ceased to function and the flight was aborted. The aircraft returned to base but overshot the first approach, and while attempting to go round again it yawed violently and crashed at 0018 hours some 2000 yards north west of the airfield. A fierce fire broke out more or less on impact.

Crew:

RAAF	430014 Flt Sgt A L Currie, Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	430045 Flt Sgt R F Newnham,	Injured
RAAF	431258 Sgt R W McDougall,	Injured
RAAF	430616 Flt Sgt R A Groves,	Killed
RAAF	436911 Flt Sgt R J Heal,	Injured
RAAF	435986 Flt Sgt T E Hennessy,	Injured

Flt Sgt Currie and Flt Sgt Groves are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

The four injured RAAF members of the crew survived the crash and the war.

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

429318 Sergeant HANSON, Noel Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/364 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 260, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3637
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 6th November 1943, Wellington X3637 took off from RAF Lichfield at 1940 hours, detailed to carry out an evening navigation detail. At approx 2000 hours, while flying just below the base of a cu nimbus cloud, the aircraft hit Stirling R9192 of 1617 RCU. Out of control the Wellington crashed at Raden Stock Farm, Little Walden some two miles from Saffron Walden, Essex. All the crew on X3637 were killed, while the Stirling although damaged managed to return to its base.

Crew:

RAAF 407530 PO McKiggen, M E (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 400328 FO McKechnie, D A (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 406621 PO Jones, T T (Screened Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 420842 Sgt Neville, F G (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 417529 FO Stoeckel, O I H (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 426353 Sgt L A Frentz, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAAF 428067 Sgt Herbert J J (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429318 Sgt N C Hanson, (Pupil Air Gunner)

All, on board are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. UK Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

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

436249 Flight Sergeant MANNERS, Jack James

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/638 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 306, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 437
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 30th July 1944, Wellington LP437 took off from RAF Lichfield, for night bombing practice. The aircraft was diverted to Hixen and then diverted to Sleightford where an attempt was made to land. The aircraft stalled while in the circuit and crashed at 0410 hours at Doxey Wood Farm, Thorny Fields Land. On impact the aircraft burst into flames and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 424927 Flt Sgt F L Stephens, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 430243 Flt Sgt R K Bolger, (Navigator Air Bomber)
RAAF 432627 Flt Sgt J H Normyle, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436249 Flt Sgt J J Manners (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 44993 Sgt H A Smyth, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 435557 Sgt E H Beatson, (Air Gunner)
Sapper J J Wilson, 8 Aust Field Coy, RAE (PAX).

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.
Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sapper Wilson is buried

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

428007 Flight Sergeant HERBERT, James Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/364 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 260, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3637
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 6th November 1943, Wellington X3637 took off from RAF Lichfield at 1940 hours, detailed to carry out an evening navigation detail. At approx 2000 hours, while flying just below the base of a cu nimbus cloud, the aircraft hit Stirling R9192 of 1617 RCU. Out of control the Wellington crashed at Raden Stock Farm, Little Walden some two miles from Saffron Walden, Essex. All the crew on X3637 were killed, while the Stirling although damaged managed to return to its base.

Crew:

RAAF 407530 PO McKiggen, M E (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 400328 FO McKechnie, D A (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 406621 PO Jones, T T (Screened Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 420842 Sgt Neville, F G (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 417529 FO Stoeckel, O I H (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 426353 Sgt L A Frentz, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAAF 428067 Sgt Herbert J J (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429318 Sgt N C Hanson, (Pupil Air Gunner)

All, on board are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. UK Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

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

414237 Flight Sergeant HEWITT, Kenneth Hemsley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/114 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	F 3951
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 15th April 1943, Wellington was detailed to carry out a non-operational night training flight. Sgt Crook the Captain of the aircraft was warming up the engines prior to the cross country training flight, and he told Flt Sgt Hewitt to leave the aircraft and contact C Flight Officer to enquire about the whereabouts of Hewitt's copy of the Bomber Code which could not be found in the aircraft. In doing so, Hewitt walked into the port propeller which struck him a glancing blow on the forehead, rendering him unconscious. The tips of the propeller were subsequently smashed off. I turned off the engines and requested Flying Control to send for an ambulance.

The Wg Cdr OC Training Wing stated : “ Prior to take off on the cross country training flight the Navigator discovering the loss of his copy of the Bomber Code, left the aircraft by the main hatch and walked unto the port propeller blade hitting him with a glancing blow to the forehead and causing a fatal injury.”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

413999 Sergeant HODSON, Raymond Knight

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/5/38 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 199, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 241
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 3rd February 1943, Wellington BK241 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 1812 hours, detailed to carry out night cross-country training. The aircraft returned to base about 2300 hours, and commenced to circle in readiness to land. At 2302, however, the aircraft went into a flat spin and crashed four miles to the north east of the airfield. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 401884 Sgt F G Bell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A W Reid, (Navigator)
RAAF 406737 Sgt K V Howes, Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P J Keown, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 413999 Sgt R K Hodson, (Air Gunner)

Sgt's Bell, Reid, Howes and Hodson are buried in the Sproston (St Paul) Churchyard Extension, UK.

Sgt Keown is buried in the Belfast (Dundonald) Cemetery, Northern Ireland.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “ the accident occurred at night at the time the Pilot on completion of the exercise was circling the drome prior to landing. The cause of the accident is unknown, but it was presumed to be the result of loss of control followed by either a stall turn or flat spin.”

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

405737 Sergeant HOWES, Kevin Vincent

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/5/38 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 199, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 241
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 3rd February 1943, Wellington BK241 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 1812 hours, detailed to carry out night cross-country training. The aircraft returned to base about 2300 hours, and commenced to circle in readiness to land. At 2302, however, the aircraft went into a flat spin and crashed four miles to the north east of the airfield. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 401884 Sgt F G Bell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A W Reid, (Navigator)
RAAF 406737 Sgt K V Howes, Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt P J Keown, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 413999 Sgt R K Hodson, (Air Gunner)

Sgt's Bell, Reid, Howes and Hodson are buried in the Sproston (St Paul) Churchyard Extension, UK.

Sgt Keown is buried in the Belfast (Dundonald) Cemetery, Northern Ireland.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “ the accident occurred at night at the time the Pilot on completion of the exercise was circling the drome prior to landing. The cause of the accident is unknown, but it was presumed to be the result of loss of control followed by either a stall turn or flat spin.”

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

431481 Flight Sergeant IRVINE, John Murray

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 328, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 533
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 18th December 1944, Wellington HZ533 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 1955 hours detailed to carry out solo night circuits and landing practice. The aircraft got into trouble between 200 and 300 feet, after overshooting the runway, it lost height, and crashed close to the local railway line. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt Dower was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 437301 Flt Sgt R D Westphall, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 431481 Flt Sgt J M Irvine, (Navigator)
RAAF 424432 Flt Sgt G T Miller, (Air Bomber)
EAAF 435175 Flt Sgt A M McPhail, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF Sgt M T Dower, (Air Gunner)

All those who lost their lives are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

The Flying Control Officer later stated : “ At 1937 hours Westphall took off solo and made his first landing at 1945 hours. He took off again at 1955 hours. At 2000 hours the Captain called on R/T “Funnels” and was given permission to “Pancake”. I watched the aircraft which was well in the Funnells at the time, make a steep approach, and at 2001 hours when over the boundary of the airfield at approx 150 feet, the Captain said he was going around again. The aircraft levelled out, the engines opened up, and it flew down the runway. The engines sounded normal and the aircraft was under control. I turned my attention to the next aircraft due to land, and almost immediately I heard a crash, and the OIC Night Flight said “He’s in.”

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

403179 Flight Sergeant JUDD, Norman Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 141, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	R 1526
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of the 31st July/1st August 1942, Wellington R1526 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2327 hours, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Walker, E Captain (Pilot)
RAF WO A S Patterson (Observer)
RAF Flt Sgt J K Stone, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Lt Court, A W (Air Gunner)
RAAF 3403179 Flt Sgt N K Judd, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed, and they are buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Locality Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany.

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

413210 Sergeant KILLEEN, Kenneth Barton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 197, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3941
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of the 19/30th January 1943, Wellington X3941 took off from RAF Church Broughton, for a Bullseye exercise. During the sortie, the weather around Church Broughton began to close in, and at 0059 hours a recall message was transmitted by wireless. This was not acknowledged. QDM's were also signalled, before and after 0132 hours. At about 0200 hours, reports came in to say that a Wellington had crashed on a hillside in Darley Dale about 4 miles from Matlock, Derbyshire.

Crew:

RAAF 409080 Sgt W A Catron(
RAAF 413210 Sgt K B Killeen,

Sgt's Catron and Killeen were killed in the crash and three other crew members were injured. Both Sgt's Catron and Killeen are buried in the Scropton (St Paul) Churchyard and Extension, UK.

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

426621 Flight Sergeant KYDD, James

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/241, 166/11/109

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947, Page 272, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 652
Radio call sign:	- Z
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 21st January 1944, Wellington BJ652 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 2017 hours for a night cross-country training flight. At 2130 hours on the advice of the Met Office at No 93 Group, Lichfield broadcast a general message advising all aircraft to land by 2330 hours. This was not acknowledged by BJ652, which nine minutes later transmitted a wireless signal advising its position as Gainsborough. Subsequently, the aircraft heading south, crashed at 2210 cutting a swathe through trees before impacting onto a limestone outcrop, just below 700 feet above sea level, and on the western edge of Smerrill Dale, a mere 100 yards from Smerrill Grange Farm, the farm being near the Derbyshire village of Middleton-by-Youlgrave Cemetery. All the crew were killed

Crew:

RAAF 416941 Flt Sgt L G Edmonds, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 426555 Flt Sgt F P Deshon, (Navigator)
RAAF 426621 Flt Sgt J Kydd, Air Bomber
RAAF 30581 Flt Sgt W T Barnes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430628 Sgt T D Murton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434608 FO Perrett, K (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “The aircraft took off on a six hour cross country exercise at 2017 hours. Initially the aircraft had R/T trouble which was not remedied until 1945 hours when he was told to stand by, as Control had been advised by Met that a cold front would effect the northern part of the route. The route was altered slightly eliminating the leg to Peebles and making the spot northern turning point Down Pecklington. After the aircraft had taken off, the Group Met advised Lichfield to recall the aircraft by 2330 hours and Lichfield sent out a recall on the 2130 broadcast and advised Group Met later that it had been acknowledged. At 2330 hours Lichfield advised that the recall had not been acknowledged. by BJ642. No more was heard from BJ642 until it was reported that it had crashed at 2210 hours 10 miles north of Ashbourne airfield, Derbyshire.”

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

426353 Flight Sergeant LA FRENZ, Sylvester Stuart Lyndhurst

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/364 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 260, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3637
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 6th November 1943, Wellington X3637 took off from RAF Lichfield at 1940 hours, detailed to carry out an evening navigation detail. At approx 2000 hours, while flying just below the base of a cu nimbus cloud, the aircraft hit Stirling R9192 of 1617 RCU. Out of control the Wellington crashed at Raden Stock Farm, Little Walden some two miles from Saffron Walden, Essex. All the crew on X3637 were killed, while the Stirling although damaged managed to return to its base.

Crew:

RAAF 407530 PO McKiggen, M E (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 400328 FO McKechnie, D A (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 406621 PO Jones, T T (Screened Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 420842 Sgt Neville, F G (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 417529 FO Stoeckel, O I H (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 426353 Sgt L A Frenz, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAAF 428067 Sgt Herbert J J (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429318 Sgt N C Hanson, (Pupil Air Gunner)

All, on board are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. UK Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

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

416004 Sergeant LONGBOTTOM, Eric Harvey

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/90/340 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 137, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 800
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 19th July 1942, Wellington DV800 took off from RAF Lichfield, for a day cross-country training. While over North Wales, the crew strayed 10 miles north of their intended track. At around 1230 hours, and flying above cloud, (cloud base 2000 feet) it was assumed that the pilot decided to let down through the overcast in order to establish their position, and while doing so the aircraft smashed into the Black Ladder mountain near Carnedd Dafydd in Snowdonia. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 416004 Sgt E H Longbottom, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt L D Traylen, (Observer)
RAF Sgt R I Bowen, (Observer)
RAF Sgt S J Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 411475 Sgt R T Bannister, (Air Gunner)

Sgt's Longbottom and Bannister are buried in the Llanberligg Public Cemetery, Caenarvon, UK

Sgt Traylen is buried New Southgate Cemetery, UK

Sgt Bowen is buried in the Enfield (Lavender Hill) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Wilson is buried in the Seagoe Church of Ireland Churchyard, UK.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident found that : “ The Primary cause of the accident : could not be established as the accident occurred in daytime away from Lichfield drome. The Secondary cause : It appears that owing to an error in navigation, the aircraft was about 10 miles south of its track from Holyhead to Thyl which resulted in the aircraft flying into Mt Snowden. Cloud base at the time was 2000 feet.

The crew had been briefed to fly at 7000 feet and it can only be assumed that the Pilot decided to fly below the clouds to pinpoint his position. as the wireless in the aircraft must have been U/S as nothing had been heard from the aircraft for several hours. The wireless went U/S shortly after 1206 hours when the last message was received. The Pilot was an above average Pilot.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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406809 Sergeant LEUDEKE, Clifford Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/140/96 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 142, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	<u>DV 552</u>
Radio call sign:	- N
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 31st July/1st August, Wellington DV552 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2341 hours, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO McNeil M G Captain (Screening Pilot)
RAAF 406576 FO Nash, A F R (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 405450 Sgt O Morgan, (Pupil Observer)
RAAF 403991 Sgt J D O'Halloran, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAAF 411031 Sgt C H R McKee, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406809 Sgt C D Leudeke, (Pupil Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0330 hours at Huldenberg in the Province of Brabant, 23kms south east of Brussels. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Huldenburg Churchyard, Belgium.

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

426130 Flight Sergeant MAXWELL, Lewis Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 301, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 904
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 19th June 1944, Wellington BJ904 took off from RAF Church Broughton, at 1055 hours, for a cross country training exercise. On return to base and while flying between 200 and 300 feet above the airfield, the port motor stopped after running out of fuel. Losing height rapidly, the aircraft crashed at 1723 hours some 400 yards west of the aerodrome. Three of the crew were killed, and three were injured.

Crew:

RAAF	426130 Flt Sgt L K Maxwell, Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	433994 Sgt A W Sheils, (Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	434662 Flt Sgt R B Sterling, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	PO Moeller, W G	Injured
RAF	Sgt W G Smout,	Injured
RAAF	436950 Sgt R C Schodde, (Air Gunner)	Injured

Those killed are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

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

411343 Sergeant MCALISTER, Gilbert Norman

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5524176, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 9th July 1942, Sgt McAlister a Wireless Air Gunner, died of an illness.
He is buried in the Fradley (St Stephen's) Churchyard, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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433234 Flight Sergeant McDONALD, Douglas Ross

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/311 166/38/699

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947, Page 317, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 436
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 18th September 1944, Wellington LP436 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2240 hours, detailed to carry out night bombing training. At 2320 hours, the aircraft dived from 6000 feet, pulled up sharply and stalled into trees about four miles west of the airfield. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 429292 Flt Sgt L D Southwood, (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 430358 FO Buckland, E C (Navigator)
RAAF 430056 FO Ruglen, J M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 433234 Flt Sgt D R McDonald, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 431920 Flt Sgt D Fletcher, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

The Sqn Ldr Training Wing at 27 O T U stated : "The cause of the accident is obscure, but the importance of frequent references to instruments during flights at night in a circuit has been pointed to pupil pilots."

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

408737 Sergeant McDONALD, Ian Ross

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/5 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 191, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 405
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 11th January 1943, Wellington BK405 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 1535 hours, detailed to carry out circuits and landings, combined with single-engined flying. At around 1550 hours the Pupil pilot went through the drill in readiness to shut down the port engine, but tragically, he feathered the starboard propeller. Immediately the aircraft spun and crashed at Boylestone. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Tye, R H (Instructor Pilot)
RAAF 409191 Sgt W R Wearne, (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Kerr, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408737 Sgt J R McDonald (Pupil Air Gunner)
RAAF 414664 Sgt J S Eccles, (Pupil Air Gunner)

FO Tye, Sgt Wearne and Sgt McDonald are buried in the Scropton (St Paul) Churchyard and Extension, UK.

Sgt Eccles is buried in the Salford (Agecroft) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK

Sgt Kerr is buried in the St Albans Cemetery, UK.

In a Court of Inquiry into the accident the OC of the Training Wing stated : “ The accident occurred at daytime at Boylestone, Staffordshire, when the aircraft6 was carrying out circuits and landings. The aircraft was observed to spin in near the drome and crash in the stall position and burn. The Pupil was being given instruction in single engine flying and it is possible that the he turned into the dead engine and before the Instructor could correct it the aircraft got into a spin at a height too low for the instructor to pull out in time.”

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

411031 Sergeant MCKEE, Charles Henry Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/140/96 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 142, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	<u>DV 552</u>
Radio call sign:	- N
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 31st July/1st August, Wellington DV552 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2341 hours, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO McNeil M G Captain (Screening Pilot)
RAAF 406576 FO Nash, A F R (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 405450 Sgt O Morgan, (Pupil Observer)
RAAF 403991 Sgt J D O'Halloran, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAAF 411031 Sgt C H R McKee, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406809 Sgt C D Leudeke, (Pupil Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0330 hours at Huldenberg in the Province of Brabant, 23kms south east of Brussels. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Huldenburg Churchyard, Belgium.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

435175 Sergeant McPHAIL, Angus Murdock

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 328, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 533
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 18th December 1944, Wellington HZ533 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 1955 hours detailed to carry out solo night circuits and landing practice. The aircraft got into trouble between 200 and 300 feet, after overshooting the runway, it lost height, and crashed close to the local railway line. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt Dower was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 437301 Flt Sgt R D Westphall, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 431481 Flt Sgt J M Irvine, (Navigator)
RAAF 424432 Flt Sgt G T Miller, (Air Bomber)
EAAF 435175 Flt Sgt A M McPhail, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF Sgt M T Dower, (Air Gunner)

All those who lost their lives are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

The Flying Control Officer later stated : “ At 1937 hours Westphall took off solo and made his first landing at 1945 hours. He took off again at 1955 hours. At 2000 hours the Captain called on R/T “Funnels” and was given permission to “Pancake”. I watched the aircraft which was well in the Funnells at the time, make a steep approach, and at 2001 hours when over the boundary of the airfield at approx 150 feet, the Captain said he was going around again. The aircraft levelled out, the engines opened up, and it flew down the runway. The engines sounded normal and the aircraft was under control. I turned my attention to the next aircraft due to land, and almost immediately I heard a crash, and the OIC Night Flight said “He’s in.”

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425346 Flight Sergeant MCSWEENEY, Gerald Beaumont

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/247 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley ; RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 297,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Martinet
Serial number:	HP 384
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 5th June 1944, Martinet HP384 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, UK, for local flying including circuits and landings. Flt Sgt McSweeney was making his first flight in a Martinet, though he was a fully qualified Wellington pilot. At 1610 hours the aircraft was seen to emerge from cloud in a spin, and without recovering, strike the ground. Both the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 425346 Flt Sgt G B McSweeney, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425623 PO Duel, A R (Air Gunner)

Both the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery.

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424432 Flight Sergeant MILLER, George Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 328, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 533
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 18th December 1944, Wellington HZ533 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 1955 hours detailed to carry out solo night circuits and landing practice. The aircraft got into trouble between 200 and 300 feet, after overshooting the runway, it lost height, and crashed close to the local railway line. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt Dower was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 437301 Flt Sgt R D Westphall, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 431481 Flt Sgt J M Irvine, (Navigator)
RAAF 424432 Flt Sgt G T Miller, (Air Bomber)
EAAF 435175 Flt Sgt A M McPhail, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF Sgt M T Dower, (Air Gunner)

All those who lost their lives are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

The Flying Control Officer later stated : “ At 1937 hours Westphall took off solo and made his first landing at 1945 hours. He took off again at 1955 hours. At 2000 hours the Captain called on R/T “Funnels” and was given permission to “Pancake”. I watched the aircraft which was well in the Funnells at the time, make a steep approach, and at 2001 hours when over the boundary of the airfield at approx 150 feet, the Captain said he was going around again. The aircraft levelled out, the engines opened up, and it flew down the runway. The engines sounded normal and the aircraft was under control. I turned my attention to the next aircraft due to land, and almost immediately I heard a crash, and the OIC Night Flight said “He’s in.”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

408774 Sergeant MILNE, James Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/169/106 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 157, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	L 7815
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 13th September 1942, Wellington L7815 took off at 2331 hours from RAF Lichfield and carrying 4 x 500 lb GP bombs, was detailed to carry out an attack on Bremen, Germany. Within minutes of lifting off, the port engine began to falter and the crew made an immediate return to base. Tragically, while turning final, the aircraft spun out of control and crashed. A mere nine minutes had elapsed from the time of their departure. On impact the aircraft became a mass of flames and the crew of five were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 406476 Sgt W J P Fletcher, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 411555 Sgt J A Turnbull, (Observer)
RAF Sgt F W Lewis, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 408774 Sgt J G Milne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F Thompson, (Air Gunner)

The three RAAF crew members are buried in the Fradley (St Stephens) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Lewis is buried in the Acomb (St Stephen) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Thompson is buried in Belfast (Dundonald) Cemetery, UK.

In the aftermath of the accident, a party of RAF ground staff were detailed to mount guard on the wreckage. At 0320 hours, there was a tremendous explosion and when rescuers reached the scene they found the following casualties :

Cpl Zucker is buried in the Hazelrigg Jewish Cemetery, UK.
LAC Ward is buried in the Fradley (St Stephens) Churchyard, UK.
AC1 Aveyard is buried in the Ossett (Holy Trinity) Churchyard, UK.
AC1 Marten is buried in the Prestayn (Christ Church) Churchyard, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

401577 Seergeant MITCHELL, Reginald Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/144/250 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 179, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3944
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 2/3rd December 1942, Wellington X3944 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, UK, at 1718 hours detailed to carry out a Bullseye training sortie. In conditions of lowering visibility, the aircraft crashed at 0008 hours in the River Tame, 500 yards from Chetwynd (or Saker's Bridge), a hamlet ESE of Airewas and within a stones throw from the north east side of the airfield. The crew of five were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 401577 Sgt R E Mitchell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Brindle,(Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt K H Park, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411530 Sgt R H Sankey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 411225 Sgt J B Muir, (Air Gunner)

The three RAAF crew members are buried in the Fradley (St Stephen's) Churchyard, UK
Sgt Brindle is buried in the Bolton (Heaton) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Park is buried in the Penwortham (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.

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

405450 Sergeant MORGAN, Owen

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/140/96 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 142, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	<u>DV 552</u>
Radio call sign:	- N
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 31st July/1st August, Wellington DV552 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2341 hours, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO McNeil M G Captain (Screening Pilot)
RAAF 406576 FO Nash, A F R (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 405450 Sgt O Morgan, (Pupil Observer)
RAAF 403991 Sgt J D O'Halloran, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAAF 411031 Sgt C H R McKee, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406809 Sgt C D Leudeke, (Pupil Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0330 hours at Huldenberg in the Province of Brabant, 23kms south east of Brussels. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Huldenburg Churchyard, Belgium.

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

411225 Sergeant MUIR, John Brian

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/144/250 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 179, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3944
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 2/3rd December 1942, Wellington X3944 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, UK, at 1718 hours detailed to carry out a Bullseye training sortie. In conditions of lowering visibility, the aircraft crashed at 0008 hours in the River Tame, 500 yards from Chetwynd (or Saker's Bridge), a hamlet ESE of Airewas and within a stones throw from the north east side of the airfield. The crew of five were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 401577 Sgt R E Mitchell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Brindle,(Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt K H Park, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411530 Sgt R H Sankey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 411225 Sgt J B Muir, (Air Gunner)

The three RAAF crew members are buried in the Fradley (St Stephen's) Churchyard, UK
Sgt Brindle is buried in the Bolton (Heaton) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Park is buried in the Penwortham (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.

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

430628 Sergeant MURTON, Thomas Dudley

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/241, 166/11/109

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947, Page 272, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 652
Radio call sign:	- Z
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 21st January 1944, Wellington BJ652 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 2017 hours for a night cross-country training flight. At 2130 hours on the advice of the Met Office at No 93 Group, Lichfield broadcast a general message advising all aircraft to land by 2330 hours. This was not acknowledged by BJ652, which nine minutes later transmitted a wireless signal advising its position as Gainsborough. Subsequently, the aircraft heading south, crashed at 2210 cutting a swathe through trees before impacting onto a limestone outcrop, just below 700 feet above sea level, and on the western edge of Smerrill Dale, a mere 100 yards from Smerrill Grange Farm, the farm being near the Derbyshire village of Middleton-by-Youlgrave Cemetery. All the crew were killed

Crew:

RAAF 416941 Flt Sgt L G Edmonds, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 426555 Flt Sgt F P Deshon, (Navigator)
RAAF 426621 Flt Sgt J Kydd, Air Bomber
RAAF 30581 Flt Sgt W T Barnes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430628 Sgt T D Murton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434608 FO Perrett, K (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “The aircraft took off on a six hour cross country exercise at 2017 hours. Initially the aircraft had R/T trouble which was not remedied until 1945 hours when he was told to stand by, as Control had been advised by Met that a cold front would effect the northern part of the route. The route was altered slightly eliminating the leg to Peebles and making the spot northern turning point Down Pecklington. After the aircraft had taken off, the Group Met advised Lichfield to recall the aircraft by 2330 hours and Lichfield sent out a recall on the 2130 broadcast and advised Group Met later that it had been acknowledged. At 2330 hours Lichfield advised that the recall had not been acknowledged. by BJ642. No more was heard from BJ642 until it was reported that it had crashed at 2210 hours 10 miles north of Ashbourne airfield, Derbyshire.”

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

420842 Flight Sergeant NEVILLE, Frederick Gordon

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/364 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 260, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3637
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 6th November 1943, Wellington X3637 took off from RAF Lichfield at 1940 hours, detailed to carry out an evening navigation detail. At approx 2000 hours, while flying just below the base of a cu nimbus cloud, the aircraft hit Stirling R9192 of 1617 RCU. Out of control the Wellington crashed at Raden Stock Farm, Little Walden some two miles from Saffron Walden, Essex. All the crew on X3637 were killed, while the Stirling although damaged managed to return to its base.

Crew:

RAAF 407530 PO McKiggen, M E (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 400328 FO McKechnie, D A (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 406621 PO Jones, T T (Screened Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 420842 Sgt Neville, F G (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 417529 FO Stoeckel, O I H (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 426353 Sgt L A Frentz, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAAF 428067 Sgt Herbert J J (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429318 Sgt N C Hanson, (Pupil Air Gunner)

All, on board are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. UK Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

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

432627 Flight Sergeant NORMYLE, John Hillary

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/638 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 306, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 437
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 30th July 1944, Wellington LP437 took off from RAF Lichfield, for night bombing practice. The aircraft was diverted to Hixen and then diverted to Sleightford where an attempt was made to land. The aircraft stalled while in the circuit and crashed at 0410 hours at Doxey Wood Farm, Thorny Fields Land. On impact the aircraft burst into flames and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 424927 Flt Sgt F L Stephens, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 430243 Flt Sgt R K Bolger, (Navigator Air Bomber)
RAAF 432627 Flt Sgt J H Normyle, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436249 Flt Sgt J J Manners (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 44993 Sgt H A Smyth, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 435557 Sgt E H Beatson, (Air Gunner)
Sapper J J Wilson, 8 Aust Field Coy, RAE (PAX).

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.
Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sapper Wilson is buried

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

403991 Sergeant O'HALLORAN, John Daniel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/140/96 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 142, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	<u>DV 552</u>
Radio call sign:	- N
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 31st July/1st August, Wellington DV552 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2341 hours, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO McNeil M G Captain (Screening Pilot)
RAAF 406576 FO Nash, A F R (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 405450 Sgt O Morgan, (Pupil Observer)
RAAF 403991 Sgt J D O'Halloran, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAAF 411031 Sgt C H R McKee, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406809 Sgt C D Leudeke, (Pupil Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0330 hours at Huldenberg in the Province of Brabant, 23kms south east of Brussels. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Huldenburg Churchyard, Belgium.

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

429292 Flight Sergeant SOUTHWOOD, Leslie Donald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/311 166/38/699

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947, Page 317, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 436
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 18th September 1944, Wellington LP436 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2240 hours, detailed to carry out night bombing training. At 2320 hours, the aircraft dived from 6000 feet, pulled up sharply and stalled into trees about four miles west of the airfield. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 429292 Flt Sgt L D Southwood, (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 430358 FO Buckland, E C (Navigator)
RAAF 430056 FO Ruglen, J M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 433234 Flt Sgt D R McDonald, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 431920 Flt Sgt D Fletcher, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

The Sqn Ldr Training Wing at 27 O T U stated : "The cause of the accident is obscure, but the importance of frequent references to instruments during flights at night in a circuit has been pointed to pupil pilots."

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

411530 Sergeant SANKEY, Ronald Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/144/250 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 179, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3944
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 2/3rd December 1942, Wellington X3944 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, UK, at 1718 hours detailed to carry out a Bullseye training sortie. In conditions of lowering visibility, the aircraft crashed at 0008 hours in the River Tame, 500 yards from Chetwynd (or Saker's Bridge), a hamlet ESE of Airewas and within a stones throw from the north east side of the airfield. The crew of five were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 401577 Sgt R E Mitchell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Brindle,(Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt K H Park, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 411530 Sgt R H Sankey, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 411225 Sgt J B Muir, (Air Gunner)

The three RAAF crew members are buried in the Fradley (St Stephen's) Churchyard, UK
Sgt Brindle is buried in the Bolton (Heaton) Cemetery, UK.
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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

433994 Sergeant SHEILS, Allan Wazrren

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 301, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 904
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 19th June 1944, Wellington BJ904 took off from RAF Church Broughton, at 1055 hours, for a cross country training exercise. On return to base and while flying between 200 and 300 feet above the airfield, the port motor stopped after running out of fuel. Losing height rapidly, the aircraft crashed at 1723 hours some 400 yards west of the aerodrome. Three of the crew were killed, and three were injured.

Crew:

RAAF	426130 Flt Sgt L K Maxwell, Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	433994 Sgt A W Sheils, (Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	434662 Flt Sgt R B Sterling, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	PO Moeller, W G (Injured
RAF	Sgt W G Smout, (Injured
RAAF	436950 Sgt R C Schodde, (Air Gunner)	Injured

Those killed are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

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

110 Wing Commander MACPHERSON, Donald James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5254797 Commonwealth War Graves Records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	RAAF (OHQ) UK London

Summary:

The following are extracts from the above Service Record file held by NAA (Archives).

18/9/1941 : Embarked Sydney for UK.

23/10/1941 : Embarked Canada

3/11/1941 : Disembarked UK.

3/11/1941 : OSHQ London (RAF) Specialist Signals course

18/9/1941 – 8/4/1943 : Period of Service with RAF

8/4/1943 : Presumed dead by Air Ministry

Wng Cdr MacPherson trained as a Signaller and passed the RAF Specialist Signals Course at Cranwell, UK Was engaged on Secret Cypher work.

Note : The AWM Roll of Honour records the Wng Cdr Macpherson died at Bermuda on the 2nd April 1943, and that the Cause of Death was 'Ground Battle'.

It gives his Unit as RAAF (OHQ) UK London and his Service as RAAF

The Veterans' Affairs Nominal Roll records his Date of Birth as 20 July 1914, his enlistment in the RAAF at Point Cook, Vic on 15th July 1935, and his Date of Death as 2nd April 1943.

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404856 Sergeant STEINBACH, Kenneth Henry Charles

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/127/57 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-197,
Page 137, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	N 2749
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 19th July 1942, Wellington N2749 took off from RAF Lichfield, at 2315 hours detailed to carry out a non-operational night navigation training sortie. The aircraft crashed at 0308 hours into houses near the Fish Dock at Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire. Police eyewitnesses said that the aircraft was firing off red Verey cartridges and appeared to be flying on one engine.

The Searchlight Pointer organization attempted to guide the aircraft to a nearby drome, but it overshot the landing ground and a few minutes later crashed. It was believed that engine trouble may have arisen as small explosions were heard prior to the crash and only one of the engines appeared to be functioning. The Pilot attempted a forced landing but was uncertain of the ground beneath him.

Crew:

RAAF 404856 Sgt K H C Steinbach, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 411145 Sgt E D R Jennings, (Observer)
RAAF 411206 Sgt G B Warburton (Observer)
RAAF 408131 Sgt W H Condon, (Observer)
RAAF 411117 Sgt K J Bradley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Cooke, (Air Gunner)

The five RAAF Crew members are buried in the Pembroke Dock Military Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Cooke is buried in the Wolverton (New Bradwell) Cemetery, UK.

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

424927 Flight Sergeant STEPHENS, Frederick Luckman

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/638 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 306, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 437
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 30th July 1944, Wellington LP437 took off from RAF Lichfield, for night bombing practice. The aircraft was diverted to Hixen and then diverted to Sleightford where an attempt was made to land. The aircraft stalled while in the circuit and crashed at 0410 hours at Doxey Wood Farm, Thorny Fields Land. On impact the aircraft burst into flames and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 424927 Flt Sgt F L Stephens, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 430243 Flt Sgt R K Bolger, (Navigator Air Bomber)
RAAF 432627 Flt Sgt J H Normyle, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436249 Flt Sgt J J Manners (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 44993 Sgt H A Smyth, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 435557 Sgt E H Beatson, (Air Gunner)
Sapper J J Wilson, 8 Aust Field Coy, RAE (PAX).

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.
Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sapper Wilson is buried

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434662 Flight Sergeant STERLING, Rowan Burgess

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 301, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 904
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 19th June 1944, Wellington BJ904 took off from RAF Church Broughton, at 1055 hours, for a cross country training exercise. On return to base and while flying between 200 and 300 feet above the airfield, the port motor stopped after running out of fuel. Losing height rapidly, the aircraft crashed at 1723 hours some 400 yards west of the aerodrome. Three of the crew were killed, and three were injured.

Crew:

RAAF	426130 Flt Sgt L K Maxwell, Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	433994 Sgt A W Sheils, (Air Gunner)	Killed
RAAF	434662 Flt Sgt R B Sterling, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	PO Moeller, W G	Injured
RAF	Sgt W G Smout,	Injured
RAAF	436950 Sgt R C Schodde, (Air Gunner)	Injured

Those killed are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

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

410745 Flight Sergeant STRINGER, Frank Craven

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/168 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 248, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 152
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 10th September 1943, Wellington BK152 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2144 hours, detailed to carry out night dual circuits and landings. At around 2245 hours, the aircraft came in to land on the Hixon runway, but touched down too far along the strip. The throttles were opened and the aircraft began to climb until without any hint of trouble, it dived into a house less that a mile south west of the airfield. It was thought likely that the flaps were raised in error for the undercarriage. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 400497 FO Stewart, N G DFM (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 420652 Flt Sgt D J Fernance (Pilot)
RAAF 410745 Flt Sgt F C Stringer, (Navigator)
RAAF 421642 PO Swinney, T F (Air Bomber)
RAAF 4118597 Flt Sgt A J Vickerman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 424741 Sgt E N Death, Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

Citation :

Thr citation for the DFM awarded to the then Flt Sgt Stewart attached to No 148 Sqn RAF, is as follows :

“ This NCO has completed 41 operations entailing 264 hours. He has set an example of determination which has been rewarded with some remarkably successful results. He has completed his tasks quietly and methodically. He has attacked Tobruk on 18 occasions. On 30th July 1942, he attacked shipping off the jetties which caused an explosion and fire. On the night of 2nd August, in spite of cloud over the harbour, he finally obtained a bead on a ship after several attempts. The cloud obscured the results. On 22nd August 1942, he started a fire in the battle area, and again on 28th August. On 24th September 1942, he made four runs on LG 102 and his bombs burst among aircraft. This NCO has continued to operate longer than a normal tour with keenness and has set a fine example to other NCO's in the Squadron.” (London Gazette 16/1/1942)

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

415909 Flight Sergeant THOMPSON, Edward Claude

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/189 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 239, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 703
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 3rd/4th August 1943, Wellington HE708 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, UK, for a night navigation training exercise. At approx 2350 hours, while flying at 13,000 feet, the front oil retainer on the port engine ran dry and the unit failed. Soon afterwards the starboard motor lost power believed due to icing, and the aircraft crashed into Walton Road, Sale, Cheshire and caught fire. Flt Sgt Thompson was killed in the accident, and Flt Sgt Matthews died of his injuries. The other four crew members were injured.

Crew:

RAAF 408859 Flt Sgt F J Matthews, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 410253 Flt Sgt E S Newell, (Navigator)
RAAF 415909 Flt Sgt E C Thompson, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt K Forbes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J E McCarthy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 424546 PO Luther, C P (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt's Matthews and Thompson are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

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

411555 Sergeant TURNBULL, Joseph Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/169/106 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 157, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	L 7815
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 13th September 1942, Wellington L7815 took off at 2331 hours from RAF Lichfield and carrying 4 x 500 lb GP bombs, was detailed to carry out an attack on Bremen, Germany. Within minutes of lifting off, the port engine began to falter and the crew made an immediate return to base. Tragically, while turning final, the aircraft spun out of control and crashed. A mere nine minutes had elapsed from the time of their departure. On impact the aircraft became a mass of flames and the crew of five were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 406476 Sgt W J P Fletcher, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 411555 Sgt J A Turnbull, (Observer)
RAF Sgt F W Lewis, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 408774 Sgt J G Milne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F Thompson, (Air Gunner)

The three RAAF crew members are buried in the Fradley (St Stephens) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Lewis is buried in the Acomb (St Stephen) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Thompson is buried in Belfast (Dundonald) Cemetery, UK.

In the aftermath of the accident, a party of RAF ground staff were detailed to mount guard on the wreckage. At 0320 hours, there was a tremendous explosion and when rescuers reached the scene they found the following casualties :

Cpl Zucker is buried in the Hazelrigg Jewish Cemetery, UK.
LAC Ward is buried in the Fradley (St Stephens) Churchyard, UK.
AC1 Aveyard is buried in the Ossett (Holy Trinity) Churchyard, UK.
AC1 Marten is buried in the Prestayn (Christ Church) Churchyard, UK.

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

418597 Flight Sergeant VICKERMAN, Alan John

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/168 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 248, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 152
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 10th September 1943, Wellington BK152 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2144 hours, detailed to carry out night dual circuits and landings. At around 2245 hours, the aircraft came in to land on the Hixon runway, but touched down too far along the strip. The throttles were opened and the aircraft began to climb until without any hint of trouble, it dived into a house less that a mile south west of the airfield. It was thought likely that the flaps were raised in error for the undercarriage. All the crew were killed.

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411206 Sergeant WARBURTON, Geroge Earnest

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/127/57 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-197,
Page 137, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	N 2749
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 19th July 1942, Wellington N2749 took off from RAF Lichfield, at 2315 hours detailed to carry out a non-operational night navigation training sortie. The aircraft crashed at 0308 hours into houses near the Fish Dock at Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire. Police eyewitnesses said that the aircraft was firing off red Verey cartridges and appeared to be flying on one engine.

The Searchlight Pointer organization attempted to guide the aircraft to a nearby drome, but it overshot the landing ground and a few minutes later crashed. It was believed that engine trouble may have arisen as small explosions were heard prior to the crash and only one of the engines appeared to be functioning. The Pilot attempted a forced landing but was uncertain of the ground beneath him.

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RAAF 411206 Sgt G B Warburton (Observer)
RAAF 408131 Sgt W H Condon, (Observer)
RAAF 411117 Sgt K J Bradley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Cooke, (Air Gunner)

The five RAAF Crew members are buried in the Pembroke Dock Military Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Cooke is buried in the Wolverton (New Bradwell) Cemetery, UK.

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402813 Flight Sergeant WATSON, Leonard David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 208, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3547
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 20th March 1943, Wellington X3547 took off from RAF Lichfield detailed to carry out cine camera gun exercise. The aircraft crashed at 1520 hours after flying into a barrage balloon cable at Barrows Green in the northeast outskirts of Crewe, Cheshire. It is much suspected that the crash site was attended by RAF Cranage. .

Crew:

RAAF 402813 Flt Sgt L D Watson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D Williams, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Rouse, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt F R Conway (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt L G Coppins, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt H T Holley, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L F Hills, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 401498 Flt Sgt W D K Forbes, (Air Gunner)

Both Flt Sgt Watson and Flt Sgt Forbes are buried in the Byley (St John) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Williams is buried in the Cadoxton-Juxta-Neath (SS Catwyg and Illtyd) Churchyard. UK.

Sgt Rouse is buried in the Wandsworth (Streatham) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Conway is buried in the Eccleshall (All Saints) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Coppins is buried in the Hucknall Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Holley is buried in the Mortlake Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Hills is buried in the New Southgate Cemetery, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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437301 Flight Sergeant WESTPHAL, Ronald Danford

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 328, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HZ 533
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 18th December 1944, Wellington HZ533 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 1955 hours detailed to carry out solo night circuits and landing practice. The aircraft got into trouble between 200 and 300 feet, after overshooting the runway, it lost height, and crashed close to the local railway line. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt Dower was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 437301 Flt Sgt R D Westphall, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 431481 Flt Sgt J M Irvine, (Navigator)
RAAF 424432 Flt Sgt G T Miller, (Air Bomber)
EAAF 435175 Flt Sgt A M McPhail, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF Sgt M T Dower, (Air Gunner)

All those who lost their lives are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

The Flying Control Officer later stated : “ At 1937 hours Westphall took off solo and made his first landing at 1945 hours. He took off again at 1955 hours. At 2000 hours the Captain called on R/T “Funnels” and was given permission to “Pancake”. I watched the aircraft which was well in the Funnells at the time, make a steep approach, and at 2001 hours when over the boundary of the airfield at approx 150 feet, the Captain said he was going around again. The aircraft levelled out, the engines opened up, and it flew down the runway. The engines sounded normal and the aircraft was under control. I turned my attention to the next aircraft due to land, and almost immediately I heard a crash, and the OIC Night Flight said “He’s in.”

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

404772 Sergeant WILLIAMS, Frederick Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/177/204 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 95,
Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9706
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 16/17th January 1942, Wellington X9706 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, UK, for night bombing practice. During the exercise the weather deteriorated and a signal was received indicating that the Sperry compass had failed. Uncertain of their position the crew requested a QDM. Nothing further was heard, and at approx 2105 hours the aircraft crashed into a wood, two miles south of Echilles Farm, at King's Bromley, five miles north from Lichfield. All the crew of seven were killed. .

Crew:

RAAF 408003 Flt Sgt J S R Woolnogh, (Instructor Pilot)
RAAF 402767 Sgt E F Webb, (1st Pilot)
RAAF 404772 Sgt F E Williams, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 400211 Sgt J H Rogerson (Observer)
RAF Sgt M H Welch, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W R Beeton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A W Savage, (Air Gunner)

The four RAAF Crew members are buried in the Fradley (St Stephen) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Welch is buried in the Birmingham (Quinton) Cemetery, Warley, UK.

Sgt Beeton is buried in the Old Fletton cemetery, UK.

Sgt Savage is buried in the Gosford (St Nicholas) Churchyard, UK.

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401728 Sergeant WISHART, Harold Peter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : 163/178/485 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 183,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3961
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 11th December 1942, Wellington X3961 took off at 1942 hours, from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, for a night training exercise, only to crash fourteen minutes later at Stychbrook Farm near the airfield. The crash was attributed to the failure to remove the pitot head cover prior to departure. Three of the crew were killed in the accident and five were injured. Flt Sgt Cook and FO Harrison died of their injuries, and Sgt Wishart died of his injuries on 22nd December 1942. .

Crew:

RAF	Flt Sgt G R Cook Captain (Screened Pilot)	Injured
RAF	Flt Sgt F T J Bryant, (2 nd Pilot Pupil Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	403398 Flt Sgt C R Shade, (Navigator)	Injured
RAF	Sgt W T Chandler, (Pupil Navigator)	Killed
RAF	PO Harrison, G W (Pupil Bomb Aimer)	Injured
RAAF	407947 Sgt I D Maxwell, (Pupil Air Gunner)	Injured
RAAF	401728 Sgt Wishart, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)	Injured
RAF	Flt Sgt D E H Smith, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed

Flt Sgt Cook is buried in the Gloucester Old Cemetery, UK

Flt Sgt Bryant and Sgt Wishart are buried in the Fradley (St Stephens) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Chandler is buried in the Pembridge (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.

PO Harrison is buried in the Cheadley Gatley Cemetery, UK

Flt Sgt Smith is buried in the Thorpe-Next-Norwich (St Andrew) Church Cemetery, UK.

In a report into the accident it stated : “ The Primary cause of the accident was attributed to the aircraft taking off with the cover still fitted to the pressure head. The accident occurred at night near the drome with MK1 Drem lighting in force supplemented by double cross Goose Necks, Gum Lamps and Floodlights.

Soon after take off the Captain called up on TR9 to say that the Air Speed Indicator was U/S. As it was a dual controlled aircraft with the Pupil Pilot in the pilots seat, the

Screened Captain took control, and made a right hand circuit, and overshot badly. He took overshot procedure, but stalled at 400 feet and crashed.

The failure of the Air Speed Indicator was attributed to the fact that the aircraft took off with the pressure head cover on. The cover was found tied to the pressure head after the crash. Neither the Captain nor the Pupil Pilot could have carried out their "before flight" drill properly because the removal of the cover on the Pitot Head is the first sequence of the drill. It was not understood why a screened pilot should have done a right hand circuit as he was an experienced instructor who had passed the CFS. Orders have now been given to all Pilots that they are not to take off until the Pressure Head cover has been handed to them.

The Group Captain Lichfield Station : "I concur. I have given orders that the Pressure Head cover is to be handed to the Pilot prior to the aircraft taxiing out for take off."

The Air Cdre AOC No 93 Group stated ; "I concur that the Rigger is primarily to blame for failing to ensure that the Pitot Head cover was off and to make his report to the Pilot. The Pilot was also to blame for failing to check either. Disciplinary action is to be taken against the Rigger."

Flt Sgt Shade, then FO, was killed on 24 January 1945 when attached to No 8 Sqn RAF. Sgt Maxwell was later awarded the DFC, survived the war, and was discharged from the RAAF a Flt Lt on 22/8/1945.

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409003 Flight Sergeant WOOLNOUGH, Jack Steven Richard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/177/204 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 95,
Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9706
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 16/17th January 1942, Wellington X9706 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, UK, for night bombing practice. During the exercise the weather deteriorated and a signal was received indicating that the Sperry compass had failed. Uncertain of their position the crew requested a QDM. Nothing further was heard, and at approx 2105 hours the aircraft crashed into a wood, two miles south of Echilles Farm, at King's Bromley, five miles north from Lichfield. All the crew of seven were killed. .

Crew:

RAAF 408003 Flt Sgt J S R Woolnogh, (Instructor Pilot)
RAAF 402767 Sgt E F Webb, (1st Pilot)
RAAF 404772 Sgt F E Williams, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 400211 Sgt J H Rogerson (Observer)
RAF Sgt M H Welch, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W R Beeton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A W Savage, (Air Gunner)

The four RAAF Crew members are buried in the Fradley (St Stephen) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Welch is buried in the Birmingham (Quinton) Cemetery, Warley, UK.

Sgt Beeton is buried in the Old Fletton cemetery, UK.

Sgt Savage is buried in the Gosford (St Nicholas) Churchyard, UK.

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30581 Flight Sergeant BARNES, William Thomas

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/241, 166/11/109

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947, Page 272, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 652
Radio call sign:	- Z
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 21st January 1944, Wellington BJ652 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 2017 hours for a night cross-country training flight. At 2130 hours on the advice of the Met Office at No 93 Group, Lichfield broadcast a general message advising all aircraft to land by 2330 hours. This was not acknowledged by BJ652, which nine minutes later transmitted a wireless signal advising its position as Gainsborough. Subsequently, the aircraft heading south, crashed at 2210 cutting a swathe through trees before impacting onto a limestone outcrop, just below 700 feet above sea level, and on the western edge of Smerrill Dale, a mere 100 yards from Smerrill Grange Farm, the farm being near the Derbyshire village of Middleton-by-Youlgrave Cemetery. All the crew were killed

Crew:

RAAF 416941 Flt Sgt L G Edmonds, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 426555 Flt Sgt F P Deshon, (Navigator)
RAAF 426621 Flt Sgt J Kydd, Air Bomber
RAAF 30581 Flt Sgt W T Barnes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430628 Sgt T D Murton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434608 FO Perrett, K (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “The aircraft took off on a six hour cross country exercise at 2017 hours. Initially the aircraft had R/T trouble which was not remedied until 1945 hours when he was told to stand by, as Control had been advised by Met that a cold front would effect the northern part of the route. The route was altered slightly eliminating the leg to Peebles and making the spot northern turning point Down Pecklington. After the aircraft had taken off, the Group Met advised Lichfield to recall the aircraft by 2330 hours and Lichfield sent out a recall on the 2130 broadcast and advised Group Met later that it had been acknowledged. At 2330 hours Lichfield advised that the recall had not been acknowledged. by BJ642. No more was heard from BJ642 until it was reported that it had crashed at 2210 hours 10 miles north of Ashbourne airfield, Derbyshire.”

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425623 Pilot Officer DUEL, Allan Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/247 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley ; RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 297,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Martinet
Serial number:	HP 384
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 5th June 1944, Martinet HP384 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, UK, for local flying including circuits and landings. Flt Sgt McSweeney was making his first flight in a Martinet, though he was a fully qualified Wellington pilot. At 1610 hours the aircraft was seen to emerge from cloud in a spin, and without recovering, strike the ground. Both the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 425346 Flt Sgt G B McSweeney, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425623 PO Duel, A R (Air Gunner)

Both the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery.

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403864 Pilot Officer FINCH, Colin Geoffey

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/130 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 260, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 295
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 6th November 1943, Wellington LN295 took off from RAF Lichfield for an evening cross-country training. The aircraft collided at 2208 hours with a Wellington of No 26 O T U, with both machines falling near the main gate at Alconbury airfield in Huntingdonshire, and not far from the village of Abbots Ripton. Five of the crew in LN295 were killed and Gr Capt Heffernan was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 0318 Gr Capt Heffernan, P G Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425053 FO Quaite, L J DFM (Navigator)
RAAF 416886 PO Parker, J F (Observer)
RAAF 403864 PO Finch, C G (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427788 Sgt A H Anderson, (Air Gunner)
S/O Hughes, K L (Women's Auxiliary Air Force)

Those who lost their lives are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

Gr Capt Heffernan who commanded RAF Lichfield, was admitted to RAF Hospital where he spent many weeks recovering from his injuries. He remained in the RAAF and in 1953 was awarded the OBE. He retired in the rank of Air Commodore in 1956 and died on the 30th January 1996.

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400705 Sergeant GILLESPIE, John Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5258542 Commonwealth War graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War ; Page 79,
Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9821
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 18th October 1941, Wellington X9821 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, for dual night circuits training. During the exercise the weather deteriorated and while banking to port, about a mile north of the airfield, the aircraft flew into the ground at about 0200 hours. Local rescue services were hampered by the wet ground, the aircraft having skidded across several fields adjacent to a lane, aptly known as Sludgey Lane, before bursting into flames. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt L A Hill, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400705 Sgt J A Gillespie, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C V Irish, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt P Walker, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Hill is buried in the Stopsley (St Thomas) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Gillespie is buried in the Fradley (St Stephen) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Irish is buried in the Epsom Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Walker is buried in the Stoke (St Michael) Churchyard, UK.

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411145 Sergeant JENNINGS, Edward Douglas Reginald

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/127/57 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-197,
Page 137, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	N 2749
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 19th July 1942, Wellington N2749 took off from RAF Lichfield, at 2315 hours detailed to carry out a non-operational night navigation training sortie. The aircraft crashed at 0308 hours into houses near the Fish Dock at Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire. Police eyewitnesses said that the aircraft was firing off red Verey cartridges and appeared to be flying on one engine. .

The Searchlight Pointer organization attempted to guide the aircraft to a nearby drome, but it overshot the landing ground and a few minutes later crashed. It was believed that engine trouble may have arisen as small explosions were heard prior to the crash and only one of the engines appeared to be functioning. The Pilot attempted a forced landing but was uncertain of the ground beneath him.

Crew:

RAAF 404856 Sgt K H C Steinbach, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 411145 Sgt E D R Jennings, (Observer)
RAAF 411206 Sgt G B Warburton (Observer)
RAAF 408131 Sgt W H Condon, (Observer)
RAAF 411117 Sgt K J Bradley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Cooke, (Air Gunner)

The five RAAF Crew members are buried in the Pembroke Dock Military Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Cooke is buried in the Wolverton (New Bradwell) Cemetery, UK.

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408859 Flight Sergeant MATTHEWS, Frederick James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/189 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 239, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 703
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 3rd/4th August 1943, Wellington HE708 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, UK, for a night navigation training exercise. At approx 2350 hours, while flying at 13,000 feet, the front oil retainer on the port engine ran dry and the unit failed. Soon afterwards the starboard motor lost power believed due to icing,,and the aircraft crashed into Walton Road, Sale, Cheshire and caught fire. Flt Sgt Thompson was killed in the accident, and Flt Sgt Matthews died of his injuries. The other four crew members were injured.

Crew:

RAAF 408859 Flt Sgt F J Matthews, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 410253 Flt Sgt E S Newell, (Navigator)
RAAF 415909 Flt Sgt E C Thompson, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt K Forbes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J E McCarthy, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 424546 PO Luther, C P (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt's Matthews and Thompson are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

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400211 Sergeant ROGERSON, Joseph Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/177/204 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 95,
Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9706
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 16/17th January 1942, Wellington X9706 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, UK, for night bombing practice. During the exercise the weather deteriorated and a signal was received indicating that the Sperry compass had failed. Uncertain of their position the crew requested a QDM. Nothing further was heard, and at approx 2105 hours the aircraft crashed into a wood, two miles south of Echilles Farm, at King's Bromley, five miles north from Lichfield. All the crew of seven were killed. .

Crew:

RAAF 408003 Flt Sgt J S R Woolnogh, (Instructor Pilot)
RAAF 402767 Sgt E F Webb, (1st Pilot)
RAAF 404772 Sgt F E Williams, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 400211 Sgt J H Rogerson (Observer)
RAF Sgt M H Welch, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W R Beeton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A W Savage, (Air Gunner)

The four RAAF Crew members are buried in the Fradley (St Stephen) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Welch is buried in the Birmingham (Quinton) Cemetery, Warley, UK.
Sgt Beeton is buried in the Old Fletton cemetery, UK.
Sgt Savage is buried in the Gosford (St Nicholas) Churchyard, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

430056 Flying Officer RUGLEN, John Mortimer

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/311 166/38/699

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947, Page 317, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 436
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 18th September 1944, Wellington LP436 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2240 hours, detailed to carry out night bombing training. At 2320 hours, the aircraft dived from 6000 feet, pulled up sharply and stalled into trees about four miles west of the airfield. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 429292 Flt Sgt L D Southwood, (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 430358 FO Buckland, E C (Navigator)
RAAF 430056 FO Ruglen, J M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 433234 Flt Sgt D R McDonald, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 431920 Flt Sgt D Fletcher, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

The Sqn Ldr Training Wing at 27 O T U stated : "The cause of the accident is obscure, but the importance of frequent references to instruments during flights at night in a circuit has been pointed to pupil pilots."

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409191 Sergeant WEARNE, William Raymond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/5 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 191, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 405
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 11th January 1943, Wellington BK405 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 1535 hours, detailed to carry out circuits and landings, combined with single-engined flying. At around 1550 hours the Pupil pilot went through the drill in readiness to shut down the port engine, but tragically, he feathered the starboard propeller. Immediately the aircraft spun and crashed at Boylestone. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Tye, R H (Instructor Pilot)
RAAF 409191 Sgt W R Wearne, (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt J Kerr, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 408737 Sgt J R McDonald (Pupil Air Gunner)
RAAF 414664 Sgt J S Eccles, (Pupil Air Gunner)

FO Tye, Sgt Wearne and Sgt McDonald are buried in the Scropton (St Paul) Churchyard and Extension, UK.

Sgt Eccles is buried in the Salford (Agecroft) Cemetery, Lancashire, UK

Sgt Kerr is buried in the St Albans Cemetery, UK.

In a Court of Inquiry into the accident the OC of the Training Wing stated : “ The accident occurred at daytime at Boylestone, Staffordshire, when the aircraft6 was carrying out circuits and landings. The aircraft was observed to spin in near the drome and crash in the stall position and burn. The Pupil was being given instruction in single engine flying and it is possible that the he turned into the dead engine and before the Instructor could correct it the aircraft got into a spin at a height too low for the instructor to pull out in time.”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

400328 Flying Officer MCKECKNIE, Douglas Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/364 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 260, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3637
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 6th November 1943, Wellington X3637 took off from RAF Lichfield at 1940 hours, detailed to carry out an evening navigation detail. At approx 2000 hours, while flying just below the base of a cu nimbus cloud, the aircraft hit Stirling R9192 of 1617 RCU. Out of control the Wellington crashed at Raden Stock Farm, Little Walden some two miles from Saffron Walden, Essex. All the crew on X3637 were killed, while the Stirling although damaged managed to return to its base.

Crew:

RAAF 407530 PO McKiggen, M E (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 400328 FO McKechnie, D A (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 406621 PO Jones, T T (Screened Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 420842 Sgt Neville, F G (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 417529 FO Stoeckel, O I H (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 426353 Sgt L A Frentz, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAAF 428067 Sgt Herbert J J (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429318 Sgt N C Hanson, (Pupil Air Gunner)

All, on board are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. UK Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

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

416918 Pilot Officer ALEXANDER, Wilfred Wilson

Source:

AWM 247 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5548622 A705, 166/26/51

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 207, Volume V7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1681
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 13/14th March 1943, Wellington Z1681 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, at 1850 hours, for a night navigation exercise. The aircraft returned to base about 0040 hours, and made an extremely low approach. In doing so it hit a tree, the force being sufficient to roll the aircraft over. Two of the crew were killed and four were injured in the crash. FO Heins died of his injuries on 16 March 1943.

Crew:

RAAF	PO McReath, G A Captain (Pilot)	Injured
RAAF	FO Heins, A R (Navigator)	Injured
RAAF	416918 PO Alexander, F G (Air Bomber)	Killed
RAAF	405240 Sgt P S Woodhouse, (Air Gunner)	Injured
RAF	Sgt J Denyer, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	PO Vincent W J (Air Gunner)	Injured

The three who lost their lives were buried at the Fradley (St Stephen) Churchyard, UK.

PO McReath survived the war and was discharged Flt Lt on 5th November 1948.

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409080 Sergeant CATRON, William Alan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 197, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3941
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of the 19/30th January 1943, Wellington X3941 took off from RAF Church Broughton, for a Bullseye exercise. During the sortie, the weather around Church Broughton began to close in, and at 0059 hours a recall message was transmitted by wireless. This was not acknowledged. QDM's were also signalled, before and after 0132 hours. At about 0200 hours, reports came in to say that a Wellington had crashed on a hillside in Darley Dale about 4 miles from Matlock, Derbyshire.

Crew:

RAAF 409080 Sgt W A Catron (Pilot)
RAAF 413210 Sgt K B Killeen,

Sgt's Catron and Killeen were killed in the crash and three other crew members were injured. Both Sgt's Catron and Killeen are buried in the Scropton (St Paul) Churchyard and Extension, UK.

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

403652 Flying Officer CHICK, Laurence Guy

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/117/156 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 110 , Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	K 9635
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 27/28th April 1943,,Wellington K9685 took off from RAF Lichfield, at 2168 hours, detailed to carry out scatter leaflets in the Lille region of France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 403652 FO L G Chick Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402672 Sgt M B Remfry, (Observer)
RAF Sgt F J Dodd, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J R Stukins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 411220 Sgt A J Glaister, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Belgium.

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

12174 Flight Sergeant FETTELL, Mervyn Byron

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,, 166/13/72 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 228,
Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 845
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 17th June 1943,.Wellington BJ845 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, for a night cross country exercise. While over Gloucestershire, the aircraft collided in mid air with a Lancaster. The Wellington crashed at 0150 hours near Bibury, 7 miles north east of Cirencester Flt Sgt Fettell was killed, and the others successfully abandoned the aircraft. The crew were carrying out their first night solo cross-country exercise. The crew of the Lancaster were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 12174 Flt Sgt M B Fettell, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 412362 Sgt R W E Bennett, (Navigator)
RAAF 409832 Sgt R M Hilliard, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt R Morrison, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Watt, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W Shapley, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Fettell is buried in the Cirencester Cemetery, Gloucestershire, UK.

The following extract from Bomber Command Routine Orders issued by Air Chief Marshall, Sir A T Harris, KCB, OBE, AFC, tells the story of Mervyn Fettell :

“ Flt Sgt Fettell was the pilot and Captain of a Wellington aircraft engaged on night flying operations. While flying at a height of 1000 feet, his aircraft collided with a Lancaster aircraft. The collision caused the starboard engine of the Wellington aircraft to droop and later became detached. A large hole was made in the bottom of the fuselage, and all electrical equipment failed. The impact forced the forward hatch to open. The Captain ordered the crew to abandon the aircraft. Flt Sgt Fettell with the utmost coolness checked the equipment of two of his crew before baling out and assured himself that the remainder of the crew were preparing to abandon the aircraft. He then discovered that his own parachute was missing, and despite the knowledge that he must remain with the aircraft, Flt Sgt Fettell with cool, calculated courage and a sense of duty continued to personally supervise the fitting of parachutes and harness of the remainder of the crew. Flt Sgt Fettell then attempted to land the aircraft, the starboard engine having broken completely away, but unfortunately he overshot the runway and crashed into trees with fatal results/ Flt Sgt Fettell”s parachute had been resting on the

second pilot's seat prior to the impact, and it must have fallen out when the forward entry hatch was forced open by the collision. The cool courage and sense of duty displayed by Flt Sgt Fettell was of the highest order."

Flt Sgt Bennett who lived close to Flt Sgt Fettell later said : "I had just spoken to the Bomb Aimer when I felt a terrific impact, followed by a violent lurch. The Intercom was dead and I commenced to go forward when I heard Flt Sgt Fettell ordered the crew to bale out. I rushed back, put on my parachute and told the rest of the crew to do likewise. I was having trouble in attaching my pack but went forward. Flt Sgt Fettell then asked me to find his parachute. I groped about in the darkness trying to do so, but was unsuccessful. As I searched I found that the front escape hatch had been forced open, and guessed that Flt Sgt Fettell's pack had fallen out, and I told him. The aircraft was lurching badly and Flt Sgt Fettell was struggling to regain control. In spite of this he asked to see my parachute and made sure it was securely attached. He then told me to bale out. , I jumped, and soon after I pulled my rip cord I commenced to swing violently and when another aircraft flashed close by me, I guessed I was in the vicinity of the aerodrome. I landed in a blackthorn hedge and was not hurt apart from a slight cut on my forehead, and I was very worried about the rest of the crew. I had to wait until the next morning before learning they were all safe except Flt Sgt Fettell. I know that but for his wonderful nerve and skill none of us would be alive. He was a magnificent pilot and equally magnificent chap."

Flt Sgt Hilliard of Hawthorn, Victoria, the Bob Aimer, who was the last to leave the aircraft stated : " At the time of the crash I had started to ,come forward when Bennett told me to fasten my parachute and bale out. However I went back to view the damage. The starboard engine was nearly out of its mountings and there was a big gap in the fuselage. Flt Sgt Fettell asked me to make another search for his parachute. The spare gunner and myself searched with our torches but were unable to find the parachute, which had obviously fallen out. He told the gunner to leave but before doing so inspected his rip cord and straps. The gunner then baled out. I stayed with Mervyn several more minutes, shining torches on the instrument panel in an endeavour to help. But we were losing height rapidly and both engines had by now cut out, he told me to bale out. I asked him what he intended doing and he replied he would try and make a landing somewhere. There was nothing left for me to do and I said "Good Luck Merv", to which he replied "I'll need it." It was just like him and before I left he insisted I shine the torch on my parachute and make certain of its security. As I pulled the ripcord one of the engines flew past me. Then the aircraft followed in a steep glide. There was not one second of panic from the moment of the crash, which was entirely due to Flt Sgt's Fettell complete control of the situation. I know we owe our lives to the courage and control of Merv. He was a grand chap and I personally feel that I have lost not only a wizard Pilot but a wizard pal."

Sgt Bennett was later commissioned, and was awarded the DFC. He was discharged from the RAAF a Flying Officer on 1/7/1947.

Sgt Hilliard was later commissioned and served with 466 Sqn and 35 Sqn and was awarded the DFC. He was discharged from the RAAF a Flying Officer on 7/9/1945.

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413765 Flying Officer HEINS, Alfred Ronald

Source:

AWM 247 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5548622, A705, 166/26/51

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 207, Volume V7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1681
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 13/14th March 1943, Wellington Z1681 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, at 1850 hours, for a night navigation exercise. The aircraft returned to base about 0040 hours, and made an extremely low approach. In doing so it hit a tree, the force being sufficient to roll the aircraft over. Two of the crew were killed and four were injured in the crash. FO Heins died of his injuries on 16 March 1943.

Crew:

RAAF	PO McReath, G A Captain (Pilot)	Injured
RAAF	FO Heins, A R (Navigator)	Injured
RAAF	416918 PO Alexander, F G (Air Bomber)	Killed
RAAF	405240 Sgt P S Woodhouse, (Air Gunner)	Injured
RAF	Sgt J Denyer, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	PO Vincent W J (Air Gunner)	Injured

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PO McReath survived the war and was discharged Flt Lt on 5th November 1948.

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The aircraft on return from the cross country IR night exercise, called up control at 0045 hours and was given permission to pancake. Nothing more was heard until a report was received at 0218 hours that an aircraft had crashed three quarters of a mile west of the drome. Overdue action had already been taken. McCreath was a sound and dependable pilot.

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406621 Pilot Officer JONES, Trevor Tudor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/364 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 260, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3637
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 6th November 1943, Wellington X3637 took off from RAF Lichfield at 1940 hours, detailed to carry out an evening navigation detail. At approx 2000 hours, while flying just below the base of a cu nimbus cloud, the aircraft hit Stirling R9192 of 1617 RCU. Out of control the Wellington crashed at Raden Stock Farm, Little Walden some two miles from Saffron Walden, Essex. All the crew on X3637 were killed, while the Stirling although damaged managed to return to its base.

Crew:

RAAF 407530 PO McKiggen, M E (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 400328 FO McKechnie, D A (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 406621 PO Jones, T T (Screened Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 420842 Sgt Neville, F G (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 417529 FO Stoeckel, O I H (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 426353 Sgt L A Frentz, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAAF 428067 Sgt Herbert J J (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429318 Sgt N C Hanson, (Pupil Air Gunner)

All, on board are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. UK Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

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400811 Flying Officer LEY, Trevor Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/102 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 220,
Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3785
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the night of 14/15th May 1943, Wellington X3785 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, at 2241 hours, for a night cross country exercise combined with a Bullseye operation. at 0234 hours, Sgt :Lee sent a brief standby for message signal, but before this could be transmitted, the aircraft dived almost vertically into the ground, (narrowly missing an isolated farmhouse), one mile north of Lake Vyrnwy in Montgomeryshire. All the crew of six were killed. .

Crew:

RAF FO Robb, J W Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Cone, G H (Navigator)
RAAF 400811 FO Ley, T A (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A W Sayers, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G S Lee, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E L Clark, (Air Gunner)

FO Robb is buried in the New Kilpatrick (or Hillfoot) Cemetery, UK.

PO Cone is buried in the Bradfield (St Andrew) Churchyard, UK.

FO Ley is buried in the Oswestay General Cemetery, UK..

Sgt Sayers is buried in the Plumstead Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Lee is buried in the Weston Super Mare Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Clark is buried in the Nottingham Southern Cemetery, UK.

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414051 Flying Officer LOVE, James

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/90/451 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 176, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1744
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 20th November 1942, Wellington Z1744 took off from RAF Lichfield at 0803 hours, detailed to carry out a combined bombing and photographic exercise. Fairly early in the flight, the aircraft was approached by two Spitfires reportedly from an American Unit, One passing so close that it took away the trailing aerial, and rendered the W/T equipment unserviceable. At approx 1410 hours eyewitnesses on the ground saw the aircraft flying low over some factory buildings near Leek in Staffordshire, and then to their horror, it smashed into high ground at a place known locally as Hen Cloud. Five of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Cheek was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 401882 Sgt J R Barlow, (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 414051 FO Love, J (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 411374 FO Pettiford, K (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 405670 Sgt W J Baker, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt H J Buckley, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 416411 Flt Sgt K S Cheek, (Pupil Air Gunner)

The four RAAF crew members who lost their lives are buried in the Fradley (St Stephen) Churchyard, UK. Flt Sgt Buckley is buried in the Pontypridd (Glyntaff) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Cheek survived the crash and the war. He was discharged WO on 8/11/1945 when a member of No 3AOS.

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407530 Pilot Officer MCKIGGEN, Malcolm Eric

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/364 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 260, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3637
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 6th November 1943, Wellington X3637 took off from RAF Lichfield at 1940 hours, detailed to carry out an evening navigation detail. At approx 2000 hours, while flying just below the base of a cu nimbus cloud, the aircraft hit Stirling R9192 of 1617 RCU. Out of control the Wellington crashed at Raden Stock Farm, Little Walden some two miles from Saffron Walden, Essex. All the crew on X3637 were killed, while the Stirling although damaged managed to return to its base.

Crew:

RAAF 407530 PO McKiggen, M E (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 400328 FO McKechnie, D A (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 406621 PO Jones, T T (Screened Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 420842 Sgt Neville, F G (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 417529 FO Stoeckel, O I H (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 426353 Sgt L A Frentz, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAAF 428067 Sgt Herbert J J (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429318 Sgt N C Hanson, (Pupil Air Gunner)

All, on board are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. UK Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

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413640 Flying Officer MURRAY, John David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/167 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5726
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

At 1545 hours on the 4th April 1944, Lancaster R5726 exploded in mid air approx half a mile from Branston, Nottinghamshire, and about 15 miles from Nottingham. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 413640 FO Murray, J D Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt S Chappell, (Flight Engineer)
 RAAF 421105 FO Towers, W L (Observer)
 RAAF 424190 Flt Sgt W H Keeble, (Navigator)
 RAAF 419308 FO Grimwood, F L (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 417548 Flt Sgt R G Williams, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt R E J Sisley, (Rear Gunner)

The five RAAF crew members are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
 Sgt Chappell is buried in the South Kelsey (St Nicholas) Churchyard, UK.
 Sgt Sisley is buried in the Dover (Charlton) Cemetery, UK.

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406576 Flying Officer NASH, Arthur Frederick Richard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/140/96 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 142, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	<u>DV 552</u>
Radio call sign:	- N
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 31st July/1st August, Wellington DV552 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2341 hours, detailed to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF FO McNeil M G Captain (Screening Pilot)
RAAF 406576 FO Nash, A F R (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 405450 Sgt O Morgan, (Pupil Observer)
RAAF 403991 Sgt J D O'Halloran, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAAF 411031 Sgt C H R McKee, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 406809 Sgt C D Leudeke, (Pupil Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at 0330 hours at Huldenberg in the Province of Brabant, 23kms south east of Brussels. All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Huldenburg Churchyard, Belgium.

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

416886 Pilot Officer PARKER, Jeffrey Felgate

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/130 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 260, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 295
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 6th November 1943, Wellington LN295 took off from RAF Lichfield for an evening cross-country training. The aircraft collided at 2208 hours with a Wellington of No 26 O T U, with both machines falling near the main gate at Alconbury airfield in Huntingdonshire, and not far from the village of Abbots Ripton. Five of the crew in LN295 were killed and Gr Capt Heffernan was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 0318 Gr Capt Heffernan, P G Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425053 FO Quaite, L J DFM (Navigator)
RAAF 416886 PO Parker, J F (Observer)
RAAF 403864 PO Finch, C G (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427788 Sgt A H Anderson, (Air Gunner)
S/O Hughes, K L (Women's Auxiliary Air Force)

Those who lost their lives are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

Gr Capt Heffernan who commanded RAF Lichfield, was admitted to RAF Hospital where he spent many weeks recovering from his injuries. He remained in the RAAF and in 1953 was awarded the OBE. He retired in the rank of Air Commodore in 1956 and died on the 30th January 1996.

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

8309 Flying Officer PEACE, Eric Ralph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/32/616 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1940-1947,
Page 332, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3465
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the night of 14/15th January 1945, Wellington X3465 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, as part of a force comprising 126 aircraft , all drawn from training units, tasked to fly over the North Sea, as a diversionary ploy. The aircraft encountered bad weather, and on return X3465 crashed at at 2358 while attempting to land sat Wymeswold. Five of the crew were injured and FO Peace was killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAAF 434971 FO Cranley K E Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 434971 FO Thompson, G (Navigator)
RAAF 429950 FO Hann, J (Air Bomber)
RAAF 434412 FO Reuter, J (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 36889 FO Minns, E (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 8309 FO Peace, E R (Rear Gunner)

FO Peace is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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434608 Flying Officer PERRETT, Keith Jobson

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/241, 166/11/109

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947, Page 272, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 652
Radio call sign:	- Z
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 21st January 1944, Wellington BJ652 took off from RAF Church Broughton at 2017 hours for a night cross-country training flight. At 2130 hours on the advice of the Met Office at No 93 Group, Lichfield broadcast a general message advising all aircraft to land by 2330 hours. This was not acknowledged by BJ652, which nine minutes later transmitted a wireless signal advising its position as Gainsborough. Subsequently, the aircraft heading south, crashed at 2210 cutting a swathe through trees before impacting onto a limestone outcrop, just below 700 feet above sea level, and on the western edge of Smerrill Dale, a mere 100 yards from Smerrill Grange Farm, the farm being near the Derbyshire village of Middleton-by-Youlgrave Cemetery. All the crew were killed

Crew:

RAAF 416941 Flt Sgt L G Edmonds, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 426555 Flt Sgt F P Deshon, (Navigator)
RAAF 426621 Flt Sgt J Kydd, Air Bomber
RAAF 30581 Flt Sgt W T Barnes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 430628 Sgt T D Murton, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAAF 434608 FO Perrett, K (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “The aircraft took off on a six hour cross country exercise at 2017 hours. Initially the aircraft had R/T trouble which was not remedied until 1945 hours when he was told to stand by, as Control had been advised by Met that a cold front would effect the northern part of the route. The route was altered slightly eliminating the leg to Peebles and making the spot northern turning point Down Pecklington. After the aircraft had taken off, the Group Met advised Lichfield to recall the aircraft by 2330 hours and Lichfield sent out a recall on the 2130 broadcast and advised Group Met later that it had been acknowledged. At 2330 hours Lichfield advised that the recall had not been acknowledged. by BJ642. No more was heard from BJ642 until it was reported that it had crashed at 2210 hours 10 miles north of Ashbourne airfield, Derbyshire.”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

411374 Pilot Officer PETTIFORD, Keith

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/90/451 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 176, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1744
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 20th November 1942, Wellington Z1744 took off from RAF Lichfield at 0803 hours, detailed to carry out a combined bombing and photographic exercise. Fairly early in the flight, the aircraft was approached by two Spitfires reportedly from an American Unit, One passing so close that it took away the trailing aerial, and rendered the W/T equipment unserviceable. At approx 1410 hours eyewitnesses on the ground saw the aircraft flying low over some factory buildings near Leek in Staffordshire, and then to their horror, it smashed into high ground at a place known locally as Hen Cloud. Five of the crew were killed and Flt Sgt Cheek was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 401882 Sgt J R Barlow, (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 414051 FO Love, J (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 411374 FO Pettiford, K (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 405670 Sgt W J Baker, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt H J Buckley, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 416411 Flt Sgt K S Cheek, (Pupil Air Gunner)

The four RAAF crew members who lost their lives are buried in the Fradley (St Stephen) Churchyard, UK. Flt Sgt Buckley is buried in the Pontypridd (Glyntaff) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Cheek survived the crash and the war. He was discharged WO on 8/11/1945 when a member of No 3AOS.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
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44993 Sergeant SMYTH, Hugh Alexander

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/639 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 306, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 437
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 30th July 1944, Wellington LP437 took off from RAF Lichfield, for night bombing practice. The aircraft was diverted to Hixen and then diverted to Sleighford where an attempt was made to land. The aircraft stalled while in the circuit and crashed at 0410 hours at Doxey Wood Farm, Thorny Fields Land. On impact the aircraft burst into flames and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 424927 Flt Sgt F L Stephens, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 430243 Flt Sgt R K Bolger, (Navigator Air Bomber)
RAAF 432627 Flt Sgt J H Normyle, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436249 Flt Sgt J J Manners (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 44993 Sgt H A Smyth, (Air Gunner)
RAAF 435557 Sgt E H Beatson, (Air Gunner)
Sapper J J Wilson, 8 Aust Field Coy, RAE (PAX).

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.
Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sapper Wilson is buried.

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

400497 Flying Officer STEWART, Neil Gordon DFM

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/168 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 248, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 152
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 10th September 1943, Wellington BK152 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2144 hours, detailed to carry out night dual circuits and landings. At around 2245 hours, the aircraft came in to land on the Hixon runway, but touched down too far along the strip. The throttles were opened and the aircraft began to climb until without any hint of trouble, it dived into a house less that a mile south west of the airfield. It was thought likely that the flaps were raised in error for the undercarriage. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 400497 FO Stewart, N G DFM (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 420652 Flt Sgt D J Fernance (Pilot)
RAAF 410745 Flt Sgt F C Stringer, (Navigator)
RAAF 421642 PO Swinney, T F (Air Bomber)
RAAF 4118597 Flt Sgt A J Vickerman, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 424741 Sgt E N Death, Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

Citation :

Thr citation for the DFM awarded to the then Flt Sgt Stewart attached to No 148 Sqn RAF, is as follows :

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

417529 Flying Officer STOECKEL, Oswald Ian Hamilton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/364 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units. 1940-1947,
Page 260, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3637
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 6th November 1943, Wellington X3637 took off from RAF Lichfield at 1940 hours, detailed to carry out an evening navigation detail. At approx 2000 hours, while flying just below the base of a cu nimbus cloud, the aircraft hit Stirling R9192 of 1617 RCU. Out of control the Wellington crashed at Raden Stock Farm, Little Walden some two miles from Saffron Walden, Essex. All the crew on X3637 were killed, while the Stirling although damaged managed to return to its base.

Crew:

RAAF 407530 PO McKiggen, M E (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 400328 FO McKechnie, D A (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 406621 PO Jones, T T (Screened Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 420842 Sgt Neville, F G (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 417529 FO Stoeckel, O I H (Pupil Navigator)
RAAF 426353 Sgt L A Frenz, (Pupil Air Bomber)
RAAF 428067 Sgt Herbert J J (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 429318 Sgt N C Hanson, (Pupil Air Gunner)

All, on board are buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. UK Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

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

421642 Pilot Officer SWINNEY, Tasman Foskett

Source:

AWM237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/9/168 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 248, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 152
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary::

On the 10th September 1943, Wellington BK152 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2144 hours, detailed to carry out night dual circuits and landings. At around 2245 hours, the aircraft came in to land on the Hixon runway, but touched down too far along the strip. The throttles were opened and the aircraft began to climb until without any hint of trouble, it dived into a house less that a mile south west of the airfield. It was thought likely that the flaps were raised in error for the undercarriage. All the crew were killed.

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

421105 Flying Officer TOWERS, William Leopold

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/167 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5726
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

At 1545 hours on the 4th April 1944, Lancaster R5726 exploded in mid air approx half a mile from Branston, Nottinghamshire, and about 15 miles from Nottingham. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 413640 FO Murray, J D Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt S Chappell, (Flight Engineer)
 RAAF 421105 FO Towers, W L (Observer)
 RAAF 424190 Flt Sgt W H Keeble, (Navigator)
 RAAF 419308 FO Grimwood, F L (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 417548 Flt Sgt R G Williams, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt R E J Sisley, (Rear Gunner)

The five RAAF crew members are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
 Sgt Chappell is buried in the South Kelsey (St Nicholas) Churchyard, UK.
 Sgt Sisley is buried in the Dover (Charlton) Cemetery, UK.

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

430358 Flying Officer BUCKLAND, Edward Cyril

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/311 166/38/699

Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947, Page 317, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 436
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 18th September 1944, Wellington LP436 took off from RAF Lichfield at 2240 hours, detailed to carry out night bombing training. At 2320 hours, the aircraft dived from 6000 feet, pulled up sharply and stalled into trees about four miles west of the airfield. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 429292 Flt Sgt L D Southwood, (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 430358 FO Buckland, E C (Navigator)
RAAF 430056 FO Ruglen, J M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 433234 Flt Sgt D R McDonald, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 431920 Flt Sgt D Fletcher, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

The Sqn Ldr Training Wing at 27 O T U stated : "The cause of the accident is obscure, but the importance of frequent references to instruments during flights at night in a circuit has been pointed to pupil pilots."

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

419344 Flight Sergeant SEMMENS, Ernest Jack William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : 166/27/276 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 132
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	21 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 18th December 1943, Wellington BK132 took from RAF Moreton-in Marsh at 1147 hours on a cross-country flight and fuel consumption test. The weather forecast was amended approx one hour later and a diversion message was sent instructing the Pilot to land at High Erchall. At 1408 hours the aircraft was seen diving vertically into the ground at Atcham airfield, which is about five miles east of Shrewsbury, Shropshire. An eyewitness believes the aircraft came out of cloud in a dive. The reason for the accident is obscure/. The Pilot was regarded as a very efficient Captain. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 410852 Flt Sgt N C Ross, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 419344 Flt Sgt E J W Semmens, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt Phillips,
RAF Sgt K R Halliday, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Wright,

Flt Sgt's Ross and Semmens are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Halliday is buried in the Norton (St Nicholas) Churchyard, UK.

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

402672 Sergeant REMFRY, Maurice Ben

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/117/156 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses Operational Training Units, 1940-1947,
Page 110 , Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	K 9635
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 27/28th April 1943,,Wellington K9685 took off from RAF Lichfield, at 2168 hours, detailed to carry out scatter leaflets in the Lille region of France. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAAF 403652 FO L G Chick Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 402672 Sgt M B Remfry, (Observer)
RAF Sgt F J Dodd, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J R Stukins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 411220 Sgt A J Glaister, (Air Gunner)

All the crew were killed and they are buried in the Heverlee War Cemetery, Belgium.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

402767 Sergeant WEBB, Evan Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/177/204 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 95,
Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 9706
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 16/17th January 1942, Wellington X9706 took off from RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire, UK, for night bombing practice. During the exercise the weather deteriorated and a signal was received indicating that the Sperry compass had failed. Uncertain of their position the crew requested a QDM. Nothing further was heard, and at approx 2105 hours the aircraft crashed into a wood, two miles south of Echilles Farm, at King's Bromley, five miles north from Lichfield. All the crew of seven were killed. .

Crew:

RAAF 408003 Flt Sgt J S R Woolnogh, (Instructor Pilot)
RAAF 402767 Sgt E F Webb, (1st Pilot)
RAAF 404772 Sgt F E Williams, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 400211 Sgt J H Rogerson (Observer)
RAF Sgt M H Welch, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt W R Beeton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A W Savage, (Air Gunner)

The four RAAF Crew members are buried in the Fradley (St Stephen) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Welch is buried in the Birmingham (Quinton) Cemetery, Warley, UK.

Sgt Beeton is buried in the Old Fletton cemetery, UK.

Sgt Savage is buried in the Gosford (St Nicholas) Churchyard, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415732 Flight Sergeant GREENWELL, Francis William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/16/221 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses of the Second World War 1940-1947,
Page 264, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 771
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	28 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 25th November 1943, Wellington DV771 took off from RAF Wymsewold, at 1945 hours, for a night training exercise. While nearing the airfield at 2255 hours, from the south, the starboard engine burst into flames, sending the aircraft crashing into a field. Six of the crew were killed in the crash, PO Emmerson died of his injuries on 28th November, and Sgt Hewitt was injured.

Crew:

RAF WO R J Fryer, (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 415732 Flt Sgt F W Greenwell, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R T McLean, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J V Curry, (Air Bomber)
|RAF Sgt A MacIntyre, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt N A Kenyon, (Air Gunner)
RAF PO Emmerson, P (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S S Hewitt, (Pupil Rear Gunner)

WO Fryer was cremated in the Nottingham Crematorium.
Flt Sgt Greenwell is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Maclean is buried in the Wallasey (Rake Lane) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Curry is buried in the Newburn (Lemington) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt MacIntyre is buried in the Dean (Pennyfuir) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Kenyon is buried in the Southport (St Cuthbert0 Cemetery, UK.
PO Emmerson was cremated in the Glasgow Crematorium, UK.

In a statement to a Court of Inquiry into the accident, Sgt Hewitt said :
“I was detailed to fly as Rear Gunner in Flt Sgt Greenwell’s crew for a screened cross-country flight in aircraft “S” of B Flight on the night of 25th November. The screened Captain was WO Fryer. We took off at 1945 hours and the first part of the flight was

completed uneventfully, but approx 2.5 hours after take off when flying in the neighbourhood of Peterborough at 5000 feet, I heard the screened Pilot say that there was something wrong with the port engine. He then asked the navigator if he could feel any unusual vibration. The Navigator replied "Yes, it is almost shaking the maps off my table". At the same time sparks were seen coming from the starboard engine and the Screened pilot remarked that he had been mistaken and that it was the starboard engine giving trouble and not the port.

Flt Sgt Greenwell asked the Navigator how many legs we had to complete before setting course for base, and the Navigator replied "three or four". The screened Pilot immediately set course for base, but did not seem unduly concerned about the engine. All this time sparks were coming from the engine but only small amounts. The screened Pilot ordered Sgt Greenwell to engage rich mixture. Our speed was 140 mph all the time. On sighting base I think we were still about 5000 feet and the Pilots had no difficulty in controlling the aircraft. The screened Pilot ordered Flt Sgt Greenwell to lower his undercarriage in order to lose height more easily, and called up Control on the R/T, he used the usual formula and did not ask for an emergency landing and did not say he was in any trouble. Control replied "Aerodrome 1000", at this time I should say we were about 2000 feet.

The starboard engine suddenly began to give off great showers of sparks, I could not say from what part of the engine they exactly came. Immediately afterwards great sheets of flame and smoke came out and the screened pilot said "Starboard engine on fire, anyone who wants to bale out may do so, we are at 1000 feet." I think he called up Control and said he was going to crash land. Flt Sgt Greenwell then advised Crew to stick to the plane as he was going down. No further words were spoken and we continued to descend with the engine still on fire until we crashed. I think they had some flap lowered but I am not sure. It seemed to me we were diving to the ground to get down quickly.

The next thing I knew was the aircraft struck the ground and continued crashing and bouncing along the ground for what seemed a considerable time, before coming to rest. I must have been knocked out for when I came to the tail of the aircraft including my turret was separated from the aircraft. I could not get out because the turret doors were jammed against a tree. In approx 10 minutes help came and I was extracted from my turret."

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426884 Flight Sergeant JENSEN, Eric Maxwell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/20/113 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	28 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 21st April 1944, Flt Sgt Jensen (a Wireless Air Gunner) died of an illness. He is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

417249 Flight Sergeant TIMPERON, Joseph Banks

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/89/167 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, 1940-1947, Page 262, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8799
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	28 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 15/16th November 1943, Wellington Z8799 took off from RAF Castle Donnington for a Bullseye sortie. The aircraft crashed at 0240 hours, possibly due to icing, on Anglezarke Moor, three miles north of Norwich, Lancashire. The crew of six were killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAAF 417249 Flt Sgt J B Timperon, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt G E Murray, (Observer)
 RAF Sgt E R Barnes, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt J B Hayton, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt R S Jackson, (Air Gunner U/T)
 RAF Sgt M Mouncey, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Timperon is buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery.
 Sgt Murray is buried in the South Shields (Harton) Cemetery, UK.
 Sgt Barnes is buried in the Nottingham Southern Cemetery, UK.
 Sgt Hayton is buried in the Harrington (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.
 Sgt Jackson is buried in the Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery, UK.
 Sgt Mouncey is buried in the Leeds Roman Catholic Cemetery, UK.

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

12316 Flight Sergeant ATKIN, Charles Carr

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/4/15

Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1109
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	28 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 4th March 1943, Wellington Z1109 took off from RAF Station Wymeswold. At 1846 hours, detailed to bomb Breskens, Holland. The aircraft crashed near Breskens, and two of the crew were killed with three being POW's.

Crew:

RAAF 12316 Flt Sgt C C Atkin, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt C Gunning, (Navigator)
 RAF Sgt G S Loveday, (Air Bomber)
 RAF Sgt R H Roskell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt J A Molloy, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Atkin is buried in the Flushing (Vlissingen) Northern Cemetery, Netherlands. The port of Flushing is on the south coast of the island of Walcheren in the Schelde Estuary. .
 Sgt Molloy has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

The following is a summary of W/T communications to and from the aircraft
 Station Signals intercepted an MF Fix 50.40N.01.33E, 2nd Class passed to the aircraft by Fulham at 2245 hours. This was acknowledged by the aircraft and was the last word heard from the aircraft, except that it told Fulham that it would call later.
 Stanmore checked up their RDF Plots and reported that an aircraft had turned south east from the position of the Fix for about 20 miles, then turned north or perhaps north east, and near Calais definitely went north east. The height then was about 13,000 feet as far as a position over the sea about 30 miles west of The Hague. The plot then faded at 6,000 feet and it was thought possible that the aircraft crashed in Holland “

Sgt Gunning a POW later stated : “I had plenty of time to get out of the aircraft. I was the last to see Charles. I landed about a mile inland, but if Charles was a good swimmer, as we were led to believe, he could certainly have made the coast as he could not have landed more that two miles out.”

Sgt Loveday a POW reported : “The aircraft was hit by ack-ack fire in the vicinity of Flushing, Holland. At 5,000 feet the Captain ordered bale out.”

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

431483 Flight Sergeant ALLEN, Keith Stanley Franz

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/787 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War 1940-1947,
Page 330, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 909
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 5th January 1945, Wellington BJ909 took off from RAF Bruntingthorpe at 1915 hours, detailed for high level bombing practice. On return to base the weather had deteriorated to the point where the Pilot was unable to pick up the funnel lights. The aircraft was in circuit for approx 30 minutes in R/T touch with base, and was last heard of giving "down wind". The approach lights were on and in correct order with visibility being 2000 yards. It was while trying to establish it's position, that the aircraft flew into the ground at 2330 hours near Kimcote, three miles ENE of Lutterworth, Leicestershire. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Leeson was seriously injured.

Crew:

RAAF 435180 Flt Sgt D I Savage, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 431483 Flt Sgt K S F Allen (Navigator)
RAAF 427436 Flt Sgt L W Cann, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 437435 Flt Sgt M W Milne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 439781 Flt Sgt C J Nolan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 469769 Sgt R J Leeson, (Air Gunner)

Those killed are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Leeson survived the crash and the war, and was discharged from the RAAF on 27th November 1945.

A Flying Accident report stated : " The aircraft crashed near the Lead Out lights while making it's approach downwind. at Bruntingthorpe, Leicestershire. The Pilot was in R/T communication with control up to within a few minutes of the crash. The port wheel indicator was showing 30lbs per square inch but was cleared by the Pilot manipulating the rudder. The Pilot reported the aircraft unserviceable on the R/T. From an examination of the wreckage the undercarriage was fully lowered at the time of the crash. The Oleo struts were in crucifix frame and had been subject to very heavy "head on" force, consistent with a steep angle of approach and full power when striking the ground. The heavy landing indicators were not compressed. The engines sounded quite normal prior to the crash."

It was considered that the primary cause of the accident lay with the Pilot in failing to set the QDM of the runway on his DR compass, and adopting the square circuit.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

19883 Flight Sergeant EWINS, Percy Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/137 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Lancaster

Serial number: R 5674

Radio call sign:

Unit: 3 Lancaster Finishing School RAF

Summary:

On the 18th December 1944, Lancaster R5674 plus another Lancaster aircraft, took off from RAF Feltwell, at 1855 hours and 1850 hours respectively, detailed to carry out a night cross country Bullseye exercise. Nothing further was heard, but at 2150 hours two aircraft were seen flying close together to the south of the airfield, and a minute later explosions were seen to the east of the airfield. Investigations revealed that the two aircraft crashed just south of the village of Hockwold-cum-Wilton there being about 500 yards between the scenes of both crashes. It was assumed the aircraft collided whilst coming in to land, although from the evidence obtained both aircraft had their navigation lights on at the time of the collision.

Crew:

RAAF	436325 Flt Sgt H W Harler, (Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt P A Gledhill, (Flight Engineer)
RAF	Sgt D W Harris, (Navigator)
RAF	FO Parsons, D E Air Bomber)
RAAF	19883 Flt Sgt P A Ewins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt J Foster, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF	Sgt C F Farley, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt's Harler and Ewins are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

Sgt Gledhill is buried in the Elland Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Harris is buried in the Olton Franciscan Cemetery, Solthull, UK.

FO Parsons is buried in the Manchester Southern Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Foster is buried in the Sunderland (Southwick) Cemetery, UK

Sgt Farley is buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

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

439556 Flight Sergeant ATKINSON, Bruce Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/9/498 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	NC 706
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 17th January 1945 Wellington NC706 took off from RAF Bruntingthorpe, Leicestershire, at 0310 hours, on a night cross country exercise, and the flight was uneventful up to a request at 0625 hours for weather conditions at base. No indication of any specific trouble had been received from the aircraft up to this time. Instruction to land were given. Shortly the aircraft crashed at 0730 hours in a field at Walton near the airfield at Bruntingthorpe, and all the crew were killed.

From an examination of the wreckage, it appeared that the starboard engine had failed. The Captain was a very reliable pilot and experienced in single engine flying, and it was thought that the crash was due to the aircraft inability to maintain height on one engine.

Crew:

RAAF 434330 Flt Sgt R T O'Reilly, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 432404 Flt Sgt B T Devall, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt E R Hodson, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 414827 Flt Sgt R P Quinn, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 439556 Sgt B A Atkinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 431463 Flt Sgt R J White, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The five RAAF Crew members are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Hodson is buried in the Greenwich Cemetery, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

427436 Flight Sergeant CANN, Leonard William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/787 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War 1940-1947,
Page 330, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 909
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

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It was considered that the primary cause of the accident lay with the Pilot in failing to set the QDM of the runway on his DR compass, and adopting the square circuit.

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

429922 Flight Sergeant CANTWELL, Anthony James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, 1940-1947,
Page 318, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LF 342
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 28th September 1944, Wellington LF342 took off from RAF Bruntingthorpe at 1925 hours, for a four hour evening cross-country exercise. A normal position report was received at 2024 hours The aircraft came apart while in a dive, and crashed at 2035 hours at Branton near Finningley airfield. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 429922 Flt Sgt A J Cantwell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Conchie, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C R Collop (Navigator)
RAF Sgt M Woodhead, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432577 Flt Sgt J N Smith (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt N Graham, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Cantwell, Sgt's Conchie, and Collop, and Flt Sgt Smith are buried in the Harrogate (Stionefall) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Woodhead was cremated in the Birmingham Municipal Crematorium, UK.

Sgt Graham is buried in the Gress Old Churchyard, Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis, UK.

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

432404 Flight Sergeant DEVALL, Bruce Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/9/498 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	NC 706
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 17th January 1945 Wellington NC706 took off from RAF Bruntingthorpe, Leicestershire, at 0310 hours, on a night cross country exercise, and the flight was uneventful up to a request at 0625 hours for weather conditions at base. No indication of any specific trouble had been received from the aircraft up to this time. Instruction to land were given. Shortly the aircraft crashed at 0730 hours in a field at Walton near the airfield at Bruntingthorpe, and all the crew were killed.

From an examination of the wreckage, it appeared that the starboard engine had failed. The Captain was a very reliable pilot and experienced in single engine flying, and it was thought that the crash was due to the aircraft inability to maintain height on one engine.

Crew:

RAAF 434330 Flt Sgt R T O'Reilly, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 432404 Flt Sgt B T Devall, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt E R Hodson, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 414827 Flt Sgt R P Quinn, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 439556 Sgt B A Atkinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 431463 Flt Sgt R J White, (Wireless Air Gunner)

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420924 Sergeant DOUGLAS, John Angus

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 323
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 12th May 1943, Wellington BK323 took off on a non operational day training carrying out circuits and bumps. The Pupil Pilot on his first solo, had engine trouble and could not get back to the drome. He reported engine trouble on the R/T and was given permission to pancake. It was presumed that he immediately lowered the undercarriage, lost the drome, and could not maintain height on the one engine and crashed. It was apparent that the starboard motor had seized in flight. All on board were killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAF Sgt F T Allen (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt J S Harris, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 420924 Sgt J A Douglas, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Allen is buried in the Feltham Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Harris is buried in the Smethwick (Uplands), Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Douglas is buried in the North Luffenham (St John the Baptist) Parish Churchyard, Rutland, UK.

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437624 Flight Sergeant MANLY, Richard Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War 1940-1947
Page 321, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP332
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 19th October 1944, Wellington LP332 took off from RAF Bruntingthorpe, Leicestershire, at 0050 hours to carry out a solo cross country and bombing exercise of five hours duration. It crashed at :Langley Priory at 0235 hours and five of the crew were killed, the Pilot saving his life by parachute after being thrown out of the aircraft accidentally as it broke up in the dive. The aircraft entered a cumulus type cloud and immediately encountered severe static and icing conditions. The Pilot attempted a rate 1 climbing turn to port on to a reciprocal. During the turn the air speed indication suddenly fell back to zero, owing to the apparent icing of the pitot head.

The crew were ordered to put on parachutes which was only acknowledged by two. The port wing and nose of the aircraft dropped suddenly probably due to the turbulence, icing and a low airspeed, and immediately entered an uncontrollable dive. The Pilot was not strapped in and in the opinion of the Court this prevented him from exercising immediate and complete control. Due to the speed attained in the dive the flying controls locked, but the pilot did not use his trimming devices. Apparently the force of gravity set up in the dive were sufficiently great to prevent the crew from abandoning the aircraft. Structural failure of the aircraft was caused by the high speed attained in the dive. The loss of the tail unit and the main-planes caused the aircraft to invert and the pilot was thrown clear."

Crew:

RAAF 428414 Flt Sgt T C Moore, Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 437624 Flt Sgt R J Manly, (Navigator)

RAF Sgt M J Pill, (Air Bomber)

RAF Sgt C A L Jackson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt K R Geen, (Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt T P Eastwood, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Manly, Sgt Pill, Sgt Jackson and Sgt Geen are buried in he Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Eastwood is buried in the Mellor Methodist Chapel Yard, UK.

Flt Sgt Moore survived the war and was discharged from the RAAF a Warrant Officer on 24th March 1947.

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

437435 Flight Sergeant MILNE, Maxwell William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/787 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War 1940-1947,
Page 330, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 909
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 5th January 1945, Wellington BJ909 took off from RAF Bruntingthorpe at 1915 hours, detailed for high level bombing practice. On return to base the weather had deteriorated to the point where the Pilot was unable to pick up the funnel lights. The aircraft was in circuit for approx 30 minutes in R/T touch with base, and was last heard of giving "down wind". The approach lights were on and in correct order with visibility being 2000 yards. It was while trying to establish it's position, that the aircraft flew into the ground at 2330 hours near Kimcote, three miles ENE of Lutterworth, Leicestershire. Five of the crew were killed and Sgt Leeson was seriously injured.

Crew:

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RAAF 431483 Flt Sgt K S F Allen (Navigator)
RAAF 427436 Flt Sgt L W Cann, (Air Bomber)
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It was considered that the primary cause of the accident lay with the Pilot in failing to set the QDM of the runway on his DR compass, and adopting the square circuit.

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439781 Flight Sergeant NOLAN, Colin John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/787 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War 1940-1947,
Page 330, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
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434330 Flight Sergeant O'REILLY, Ray Thornton

Source:

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/9/498 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	NC 706
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 17th January 1945 Wellington NC706 took off from RAF Bruntingthorpe, Leicestershire, at 0310 hours, on a night cross country exercise, and the flight was uneventful up to a request at 0625 hours for weather conditions at base. No indication of any specific trouble had been received from the aircraft up to this time. Instruction to land were given. Shortly the aircraft crashed at 0730 hours in a field at Walton near the airfield at Bruntingthorpe, and all the crew were killed.

From an examination of the wreckage, it appeared that the starboard engine had failed. The Captain was a very reliable pilot and experienced in single engine flying, and it was thought that the crash was due to the aircraft inability to maintain height on one engine.

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432260 Flight Sergeant POTTER, Thomas Donovan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves Records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page 1940-1947, Page 315 Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 552
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 8th September 1944, Wellington BK552 took off from RAF Bruntingthorpe, at 1120 hours for a cross-country training exercise. The aircraft iced up while flying in cloud and dived at 1330 hours from 1,500 feet into the ground at Maesbury Road near Oswestry, Shropshire. All the crew were killed..

Crew:

RAF FO Clarke, D De V Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Holmes, H J (Navigator)
RAF Sgt D E Manning, (2nd Navigator)
RAF Sgt C Taylor, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432260 Flt Sgt T D Potter (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt N E Walker, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J S A Nicholson, (Air Gunner)

FO Clarke, Flt Sgt Potter and Sgt Nicholson are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Mannng is buried in the Malahide (St Andrew) Church of Ireland Churchyard, Ireland.

PO Holmes is buried in the Bedsworth Cemetery, UK

Sgt Taylor is buried in the Lindale (or Lindale-in-Cartnel) (St Paul) Churchyard, UK
Commonwealth War Graves do no record where Sgt Walker is buried

During the day cross country exercise when severe icing conditions existed, it was assumed that the Pilot flew into cumulous nimbus cloud and experienced engine failure. The Pilot experienced engine failure above higher cloud and descended into it. The aircraft became iced up and it was assumed the Pilot lost control. An eye witness observed the aircraft diving on only one engine.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

424827 Flight Sergeant QUINN, Rodertick Philip

Source:

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/9/498 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	NC 706
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

Summary:

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From an examination of the wreckage, it appeared that the starboard engine had failed. The Captain was a very reliable pilot and experienced in single engine flying, and it was thought that the crash was due to the aircraft inability to maintain height on one engine.

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435180 Flight Sergeant SAVAGE, Douglas Irvine

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/787 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War 1940-1947,
Page 330, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BJ 909
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

Summary:

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432577 Flight Sergeant SMITH, Jeffrey Noel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, 1940-1947,
Page 318, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LF 342
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 28th September 1944, Wellington LF342 took off from RAF Bruntingthorpe at 1925 hours, for a four hour evening cross-country exercise. A normal position report was received at 2024 hours The aircraft came apart while in a dive, and crashed at 2035 hours at Branton near Finningley airfield. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 429922 Flt Sgt A J Cantwell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt J E Conchie, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C R Collop (Navigator)
RAF Sgt M Woodhead, (Air Bomber)
RAAF 432577 Flt Sgt J N Smith (Wireless Air Gunner)
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431463 Flight Sergeant WHITE, Robert John

Source:

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/9/498 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	NC 706
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

Summary:

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27178 Flying Officer WATTS, Reginald Gordon, DFC

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War 1940-1947,
Page 337, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 159
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	29 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 2nd April 1945, Wellington LN159 took off from RAF Bruntingthorpe, for air gunnery training. The crew comprised a screened pilot, two screened gunnery instructors, and six trainee air gunners. The aircraft collided with a tree and crashed some four miles south west of the airfield. Five of the crew were killed and three were injured.

Crew:

RAAF	27178 FO Watts, R G DFC (Screened Pilot)	Killed
RAF	Flt Sgt W K Dever, (Screened Gunnery Instructor)	Killed
RAF	Sgt N Langford, (Screened Gunnery Instructor)	Killed
RAF	Sgt M Musgrave, (Trainee Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	Sgt C E Grevett, (Trainee Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	Sgt S H C Stagg, (Trainee Air Gunner)	Injured
RAF	Sgt Adams, (Trainee Air Gunner)	Injured
RAF	Flt Sgt McDermott, Trainee Air Gunner)	Injured

FO Watts is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Dever is buried in the Prescott (St Mary) Churchyard, Lancashire, UK.

Sgt Langford is buried in the Hindley Cemetery, Lancashire, UK.

Sgt Musgrave is buried in the Scarborough (Woodlands) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Grevett is buried in the Lower Gravenhurst (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Stagg died from his injuries on the 3rd April 1945, and is buried in the Sittingbourne Cemetery, UK.

A Flying accident report it stated : “ The Screened Pilot was killed and the surviving members too ill to be interviewed. Witnesses state that the aircraft was seen to be low flying very close to the ground and very low over an inland area of water. The aircraft brushed the ground of a rising hill at the end of the inland water when the propellers were damaged. The aircraft then cut off about 10 feet of thin branches from a 25/30 feet tree hedge and it crashed about a mile further still at high speed. The recovered ASI indicated 150 knots. The aircraft disintegrated in the crash and burnt.”

Citation

The Citation for the DFC awarded to FO Watts, was that of a General Citation promulgated in London Gazette of 19/1/1945, Page 471.

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419308 Flying Officer GRIMWOOD, Frank Lockyer

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/167 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5726
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

At 1545 hours on the 4th April 1944, Lancaster R5726 exploded in mid air approx half a mile from Branston, Nottinghamshire, and about 15 miles from Nottingham. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 413640 FO Murray, J D Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt S Chappell, (Flight Engineer)
 RAAF 421105 FO Towers, W L (Observer)
 RAAF 424190 Flt Sgt W H Keeble, (Navigator)
 RAAF 419308 FO Grimwood, F L (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 417548 Flt Sgt R G Williams, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt R E J Sisley, (Rear Gunner)

The five RAAF crew members are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
 Sgt Chappell is buried in the South Kelsey (St Nicholas) Churchyard, UK.
 Sgt Sisley is buried in the Dover (Charlton) Cemetery, UK.

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403480 Sergeant MIEGEL, Karl Morris

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5538870 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 (C) Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 20th April 1942, Sgt Miegel, a Pilot, was killed whilst at 3 C Operational Training Flight He is buried at the Cranwell (St Andrew) Churchyard, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

405770 Sergeant REARDON, Sydney Clarence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/156/213 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8708
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 C Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 20th December 1942, Wellington Z8708 took off from RAF Skegnes, detailed to carry out a night navigation training exercise DR5. Later the aircraft circled Skegnes, and then passed out to sea, flying low, and it was thought probable that the pilot misjudged the height and hit the sea. At the time there was a full moon and it was a brilliant night. All on board lost their lives.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Angell, F H Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Bedell, R H
RAF Sgt A M Giles,
RAAF 450770 Sgt S C Reardon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412357 Sgt S R Barling, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 405808 Sgt F C Kearney, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The body of Sgt Barling was recovered from the sea at Skegness on 22 December 1942, and that of Sgt Reardon recovered on 2 January 1943. They are buried at St Clement's Churchyard, Skegness, Lincoln, England. The remaining four missing crew members including Sgt Kearney are recorded as having lost their lives at sea, and they have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK

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402168 Sergeant O'DONNELL, Colin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/148/120 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	P 4971
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	1 Op Training RAF

Summary:

Whitley P4971 took off from RAF Station Silloth at 1405 hours on 16th July 1941, for dual instruction purposes. The aircraft crashed at 1415 hours when visibility was 20 miles, with 5/10ths cloud at 2500 feet. Two of the crew were killed in the accident and four were injured.

A Court of Inquiry reported that : “ In its opinion the cause of the accident was the presence of a bolt in the aileron locking slot causing the Pilot to lose control of the aircraft. A subsidiary cause is that the Pilot failed to test his controls before the flight “

The Air Cdr Commanding No 17 Group stated : “The following points emerge which are directly relevant to the crash.

- the aileron controls were locked (see evidence by witnesses)
- they can only have been locked by LAC Milliken (see his own evidence)
- It was the duty of LAC Milliken to unlock them again before flight, but there were certain extenuating circumstances surrounding this omission (See Milliken's evidence) .
- the omission would have been discovered by the Pilot before the flight, if he had tested his controls in the normal manner and as laid down. The accident is attributed to the omissions of the PO Jordan and LAC Milliken, and each appears equally to blame.”

Crew:

RAF	FO Jordan, J E (1 st Pilot Instructor)	Seriously Injured
RAAF	402168 Sgt C O'Donnell, (Pupil Pilot)	Seriously Injured*
RAAF	400164 Sgt A B Whitbourne (Pilot) PAX	Killed
RAF	Sgt A H Green (Wireless Air Gunner)PAX	Killed
RAF	Sgt R N Lord, PAX	Uninjured
RAF	Sgt J Davis, PAX	Slightly Injured

* Died of injuries on 11/8/1941

Both Sgt's O'Donnell and Whitbourne are buried in the Silloth (Causeway Head) Cemetery. Holme Low, UK.

Sgt Green is buried in the Kidderminster (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK.

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411143 Sergeant LYON, Ashley David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/140/90 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 927
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 C Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 26th January 1943, Wellington DV927 was detailed to carry out a fighter affiliation exercise with a Beaufighter of 409 Sqn RAF. DV927 crashed at Swines Heads, Lincolnshire and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt P V Jerome, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt C A Ravenette, (2nd Pilot)
 RAAF 411143 Sgt A D Lyon, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
 RAF Sgt F G Wilkinson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt H J Sterne, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt H Lowe, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF FO Bailey, B H (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sgt Jerome is buried in the Sholing (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt's Ravenette, Lyon and Wilkinson are buried in the Cranwell (St Andrew) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Sterne is buried in the Newquay (Fair Park) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Lowe is buried in the Parr (St Peter) Churchyard, UK.

FO Bailey is buried in the Stockton-on-Tees, (Durham Road) Cemetery, UK.

A later Court of Inquiry found that ; "The primary cause of the accident was due to the Pilot having carried out a manoeuvre which placed the aircraft in such an attitude, that he had insufficient height to recover normal flight before it hit the ground. A contributing cause was considered to be the inexperience of Sgt Jerome on Wellington type aircraft."

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436325 Flight Sergeant HARLER, Horace William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/137 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Lancaster

Serial number: R 5674

Radio call sign:

Unit: 3 Lancaster Finishing School RAF

Summary:

On the 18th December 1944, Lancaster R5674 plus another Lancaster aircraft, took off from RAF Feltwell, at 1855 hours and 1850 hours respectively, detailed to carry out a night cross country Bullseye exercise. Nothing further was heard, but at 2150 hours two aircraft were seen flying close together to the south of the airfield, and a minute later explosions were seen to the east of the airfield. Investigations revealed that the two aircraft crashed just south of the village of Hockwold-cum-Wilton there being about 500 yards between the scenes of both crashes. It was assumed the aircraft collided whilst coming in to land, although from the evidence obtained both aircraft had their navigation lights on at the time of the collision.

Crew:

RAAF	436325 Flt Sgt H W Harler, (Captain (Pilot)
RAF	Sgt P A Gledhill, (Flight Engineer)
RAF	Sgt D W Harris, (Navigator)
RAF	FO Parsons, D E Air Bomber)
RAAF	19883 Flt Sgt P A Ewins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF	Sgt J Foster, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF	Sgt C F Farley, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt's Harler and Ewins are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

Sgt Gledhill is buried in the Elland Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Harris is buried in the Olton Franciscan Cemetery, Solthull, UK.

FO Parsons is buried in the Manchester Southern Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Foster is buried in the Sunderland (Southwick) Cemetery, UK

Sgt Farley is buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

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412357 Sergeant BARLING, Sydney Rex

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/156/213 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 8708
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 C Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 20th December 1942, Wellington Z8708 took off from RAF Skegnes, detailed to carry out a night navigation training exercise DR5. Later the aircraft circled Skegnes, and then passed out to sea, flying low, and it was thought probable that the pilot misjudged the height and hit the sea. At the time there was a full moon and it was a brilliant night. All on board lost their lives.

Crew:

RNZAF FO Angell, F H Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Bedell, R H (
RAF Sgt A M Giles, (
RAAF 450770 Sgt S C Reardon, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 412357 Sgt S R Barling, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 405808 Sgt F C Kearney, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The body of Sgt Barling was recovered from the sea at Skegness on 22 December 1942, and that of Sgt Reardon recovered on 2 January 1943. They are buried at St Clement's Churchyard, Skegness, Lincoln, England. The remaining four missing crew members including Sgt Kearney are recorded as having lost their lives at sea, and they have no known grave. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK

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401450 Flight Sergeant LAURITZ, Louis Stephenson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/231 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	L 185
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 19th November 1943, Wellington L185 took off at 2010 hours to carry out non operational night exercise No 3. Six signals were received from the aircraft when at 0133 hours on the 20th November, the aircraft sent an ex Funsted and asked for a QDM. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF	Sgt M L Wolman, (Pilot)	Killed
RAF	Sgt H B Maxwell, (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	401450 Flt Sgt L S Lauritz, (Observer)	Killed
RAF	Sgt W T Muir, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Killed
RAF	Sgt A Sinclair, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Injured
RAF	Sgt F W Maskell, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Dangerously injured

The aircraft crashed at approx 0200 hours near Blaneau Fessting, Carnarvonshire, UK.

Sgt Wolman is buried in the Rainham (Federation) Jewish Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Maxwell is buried in the Woodgrange Park Cemetery, East Ham, UK.

Flt Sgt Lauritz is buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, YK.

Sgt Muir is buried in the Girthon Parish Cemetery, UK.

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408524 Sergeant LLOYD, Sydney James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/25 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	IB 222
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	3 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 1st February 1943, Wellington IB222 took off from RAF Cranwell at 1022 hours, detailed to carry out a daytime non-operational navigational training flight. At 1115 hours a message was received stating that the aircraft was returning to base with an oil leak. It's position at the time was 54.42N, 0158E. At 1230 hours a fix was obtained and at 1245 hours the aircraft sent out an SOS giving position 54.36N 00.49E. After that nothing was heard from the aircraft, which failed to return to base. There was nothing to indicate why the aircraft had ditched. The sea was fairly calm, and a heavy search was carried out with no result.

Crew:

RAF Sgt K G Ford, (1st Pilot)
 RAF Sgt G Overhill, (2nd Pilot)
 RAAF 408524 Sgt S J Lloyd, (Observer)
 RAF Sgt P J Smith, (1st Wireless Operator)
 RAF Sgt E B Parr, (Front Gunner)
 RAF Sgt L C Trott, (Rear Gunner)

Sgt Lloyd's body was washed ashore on 28th April 1943, at Knispeand near Norddorf/Aurus. He and Sgt Overhill are buried in the Kiel War Cemetery, Germany. Kiel lies 83kms north of Hamburg.

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

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409500 Flight Sergeant BOYLE, Daniel Patrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/154 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bombe Command Losses of the Second World War, 11940-1947,
Page 220, Volume 7

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 468
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	30 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 15th May 1943, Wellington HE468 took off from RAF Hixon for a night navigation sortie. The aircraft returned to base only to dive and crash at 0357 hours out of control at Mountford Farm, Salt Heath. All the seven on board were killed.

Crew:

RAF FO Watson, J H G Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt G Cure, (Navigator)
RAF PO Farrow, E G Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt T J Campbell, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 409500 Flt Sgt D P Boyle, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt J Hedge, (Air Gunner)
ARMY Lt Roberts, P A (80 Searchlight Regiment, Royal Artillery) PAX

FO Watson is buried in the Kimblesworth (SS Philip and James) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Cure is buried in the Birmingham (Hamsworth) Cemetery, UK.
PO Farrow is buried in the Foulsham (Holy Innocents) Churchyard, UK.
Sgt Campbell is buried in the Kensal Green (St Mary's) Roman Catholic Cemetery, Hammersmith, UK.
Flt Sgt Boyle is buried in the St Helens Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Hedge is buried in the Edingthorpe, (All Saints) Churchyard, Bacton, UK.
Lt Roberts is buried in the Pensax (St James) Churchyard, UK.

A later Flying Accident report stated : “ The aircraft dived almost vertically into the ground after a stall It was obvious that the aircraft hit the ground at a very high speed and so it must have been at a fair altitude when the pilot lost control. It was not possible to say definitely whether it was owing to a failure to switch on the nacelle tanks. Either alternative would fit in with the evidence available.”

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409522 Flight Sergeant DELLAR, Thomas George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : 705, 166/9/107 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, 1940-1947
Page226, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 559
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	30 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 11/12th June 1943, Wellington BK559 took off from RAF Hixon, at 2300 hours, and set course for Nantes, France, detailed to carry out a Nickel operation. The aircraft became hopelessly lost and, very uncertain of their position, the Nickels were deposited around 0330 hours. The crew then attempted to set a course for home, though the aircraft was by this time very low on petrol. . Eventually the order to bale out was given. However the Pilot did not have his parachute and Sgt Davis RCAF, decided to remain with the aircraft which, it was believed crash landed at Guyancourt (Seine-et-Oise), 7kms south west of Versailles. Both Flt Sgt Dellar was killed in the crash, and Flt Sgt Davis survived the crash,. Of those who baled out three were POW's, and Sgt Reeves returned safe to the UK.

Crew:

RAAF 409522 Flt Sgt T G Dellar, Captain (Pilot)
RCAF Flt Sgt D M Davis, (Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt J G Perfect (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt B C Reeves, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Bartholomew, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt H J D G Adams, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Dellar is buried in the Guyancourt Communal Cemetery, France. Guyancourt is a village and commune 7kms south west of Versailles. Flt Sgt Dellar is the only WW2 fatality buried there..

Flt Sgt Davis who survived the crash, evaded capture, and got as far as the Pyrenees. where he was shot at the frontier. He is buried in the Mazargues Cemetery Extension, Marseilles, France.

In a later report Sgt Reeves stated : “ I was the first to bale out. The Captain gave the crew the choice of remaining with the aircraft or baling out. The Pilot had decided to attempt a forced landing. The Navigator decided to remain with the Pilot and. the remainder decided to bale out. The Rear Gunner left from the turret, and the Bomb Aimer, Wireless Air Gunner and Mid Upper Gunner from the front hatch. We were flying at 5000 feet when we baled out. The necessity to abandon the aircraft was due to a shortage of petrol, not enemy action.”

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415144 Flight Sergeant HENNESSY, James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/192 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, 1940-1947,
Page 229, Volume 1943.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HE 527
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	30 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of the 22/23rd June 1943, Wellington HE527 took off from RAF Nixon, near Stafford, Staffordshire, UK, detailed to carry out a Nickel drop over Paris. The aircraft was hit by flak over Cherbourg (Manche) and crashed. Three of the crew were killed and FO Freemantle, and Flt Sgt's Franklin and Gilroy were POW's.

Crew:

RAAF 415144 Flt Sgt J Hennessy, Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Freemantle, G T (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J Anderson, (Air Bomber)
RAF Flt Sgt R J Franklin, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R J P Chandler, (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt W Gilroy, (Air Gunner)

The three who lost their lives in the crash are buried in the Cherbourg Old Communal Cemetery, France.

FO Freemantle later reported : “ I was compelled to abandon the aircraft after being hit by ack-ack near Cherbourg on the night of 22/23rd June. The bodies of Hennessy and two RAF crew were found in the wreckage.”

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416587 Sergeant LEWIS, Robert Driscoll

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/32 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, 1940-1947,
Page 200, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 434
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	30 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 7th February 1943, Wellington BK434 took off from RAF Nixon, Staffordshire, for a night cross- country practice exercise. Returning to base at 0115 hours, the aircraft made what appeared to be a perfectly good landing. However the Pilot opened up and took off for a second circuit, but climbed too steeply, stalled at around 1000 feet and before he could recover the situation, the aircraft hit a tree. The aircraft crashed at the Rectory at Ingestre Park, near Weston, less than a mile of the southern side of the airfield. All the crew were killed in the crash.

Crew:

RAAF 416587 Sgt R D Lewis, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt K H Ausin, (Navigator)
RAF J McGinnes, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt J J Kenny, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D C Rowse, (Air Gunner)

Sgt's Lewis and Rowse are buried in the Nixon (St Peter) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Austin is buried in the Hendon Cemetery and Crematorium, UK.

Sgt Kenny is buried in the Glasnevin (or Prospect) Cemetery, County Down, Dublin., Ireland.

Sgt Rowse is buried in the New Kilpatrick Parish Churchyard, UK.

The aircraft approached OK but a little on the fast side, and holding off a little too high. The Pilot realized this, gave the engines a burst to lower the undercarriage on the runway. As the aircraft was near the ground it could have landed alright, and the Pilot cut his engines. He then thought he couldn't get in so opened up doing a steep climb with a slight turn to the left. Eventually the aircraft stalled at about 1000 feet, The crash site shows that the aircraft had just about dived out, but was too low and the port wing hit a tree.

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435625 Flight Sergeant PORTER, Leonard John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/281 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, 1940-1947,
Page 331, Volume 1945.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 166
Radio call sign:	- G
Unit:	30 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 8th January 1945, Wellington LN166 took off from RAF Nixon, Staffordshire, at 1035 hours, detailed to do a high level bombing flight at 10,500 feet. The aircraft broke up in flight and crashed at high speed at 1130 hours at Burton's Lane, Eccleshall, six miles north west of Strafford. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt M F MacLean, (Pilot)
RAAF 435625 Flt Sgt L J Porter, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J S Wright, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt E S Parrett, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt L T Meadows, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt C Wade, (Air Gunner)

Sgt MacLean is buried in the Inveness (Tomnahurich) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Porter is buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Wright is buried in the Newcastle-under-Tyne (Silverdale) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Parrett is buried in the Safron Walden Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Meadows is buried in the Barras Heath Cemetery, Coventry., UK.

Sgt Wade is buried in the Heighington (St Michael) Churchyard, UK.

A Flying Accident report stated : “ The Primary cause of the accident appears to be some factor at present unknown, causing the aircraft to assume a diving position. The aircraft was seen from the direction of Stoke-on-Trent just below cloud at about 4000 feet. The aircraft then turned to the north west and then turned to the south east (probably finding a wind direction). It then entered a shallow dive in the Eccleshall direction and passed over Eccleshall at a very high speed. Shortly after a bang was heard and pieces of aircraft were seen to fly off. The aircraft then dived at a very steep angle into the ground, and all the crew were killed Having entered the dive for some unknown reason, excessive speed was attained and the oil cooler intake of one engine became detached and probably struck the tail plane, causing the elevator balance to break away causing complete loss of control.”

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436015 Flight Sergeant VALLENDER, Phillip Edward Burton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/669 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War 1940-1947,
Page 321, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3357
Radio call sign:	- P
Unit:	30 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 16th October 1944, Wellington X3357 took off from RAF Nixon at 1800 hours, for a solo evening navigation detail of approx 2 hours 40 minutes duration.. At 2141 hours, the aircraft transmitted by wireless requesting a course to steer. Nine minutes later, the aircraft collided with trees and a house, and crashed at Ingestre Park on the south west side of the airfield. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 436015 Flt Sgt P E B Vallender, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 429774 FO Castle, P J (Navigator)
RAAF 435406 PO Parker, R C (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436194 FO Heatley, W P (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 421085 PO Sandilands, G B H (Air Gunner)

A Flying accident report later stated : “The Court was of the opinion that the Pilot was circling in low stratus cloud below the safety height of the area where the accident occurred., and the aircraft flew into some trees and a house whilst in a steep turn estimated at 60 degrees when he collided with the trees. The Pilot did not think he had lost control of the aircraft as he had received a QDM one minute before crashing, but this cannot be proved. No blame is attached to any one other than the Pilot, although the met. information was wrong as it did not forecast low stratus cloud, and this was a contributory cause for the crash.”

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403643 Flying Officer BROWNE, Adrian Victor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/756 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, 1940-1947,
Page 322, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	LF 170
Radio call sign:	- P
Unit:	30 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 25th October 1944, Hurricane LF170 took off from RAF Seighford, the parent station, at 1440 hours, engaged in an air test and local flying. Fifteen minutes later LF170 crashed into a tree near the Officers Mess, on the edge of the satellite airfield. The Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 403643 FO Browne, A V (Pilot)

FO Browne is buried in the Wallesby (Frankby) Cemetery, Hoylake, UK.

FO Ward, the Duty Control Officer later reported : “ I was on duty at 1445 hours in the Watch office at Seighford. I heard an aircraft approaching and I saw a Hurricane flying down the perimeter track at a height of 15/20 feet. It climbed and flew away in an easterly direction. Two more Hurricanes were in the circuit and I saw them climbing in the same direction. They were joined by the third aircraft, and I was of the opinion that they had then left the airfield. A few minutes later my attention was drawn to a Hurricane making for the Watch Office from the east. It joined the other two aircraft and Q and V called up for permission to land, but the third aircraft “P” came past the east side of the Watch Office in a NNW direction at a height of 10 feet flew over the locker room but failed to clear the tree between the two hangars. The port wing of the aircraft caught branches and a section of the wing was torn from the aircraft. The aircraft immediately turned on its back, and disappeared behind the trees. I called the fire tender and ambulance immediately.”

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429774 Flying Officer CASTLE, Percy John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/669 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War 1940-1947,
Page 321, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3357
Radio call sign:	- P
Unit:	30 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

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RAAF 429774 FO Castle, P J (Navigator)
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436194 Flying Officer HEATLEY, Wilfred Pearson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/669 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War 1940-1947,
Page 321, Volume 1944.

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435406 Pilot Officer PARKER, Ronald Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/669 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War 1940-1947,
Page 321, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3357
Radio call sign:	- P
Unit:	30 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 16th October 1944, Wellington X3357 took off from RAF Nixon at 1800 hours, for a solo evening navigation detail of approx 2 hours 40 minutes duration.. At 2141 hours, the aircraft transmitted by wireless requesting a course to steer. Nine minutes later, the aircraft collided with trees and a house, and crashed at Ingestre Park on the south west side of the airfield. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 436015 Flt Sgt P E B Vallender, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 429774 FO Castle, P J (Navigator)
RAAF 435406 PO Parker, R C (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436194 FO Heatley, W P (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 421085 PO Sandilands, G B H (Air Gunner)

A Flying accident report later stated : “The Court was of the opinion that the Pilot was circling in low stratus cloud below the safety height of the area where the accident occurred., and the aircraft flew into some trees and a house whilst in a steep turn estimated at 60 degrees when he collided with the trees. The Pilot did not think he had lost control of the aircraft as he had received a QDM one minute before crashing, but this cannot be proved. No blame is attached to any one other than the Pilot, although the met. information was wrong as it did not forecast low stratus cloud, and this was a contributory cause for the crash.”

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

404598 Sergeant PARSONS, Sideny Johgn Rex

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/104/102, 163/120/384
Commonwealth War Graves records. W R Chorley: RAF Bomber Command Losses
Operational Training Units, 1940-1947, Page 101, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type: Wellington
Serial number: X 9682
Radio call sign:
Unit: 27 Op Training RAF

Summary:

Wellington X9682 of No 27 Operational Training Unit RAF, took off from Valley Anglesey, Wales, at night on 25 February 1942, on a cross country training flight. The aircraft was last heard from in the vicinity of Squires Gate, Wales, at 1056 pm when an SOS message was received over the Irish Sea between Valley and Liverpool. The aircraft did not return to base, and subsequent air/sea rescue searches found no trace of the missing aircraft or crew.

Crew:

RAAF 406351 Sgt Dyson, D H (Pilot)
RAAF 406335 Sgt Veal, C G (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 402302 Sgt Hargrave, A P R (Observer)
RAAF 404598 Sgt Parsons, S J R (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAAF 407946 Sgt Madge, R C (Air Gunner)
RNZAF Sgt Hawkins, R G (Air Gunner)

Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1948 that the missing crew had lost their lives at sea. Their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

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

421085 Flying Officer SANDILANDS, Geoffrey Bruce Hope

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/7/669 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War 1940-1947,
Page 321, Volume 1944.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3357
Radio call sign:	- P
Unit:	30 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 16th October 1944, Wellington X3357 took off from RAF Nixon at 1800 hours, for a solo evening navigation detail of approx 2 hours 40 minutes duration.. At 2141 hours, the aircraft transmitted by wireless requesting a course to steer. Nine minutes later, the aircraft collided with trees and a house, and crashed at Ingestre Park on the south west side of the airfield. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 436015 Flt Sgt P E B Vallender, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 429774 FO Castle, P J (Navigator)
RAAF 435406 PO Parker, R C (Air Bomber)
RAAF 436194 FO Heatley, W P (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 421085 PO Sandilands, G B H (Air Gunner)

A Flying accident report later stated : “The Court was of the opinion that the Pilot was circling in low stratus cloud below the safety height of the area where the accident occurred., and the aircraft flew into some trees and a house whilst in a steep turn estimated at 60 degrees when he collided with the trees. The Pilot did not think he had lost control of the aircraft as he had received a QDM one minute before crashing, but this cannot be proved. No blame is attached to any one other than the Pilot, although the met. information was wrong as it did not forecast low stratus cloud, and this was a contributory cause for the crash.”

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

421242 Sergeant BURNS, Phillip Maxwell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/109 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 773
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	31 Op Training RCAF

Summary:

On the night of 18/19th April 1943, Hudson AM773 took off on an anti-submarine patrol. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Howard B J Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 421242 Sgt P M Burns, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RCAF Sgt J A Gillis, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Longstaff, (Staff Wireless Operator)

Sgt Burns body was recovered from the sea on 4th July 1943. He is buried in the Truro (Terrace Hill) Cemetery, Canada.

Sgt Longstaff is buried in the Middleton Holy Trinity Old Cemetery, Canada.

The other two crew members have no known grave and their names are commemorated on the Ottawa Memorial, Canada. The Memorial stands on the north east point of Green Island in the City of Ottawa, overlooking the Rideau Falls.

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

425288 Sergeant ELLIOTT, Percy William

Source:

AWM 237 (64) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5526071 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	31 Op Training RCAF

Summary :

Sgt Elliott, an Observer, was killed in an aircraft accident at Nova Scotia, Canada, on the 8th April 1943. He is buried in the Truro (Terrace Hill) Cemetery, Canada.

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

411147 Sergeant KING, Neil Danskine

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/133/140 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	31 Op Trg RCAF

Summary:

On the 7th June 1942, Sgt King, a Wireless Air Gunner, was killed in an aircraft accident at Follylake Nova Scotia, Canada. No other details are available on the above NAA Casualty file.

Sgt King is buried in the Truro (Terrance Hill) Cemetery, Canada.

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

411119 Pilot Officer BURSILL, John Allan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 : 163/24/287 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	BW 401
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	31 Operational Trg RCAF

Summary:

On the 10th August 1942, Hudson BW401 took off from Debert, Nova Scotia, at 0005 hours, on night cross-country navigation exercised No 8. The weather conditions deteriorated unexpectedly, and as the estimated time of arrival back at base was 0336 hours, at 0359 hours, the aircraft acknowledged a signal diverting it to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. This was the last contact with the aircraft, which crashed when it struck high ground in level flight on Dalhousie Mountain, Scotsburn, Picton County, Nova Scotia, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 411119 PO Bursill, J A Captain (Pilot)
RCAF PO Hobson, J K
RCAF Sgt A W Cooke,
RCAF Sgt H J Vincent,
RCAF PO Roberts, P A

PO Bursill is buried in the Truro (Terrace hill) Cemetery, Canada.

PO Hobson is buried in the Saskatoon (Woodland) Cemetery, Canada.

Sgt Cooke is buried in the Montreal (Mount Royal) Cemetery, Canada.

Sgt Vincent is buried in the Canora Cemetery, Canada.

Commonwealth War Graves does not record where PO Roberts is buried.

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

421149 Sergeant BARROW, Richard Trathen

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/124 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	32 Op Training RCAF

Summary:

On the 13th April 1943, a Hampden aircraft took off from RAF Patricia Bay, Vancouver Island, Canada, detailed to carry out an air firing, navigation and low level bombing exercise. The aircraft had just completed the low level bombing run, when it turned over on its back and crashed into the sea upside down at 2.30pm, off Cowichan Head, Vancouver Island. Two of the crew were killed in the crash, one was missing and the other was slightly injured.

Crew:

RAF	Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	421149 Sgt R T Barrow, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)	Killed
--	Wireless air Gunner	Missing
--	Wireless Air Gunner	Slightly Injured

No other crew detail is available on the above NAA A705 file.

Sgt Barrow is buried in the Victoria (Royal Oak) Burial Park, Patricia Bay, Vancouver Island, Canada.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

418499 Sergeant BISHOP, Colin Lisle

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/101 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AN 142
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	32 Op Training RCAF

Summary:

On the 23rd May 1943, Hampden AN142 took off from RAF Patricia Bay, Canada drome, on a navigational exercise over the sea. After sending distress signals, the aircraft returned to base at 1712 hours. It flew across the drome flying on the port engine only, at approx 400 feet height. It yawed to starboard, stalled and crashed into the ground, catching fire. Three of the crew were killed and Sgt Bishop died of his injuries on 27th May 1943.

Crew:

RAAF 420864 PO Davis, C J Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt A R Marlow, (Navigator)
 RAAF 422565 Sgt R J Hughes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 418499 Sgt C L Bishop, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Victoria (Royal Oak) Burial Park, Canada.

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422565 Sergeant HUGHES, Reginald John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/101 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AN 142
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	32 Op Training RCAF

Summary:

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Crew:

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 RAF Sgt A R Marlow, (Navigator)
 RAAF 422565 Sgt R J Hughes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 418499 Sgt C L Bishop, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Victoria (Royal Oak) Burial Park, Canada.

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423799 Sergeant MAIDEN, Francis Keith

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/248 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	36 Op Training RCAF

Summary:

On the 9th October 1943, Sgt Maiden, a Wireless Air Gunner, was a member of a crew detailed to carry out a Lt torpedo attack, and the aircraft was seen to crash into the sea off the Turn Pont Light north east of Stuart island, from the CPR Steamship Princess Alice

Crew:

RAAF 423799 Sgt F K Maiden, (Wireless Air Gunner)

RAAF 413700 Sgt N O Weekes, (Wireless Air Gunner)

No other crew details are given on the above NAA A705 file held by Archives.

Sgt's Maiden and Weekes are buried in the Victoria (Royal Oak) Burial Park, Patricia Bay, Canada.

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

413700 Sergeant WEEKES, Neville Oswald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/248 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	36 Op Training RCAF

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

420864 Pilot Officer DAVIS, Charles John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/101 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AN 142
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	32 Op Training RCAF

Summary:

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Crew:

RAAF 420864 PO Davis, C J Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt A R Marlow, (Navigator)
 RAAF 422565 Sgt R J Hughes, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 418499 Sgt C L Bishop, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Victoria (Royal Oak) Burial Park, Canada.

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

420135 Sergeant BURNHAM, Hubert John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/20 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Ventura
Serial number:	AJ 211
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	34 Op Training RCAF

Summary:

On the 8th February 1943, Ventura AJ211 took off from RAF Yarmouth drome, Nova Scotia, at approx 0600 hours to carry out a cross-country exercise. The last message received from the aircraft was at 0627 hours and further efforts to contact the aircraft failed. At approx 0915 hours Operations room at RCAF Yarmouth were informed that the aircraft was overdue, and at 1130 hours the Station requested a parallel search be made along the route taken by the aircraft.

Before this happened, information was received that an aircraft had crashed at Richibulto, New Brunswick and that two bodies were in the wreck. At 1150 hours a message was received from Moncton, New Brunswick, which reported a fire on the northern shore of the Richibulto river and that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were proceeding to investigate. A later message from Moncton reported that it was the aircraft which took off from Yarmouth at 0600 hours, and that it was apparent that the aircraft had exploded on impact and was completely wrecked. Two bodies had been found and a third was recovered later.

Crew:

RAAF 420135 Sgt Burnham, H J Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 413841 Sgt P L Edmond, (Observer)
RNZAF Sgt J E Hogan, (Wireless Operator)

Sgt's Burnham and Edmond are buried in the Moncton (Elmwood) Cemetery, Canada.
Sgt Hogan is buried in the Moncton (St Bernard's) Roman Catholic Cemetery, Canada.

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

413841 Sergeant EDMOND, Phillip Llewellyn

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/20 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Ventura
Serial number:	AJ 211
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	34 Op Training RCAF

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Crew:

RAAF Sgt Burnham, H J Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 413841 Sgt P L Edmond, (Observer)
RNZAF Sgt J E Hogan, (Wireless Operator)

Sgt's Burnham and Edmond are buried in the Moncton (Elmwood) Cemetery, Canada.
Sgt Hogan is buried in the Moncton (St Bernard's) Roman Catholic Cemetery, Canada.

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

422234 Sergeant MULCAHY, Arthur Cornelius

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/101 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Ventura
Serial number:	AE 186
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	34 Op Training RCAF

Summary:

On the 25th June 1943, Ventura AE186 took off detailed to carry out a low level cross country flight. Nothing was heard from the aircraft and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RNZAF PO Cowie, G E Captain (Pilot)
RNZAF PO Griffiths, C A (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 422234 Sgt A C Mulcahy, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF PO Loucks, J C (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed at Sunnyside, near Falmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, and all the crew were killed.

PO's Cowie and Griffiths are buried in the Windsor (Maplewood) Cemetery, Canada.

Sgt Mulcahy is buried in the Windsor (St John the Evangelist) Cemetery, Canada.

PO Loucks is buried in the Bradebridge (St Thomas) Anglican Church Cemetery, Canada. He is the only serviceman buried there.

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

421828 Sergeant ROGERS, Albert Ernest Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/73 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Ventura
Serial number:	678
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	34 Op Training RCAF

Summary:

On the 29th May 1943, Ventura 678, from RAF Pennyfield Ridge, at 1845 hours on a day training flight, attempted a forced landing, overshot the field and flew into trees. It crashed nine miles north west of St George, New Brunswick, Canada and Sgt Rogers was killed, and Sgt Ellis slightly injured. It was suspected that the crash was due to the failure of the Pilot to change over the petrol tanks whilst in flight.

Crew:

RAAF 421828 Sgt A E E Rogers, (Pilot)

RAAF 422151 Sgt L A Ellis, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sgt Rogers is buried in the St George Rural Cemetery, Charlotte County, New Brunswick, Canada.

Sgt Ellis was killed later on 21st March 1945, when a FO attached to 180 Sqn RAF.

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

425367 Sergeant SELF, Keith Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/112 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	34 Op Training RCF

Summary:

On the 23rd April 1944, an aircraft of which Sgt Self was an Observer, took off from RAF Yarmouth, at approx 0900 hours, detailed to carry out a day cross-country flight. After about an hour the WOP radioed that the aircraft had engine trouble and that the pilot was making a forced landing near Springhaven, Nova Scotia. A fire tender and ambulance were despatched to the scene and on arrival found the aircraft had crashed and three were dead.

Crew:

RAF Sgt J E Franckeiss, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF `425367 Sgt K R Self, (Observer)
RCAF Sgt K G Calvert, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sgt's Franckeiss and Self are buried in the Yarmouth Mountain Cemetery, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Sgt Calvert is buried in the Toronto (Pine Hills) Cemetery, Canada.

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

416901 Sergeant WILLIAMS, Evan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/204 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Ventura
Serial number:	AE 911
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	34 Op Training RCAF

Summary:

On the 26th February 1943, Ventura AE911 took off from RAF Pennfield Ridge, detailed to carry out a non operational formation cross country training flight. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF PO Harris, N C Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 416901 Sgt E Williams, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RNZAF Sgt D E Bates, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt T M Otto, (Air Gunner)

Four bodies were recovered months after the aircraft went missing and were buried on the 26th November 1943.

PO Harris, and Sgt's Williams and Bates are buried in the St George Rural Cemetery, Charlotte County, New Brunswick, Canada.

Sgt Otto is buried in the North Bay (Terrace Lawn) Cemetery, Canada.

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

420181 Pilot Officer GAHA, Francis Clive

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/27 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	V 9171
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	36 Op Trg RCAF (Canada)

Summary:

On the 18th March 1943, Hudson V9171 took off at 0930 hours detailed to carry out a low level bombing exercise on Berwick Range from 50 feet. At approx 1015 hours the aircraft when turning on to the target was seen to strike trees and dive into the ground where it caught fire. Two of the crew were killed and two were injured.

Crew:

RAF	PO Banks, H G Captain (Pilot)	Killed
RAAF	420181 PO Gaha, F C (Observer)	Killed
RAAF	425188 Sgt J Moran, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Dangerously injured
RAAF	425364 Sgt N N Ryan, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Seriously injured

PO Gaha is buried in the Kingston St Lawrence Roman Catholic Cemetery, Canada.

Sgt Moran survived the crash and the war and was discharged a WO from the RAAF on 5/3/1946.

Sgt Ryan survived the crash and the war and was discharged from the RAAF a WO on 17/10/1945.

Commonwealth War Graves record PO Banks of 36 O T U, being buried in the Manchester Southern Cemetery, UK

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

413900 Flying Officer RUTHERFORD, Allan James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/120 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	34 Operational Trg (Canada) RCAF

Summary:

On the 17th September 1943, FO Rutherford was killed in a flying accident when the aircraft he was in, crashed on a hill in foggy weather during a formation practice exercise. The aircraft crashed approx one mile south east of Hampden, Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, Canada, at 1145 hours.

Crew:

RAAF 413900 FO Rutherford, A J (Pilot)

RAF PO Pittock, T A (Navigator)

Both the crew are buried in the Middleton Holy Trinity Old Cemetery, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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

411362 Flying Officer MOFFLIN, William

Source:

AAWM 237 (65) NAA :A9300 Barcode 5257285 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	56 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 9thb August 1942, FO Mofflin, a Pilot, was killed in an aircraft accident.
He is buried in the Dundee (Balgay) Cemetery, Scotland, UK.

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

411732 Pilot Officer BLICK, Claude Winter Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/269 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	4117
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	36 Operational Trg RCAF

Summary:

On the 25th June 1942 , Hudson 4117 took off from RAF Greenwood, Nova Scotia, Canada, detailed to practice single engine landings during a routine training flight. The aircraft crashed at 1120 hours, 3 miles south west of RAF Greenwood aerodrome. Eye witnesses saw the aircraft go into a spin at low altitude prior to the crash. The crew of two were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 411732 PO Blick, C W A (Pilot)

RAF Sgt J N Hopkinson, (Pilot)

Both the crew are buried in the Middleton Holy Trinity Old Cemetery, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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

419924 Sergeant BELL, Alan Fank

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/143/94 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Sunderland
Serial number: DD 839
Radio call sign:
Unit: 4 (C) Op Training RAF

Summary:

Sunderland DD 839 of No 4 (C) Operational Training Unit, RAF, on 27 November 1943, detailed to carry out a night flying practice non-operational flight, crashed at 1930 hours, whilst landing in Cromarty Firth, at Alness, Ross Shire, Scotland. The crash was considered to be an error of judgement by the pilot.

Crew:

RAAF 421266 FO Gloor, A V (Pilot)
RAAF 416342 Flt Sgt Jorgensen, D M (Pilot)
RAAF 405758 Flt Sgt Mellersh, J H (Observer)
RAAF 410219 FO Davidson, G H (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAAF 425290 FO Evers, A E (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAAF 419924 Sgt Bell, A F (Air Gunner)
RAAF 427042 Sgt Patterson, R G (Air Gunner)
RAF Flt Sgt Wilson, H J

Both FO Davidson and Sgt Bell (RAAF) are buried in the Ross Keen Parish Churchyard Extension (or Burial Grounds) Invergordon, Scotland, whilst Flt Sgt Mellersh (RAAF) who was missing lost his life at sea. He has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK. The remaining four RAAF crew members were injured but survived the crash.

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

405596 Flying Officer MARSTELLA, Raymond Terrance

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 Alness, 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, C 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.

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

433122 Sergeant HILL, Stanley George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/588 Commonwealth War Graves Records

Aircraft Type:	Sunderland
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	4 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 17th May 1944, Sgt Hill (an Air Gunner), died from a gun shot wound to the upper part of the leg. The crew had just completed an operational flight exercise in the aircraft, and the Air Gunners and a Maintenance Armourer were engaged in removing and cleaning the guns at the time of the accident. It would seem from the findings of the Court of Inquiry that the gun was not unloaded after the air firing was carried out. A summary of the evidence is being taken pending Court Martial of the personnel involved.

An armourer had partially stripped the gun, and on reassembling, the gun fired, and shot Hill in the upper part of the leg. Hill died a few hours later. The accident occurred in the tail compartment of the aircraft, the gun apparently resting on the fitters bench at the time. How the gun came to be loaded is still being investigated.

Sgt Hill is buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

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

408581 Warrant Officer JACKSON, Roland Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) BAA : A705, 166/20/164 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Sunderland
Serial number:	DP 197
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	4 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 14/15th August 1944, Sunderland DP1097 took off from RAF Duneath, Scotland, at 2316 hours, detailed to carry out a night non-operational radar bombing training exercise. The aircraft was recalled at 0008 hours, owing to deteriorating weather, and this was acknowledged by the aircraft. But whilst returning to base the aircraft became lost and crashed into a hill 30 miles from base.

It appeared that the aircraft made a landfall near Lybster, and that a coast crawl was made towards base in a south-westerly direction. The aircraft was next seen to cross the coast in a north-westerly direction and fly towards hills, where it crashed and caught fire at 0030 hours. There were no survivors from a crew of 15, twelve of whom were Canadian, one RAAF and two RAF.

Crew:

RAAF 408581 WO R E Jackson, (Wireless Air Gunner – Instructor Radar)

All on board are buried in the Rosskeen Parish Churchyard Extension (or Burial Ground), Invergordon, Scotland.

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

410218 Flying Officer DAVIDSON, Geoffrey Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/143/94 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type: Sunderland
Serial number: DD 839
Radio call sign:
Unit: 4 (C) Op Training RAF

Summary:

Sunderland DD 839 of No 4 (C) Operational Training Unit, RAF, on 27 November 1943, detailed to carry out a night flying practice non-operational flight, crashed at 1930 hours, whilst landing in Cromarty Firth, at Alness, Ross Shire, Scotland. The crash was considered to be an error of judgement by the Pilot

Crew:

RAAF	421266 FO Gloor, A V (Pilot)
RAAF	416342 Flt Sgt Jorgensen, D M (Pilot)
RAAF	405758 Flt Sgt Mellersh, J H (Observer)
RAAF	410219 FO Davidson, G H (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAAF	425290 FO Evers, A E (Wireless Operator Air Gunner)
RAAF	419924 Sgt Bell, A F (Air Gunner)
RAAF	427042 Sgt Patterson, R G (Air Gunner)
RAF	Flt Sgt Wilson, H J

Both FO Davidson and Sgt Bell (RAAF) are buried in the Ross Keen Parish Churchyard Extension (or Burial Grounds) Invergordon, Scotland, whilst Flt Sgt Mellersh (RAAF) who was missing lost his life at sea. He has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, Surrey, UK. The remaining four RAAF crew members were injured but survived the crash.

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

14626 Sergeant LAING, Charlie Walter

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 Alness, 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, C 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

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

416005 Pilot Officer PFEIFFER, Paul Gotthelf

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/603 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Sunderland
Serial number:	ML 738
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	40 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 3rd January 1945, Sunderland ML738 was detailed to carry out a special photographic flight. The aircraft took off at 1045 hours and flew for approx one hour thirty minutes, when it alighted and moored up to avoid a heavy snow shower. The aircraft slipped moorings and requested permission to take off. This was granted at 1308 and at 1310 the aircraft was airborne. The take off was a normal cross wind one, and the subsequent climb appeared to witnesses to be steeper than usual, and when the aircraft was about 200 feet it became unstable laterally. The aircraft was seen to drop the starboard wing, then its port wing, and finally its starboard wing dropped and continued to go down until the aircraft struck the water with its wing and nose. The aircraft broke up on impact.

Crew:

RAF	Flt Lt Johnston, F N Captain (Pilot Instructor)	Killed
RAAF	416005 PO Pfeiffer, P G (Navigator)	Died of Injuries
RAAF	410797 WO R L Webster, (Wireless Air Gunner)	Injured
RAF	PO Zita, J (Wireless Air Gunner- Instructor)	Died of injuries
RAF	PO Elshelby, (Flight Engineer)	
RAF	Flt Sgt Johns, (Flight Engineer)	
RAF	LAC Scott (Photographer)	

Flt Lt Johnston is buried in the Longfleet (St Mary's) Churchyard, UK.

PO Pfeiffer is buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

PO Zita is buried in the Liverpool (Allerton) Cemetery, UK.

WO Webster later reported : “ We took off at 1045 hours, and flew for about 1 hour 30 minutes and then landed to avoid a snow shower. We stayed aboard the aircraft and then about 1300 hours I slipped moorings, and I noticed about a quarter of an inch of snow on the front turret. This snow was soft. After the usual run up of motors, we took off apparently normally and made an apparently normal climb. I gave an “airborne” signal to Control by R/T and then noticed a violent rocking of wings, first the starboard wing went down, then the port wing, then the starboard wing again, and we hit the water and crashed. I heard nothing unusual from the engines. Next thing I was in the water and inflated my mae west and was rescued by marine craft.”

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406850 Pilot Officer HEATHCOTE, Raphael Rex

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 : 166/17/20 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mustang
Serial number:	AP 199
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	41 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 14th January 1943, Mustang AP199 was detailed to carry out a low level flight of the WEM area at a minimum height of 200 feet. During the flight the aircraft collided in mid air at 1510 hours, with a Mustang AG515 and both aircraft crashed at Waymills Nantwich Road, Whitechurch Both pilots were killed. Also a civilian Mrs Mc Lellan was injured by falling debris.

Crew: AP199

RAAF 406850 PO Heathcote, R R (Pilot)

Crew ; AG515

RAF PO Reeves, R H (Pilot)

PO Heathcote is buried in the Hawarden Cemetery, UK.

A Flying Accident report stated : “ The primary cause of the accident was a collision in mid-air between the two aircraft.

The Secondary cause was “After having been authorised to carry out independent practices in adjacent areas, the Pilots joined up, and in wilful disobedience of orders, carried out weaving and/or formation flying at low altitude.”

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402570 Sergeant GRAHAM, Edward William Dawes

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/118/202 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	42 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 22nd September 1941, Sgt Graham, an Observer, was killed in an aircraft accident at 1600 hours, at Woodford, Amesbury, Wiltshire, UK. He is buried in the Andover Cemetery, UK.

No other information about the accident appears on the above NAA file held by Archives.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

423743 Flying Officer HOWE, Graydon Raymond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/368 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Albermarle
Serial number:	V 1745
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	42 Operational Trg ORTU RAF

Summary:

On the night of 5/6th June 1944. Albermarle V1745 took off at from RAF Hampstead Norris, near Newbury, Berks, at 0229 hours, detailed to carry out operation "Tonga".. The aircraft crashed in the village of St Sylvain, south west of St Valery-en-Caux, France. All on board the aircraft were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 423743 FO Howe, G R Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt B P Lane, (Navigator)
 RAF Sgt E L Belcher, (Air Bomber)
 RAF C Scargill, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt H E Pearson, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt A A Clarke, (Wireless Air Gunner - Despatcher)
 RAF Sg S Neale, (Wireless Air Gunner - Despatcher)

All the crew are buried in the St Sylvan Churchyard, France. They are the only airmen to be buried in the Churchyard. St Sylvan is a village 35kms south west of St Valery-en-Caux, France.

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425202 Flying Officer O'CONNOR, Eric Matthew Montagu

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/170 digitised Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Albermarle
Serial number:	P 1463
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	42 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 30th March 1944, FO Revitt, a screened Pilot, from RAF Ashbourne, was detailed at 2015 hours, to give local dual to two Pupil Pilots. The take off was delayed due to snow showers, until 2330 hours. One and a half minutes after take off, the aircraft collided with some high tension wires on the ground 200 feet above drome height, and about 3 miles in line of the take off. The collision skewed the aircraft to port and 200 yards further on it struck the tops of trees. The aircraft then flew in a straight line climbing to at least 100 feet to clear a hill. On the other side of the hill it lost height and crashed at a flat angle into rising ground. about one mile further on from the high tension cables. The aircraft crashed 3 miles north of Ashbourne, Derbyshire. It burnt on impact and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAF FO Revitt, D R (Screened Pilot)
RAAF 425202 FO O'Connor, E M M (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt Morrison, (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt Scammel, K G B (Wireless Air Gunner)

FO Revitt is buried in the Abington (SS Peter and Paul) Churchyard, UK.

FO O'Connor is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Scammel is buried in the Ashbourne Cemetery, UK.

Commonwealth War Graves do not show where Flt Sgt Morrison is buried.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

430172 Flight Sergeant HUGGINS, Norman Walter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/599 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 562
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 (C) Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 21st January 1945, Hudson AM562 took off from RAF Turnberry, Scotland, at 1015 hours, on a non operational flight, it climbed and then crashed into the sea, two miles off Maiden Harbour, Ayrshire, Scotland. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF WO J Robertson, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt K R Kelsall,. (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
 RAAF 430172 Flt Sgt N W Huggins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 432194 Flt Sgt J V Jenkins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt P B Joseph, (Met Observer)

Flt Sgt's Huggins and Jenkins are buried in the Dunure Cemetery, Maybole, Ayrshire, Scotland.

Sgt Joseph is buried in the West Norwood Cemetery and Cemetery, UK.

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

Commonwealth War Graves do not record where WO Robertson is buried.

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

432194 Flight Sergeant JENKINS, James Vincent

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/599 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 562
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 (C) Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 21st January 1945, Hudson AM562 took off from RAF Turnberry, Scotland, at 1015 hours, on a non operational flight, it climbed and then crashed into the sea, two miles off Maiden Harbour, Ayrshire, Scotland. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF WO J Robertson, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt K R Kelsall,. (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
 RAAF 430172 Flt Sgt N W Huggins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 432194 Flt Sgt J V Jenkins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt P B Joseph, (Met Observer)

Flt Sgt's Huggins and Jenkins are buried in the Dunure Cemetery, Maybole, Ayrshire, Scotland.

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

Commonwealth War Graves do not record where WO Robertson is buried.

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410078 Flight Sergeant MORTON, Ronald Henry Robert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/175 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	T 9352
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 (C) OP Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 29/30th October, 1943, Hudson T9352 took off from RAF Long Kesh, at 1944 hours, to carry out a night non-operational flight., to St Kilda via Barra Head and return to Portrush. W/T go was received at 2005 hours, but no other W/T was received until 2301 hours when a 3rd class fix was obtained giving a position 56.16N 07.50E. After this nothing further was heard from the aircraft, but later an aircraft was reported in the Oban district which might have been T9352. Searches for the missing aircraft over the next 48 hours produced no result.

Crew:

RAF PO McDonald, A B Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 410078 Flt Sgt R H R Morton, (Navigator)
RCAF Flt Sgt E K Maden, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Flt Sgt J R Baxter, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The body of Flt Sgt Morton was recovered from the sea on 9/12/423 and he was buried at Portree (Stronuinish) Cemetery, Scotland. The other crew members have no known grave, and their names are commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

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401610 Sergeant BURNS, Bobbie de Savary

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/94/262 Commonwealth War Graves Records

Aircraft Type:	Hampden
Serial number:	AE 255
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 18th August 1942, Hampden AE255 crashed when taking off on a solo night practice flight. AE55 crashed one quarter of a mile south of Turnberry, Ayrshire, Scotland, and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 401610 Sgt B de S Burns, (Pilot)

RNZAF Sgt J M Ryan, (Wireless Operator)

Later investigation of the accident stated that “the cause of the accident was obscure. The elevator trim tabs were in the up position, which would tend to make the aircraft nose heavy. The position of the trimmer tabs may have been due to the crash on impact. The wheel in the cockpit showed the pointer at zero the correct position of the tabs for take off. The aircraft struck the ground at a flat angle and in fact almost horizontal.”

Sgt Burns is buried in the Dunure Cemetery, UK.

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418001 Flight Sergeant MCCALLUM, Norman Francis Dougald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/148 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 694
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 29th November 1943, Hudson AM694 took off at 1520 hours, to practice a non operational bombing detail on the Lough Neagh range. At 1609 hours the aircraft completed the exercise and proceeded to an area around Templepatrick. It then proceeded to carry out steep turns around Loughermore Estate, where it carried out unauthorised flying instead of returning to base.

During one of these turns both engines appeared to be throttled back and the aircraft began to lose height rapidly and continued to do so until just before impact. The aircraft stalled during a steep turn to port with insufficient height for the Pilot to regain control. It appeared to right itself for a second or so, but it then hit the ground with the port wing first. Both engines were under power at the time of impact, when the aircraft broke up and burst into flames. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 409839 FO Keane, J R Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 421168 FO Connell, F A (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 418542 Flt Sgt W M Mullins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 418001 Flt Sgt N F D McCallum, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Eglantine (All Saints) Church of Ireland Cemetery, Hillsborough, County Down, Northern Ireland.

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418542 Flight Sergeant MULLINS, William Murray

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/148 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 694
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Operational Trg RAF

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RAAF 421168 FO Connell, F A (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
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421168 Flying Officer CONNELL, Francis Aloysius

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/148 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 694
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 29th November 1943, Hudson AM694 took off at 1520 hours, to practice a non operational bombing detail on the Lough Neagh range. At 1609 hours the aircraft completed the exercise and proceeded to an area around Templepatrick. It then proceeded to carry out steep turns around Loughermore Estate, where it carried out unauthorised flying instead of returning to base.

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Crew:

RAAF 409839 FO Keane, J R Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 421168 FO Connell, F A (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 418542 Flt Sgt W M Mullins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 418001 Flt Sgt N F D McCallum, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Eglantine (All Saints) Church of Ireland Cemetery, Hillsborough, County Down, Northern Ireland.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409839 Flying Officer KEANE, John Russell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/22/148 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	AM 694
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	5 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 29th November 1943, Hudson AM694 took off at 1520 hours, to practice a non operational bombing detail on the Lough Neagh range. At 1609 hours the aircraft completed the exercise and proceeded to an area around Templepatrick. It then proceeded to carry out steep turns around Loughermore Estate, where it carried out unauthorised flying instead of returning to base.

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RAAF 421168 FO Connell, F A (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 418542 Flt Sgt W M Mullins, (Wireless Air Gunner)
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All the crew are buried in the Eglantine (All Saints) Church of Ireland Cemetery, Hillsborough, County Down, Northern Ireland.

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418120 Pilot Officer HUMPHREYS, Bruce Lettington

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/331 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4232
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	51 Base RAF

Summary:

On the 17th April 1944, Lancaster W4232 took off from RAF Syerston drome at 1559 hours, on a day cross country exercise. At about 1600 hours the Pilot was asked by Control to report the height of the cloud base by W/T. This was acknowledged but no further wireless message was received.

At 1605 hours witnesses saw the port outer main plane of the aircraft break away when the height was about 1000 feet, after which the aircraft dived vertically to the ground All the crew were killed..

Crew:

RAAF 4118120 PO Humphreys, B L Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A H Farrell. (Navigator)
RAF Sgt N H Cutler, (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt A Townsley, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Brown, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt Davies, (Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A D Bale, (Air Gunner)

PO Humphreys is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery.

Sgt Farrell is buried in the Blackpool (Carleton), Poulton-Le-Fylde, Cemetery.

Sgt Cutler is buried in the Castleford (Whitwood) Cemetery, UK

Sgt Bale is buried in the Darlington West Cemetery, UK.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

417548 Flight Sergeant WILLIAMS, Raymond George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/167 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5726
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

At 1545 hours on the 4th April 1944, Lancaster R5726 exploded in mid air approx half a mile from Branston, Nottinghamshire, and about 15 miles from Nottingham. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 413640 FO Murray, J D Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt S Chappell, (Flight Engineer)
 RAAF 421105 FO Towers, W L (Observer)
 RAAF 424190 Flt Sgt W H Keeble, (Navigator)
 RAAF 419308 FO Grimwood, F L (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 417548 Flt Sgt R G Williams, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt R E J Sisley, (Rear Gunner)

The five RAAF crew members are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.
 Sgt Chappell is buried in the South Kelsey (St Nicholas) Churchyard, UK.
 Sgt Sisley is buried in the Dover (Charlton) Cemetery, UK.

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

424190 Flight Sergeant KEEBLE, William Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/40/167 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	R 5726
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	27 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

At 1545 hours on the 4th April 1944, Lancaster R5726 exploded in mid air approx half a mile from Branston, Nottinghamshire, and about 15 miles from Nottingham. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 413640 FO Murray, J D Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt S Chappell, (Flight Engineer)
 RAAF 421105 FO Towers, W L (Observer)
 RAAF 424190 Flt Sgt W H Keeble, (Navigator)
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RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

415800 Pilot Officer LAIDLER, Patrick William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/24/427 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaster
Serial number:	W 4102
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	51 Flying Base RAF

Summary:

On the 14th April 1944, Lancaster W4102 took off from RAF Syverston, on a non-operational flight. Forty minutes after take off the aircraft was seen to collide with an Airspeed Oxford at about 1000 hours. W4102 crashed in the vicinity of the drome and was a complete write off All rhe crew were killed..

Crew:

RCAF FO Richardson H (Pilot Instructor)
RAAF 415800 PO Laidler, P W (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt H H Herbert, (Flight Engineer)
RAF FO P W R Holes, (Navigator)
RAF FO McRuer C W (Air Bomber)
RAF Sgt G R Aspinall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Edwards, (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt Couldstown, (Rear Gunner)
RAF AC2 Stokes, (U/T Aircrew)

FO Richardson, PO Laidler and Sgt Herbert are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK. All the others on board are buried in their home towns.

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

420616 Warrant Officer FROST William Donald Garland

Source:

AWM 237 65) NAA : A705, 166/27/779 Commonwealth War Graves Records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	HK 141
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	51 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 10th February 1945, Mosquito HK141 took off from RAF Cranfield on a non-operational flight. It crashed at 2020 hours at Red Farm near Mount Helvellyn, and both the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 420616 WO W D G Frost, (Pilot)

RAAF 433705 Flt Sgt C B Marshall, (Navigator)

Both the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

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

413583 Warrant Officer HARDMAN, Frank Herbert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/890 Commonwealth War Graves record

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	HJ 914
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	51 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 8th December 1944, Mosquito HJ914 was detailed to carry out a solo non-operational day flight. The aircraft in company with WO Jackson in another Mosquito took off from RAF Middle Wallop at 1145 hours for a cine gun exercise. The weather at the time was eight tenths cloud at 2500 feet lowering to 1500 feet in showers. Visibility 6 miles but down to a mile or less in showers.

At about 1310 hours, WO Hardman called on the R/T that the exercise was completed, and WO Jackson caught a fleeting glimpse of the other aircraft breaking off to port at a height of about 4000 feet. The aircraft were then between Southampton and Portsmouth. A few minutes later about 1313 hours, two aircraft were seen approaching Fort Southwick (which is north of Portsmouth), from the south east, at about 5/600 feet above ground level, and a hill about 400 feet above sea level.

There was a squall passing through the area at the time. One aircraft continued on a north westerly course, but the other was suddenly seen to go into a spin, hit the ground, explode and catch fire. This was HJ914 flown by WO Hardman.

A Flying Accident report stated : “The cause of the accident is obscure, but the following are possibilities : That the Pilot due to inexperience on the type of aircraft, lost control in squally conditions, or that there was structural failure, or failure of controls, which is not apparent from the inspection of a badly damaged aircraft. He should have returned to Middle Wallop, but was flying in the vicinity of the crash for no apparent reason. “ :

Crew:

RAAF 413583 WO F H Hardman, (Pilot)

WO Hardman is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK. Brookwood is 30 miles from London.

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

433705 Flight Sergeant MARSHALL, Corbie Frank

Source:

AWM 237 65) NAA : A705, 166/27/779 Commonwealth War Graves Records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	HK 141
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	51 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 10th February 1945, Mosquito HK141 took off from RAF Cranfield on a non-operational flight. It crashed at 2020 hours at Red Farm near Mount Helvellyn, and both the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 420616 WO W D G Frost, (Pilot)

RAAF 433705 Flt Sgt C B Marshall, (Navigator)

Both the crew are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

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

422636 Flight Sergeant MORGAN, William David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/266 Commonwealth War Graves Records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	2069
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	51 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 24th March 1944, Beaufighter 2069 took off from RAF Station Twinwood Farm. The aircraft crashed at 1447 hours at Easton Mendit, Northamptonshire, UK, and both the crew were killed. There was an indication that the aircraft was low flying, hit a tree top, crashed and burnt.

Crew:

RAAF 421938 Flt Sgt J H Roberts, (Pilot)
RAAF 422636 Flt Sgt W D Morgan, (Navigator)

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

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

421938 Flight Sergeant ROBERTS, John Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/266 Commonwealth War Graves Records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	2069
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	51 Op Training RAF

Summary:

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

422676 Pilot Officer OWEN, Jervis John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : 166/31/140 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	X 7597
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	51 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 22nd April 1944, Beaufighter X7597 from RAF Cranfield, crashed at 0015 hours at Westoning, UK. The aircraft spun in and both the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 422507 FO Richins, S W L (Pilot)

RAAF 422676 PO Owen J J (Navigator)

FO Richins is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

PO Owen was cremated at the Cambridge Crematorium.

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

408023 Flight Lieutenant PITT, Douglas Henry Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/287 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	R 2139
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	51 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 21st January 1944, Beaufighter R2139 took off from RAF Twinwood at 0730 hours, for RAF Cranfield. The aircraft made a slightly low approach and appeared to be throttled back to make an almost normal touch down.. About 300 yards short of the runway. the aircraft struck a lorry housing the Beam Approach Inner Marker and came to rest 100 yards further on. The Pilot received severe head injuries from which he died, and the Observer some facial injuries.

Crew:

RAAF 408023 Flt Lt Pitt, D H F (Pilot)

RAAF 422676 FO Owen, J J (Observer)

Flt Lt Pitt is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

FO Owen was to lose his life later on operations on 22nd April 1944.

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

422507 Flying Officer RICHINS, Stuart William Legge

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : 166/31/140 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	X 7597
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	51 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 22nd April 1944, Beaufighter X7597 from RAF Cranfield, crashed at 0015 hours at Westoning, UK. The aircraft spun in and both the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 422507 FO Richins, S W L (Pilot)

RAAF 422676 PO Owen J J (Navigator)

FO Richins is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

PO Owen was cremated at the Cambridge Crematorium.

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

404263 Pilot Officer ROWLAND, Henry Barrymore

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/55/149 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Stirling
Serial number:	N 6066
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	51 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 24th December 1941, Stirling N6066 from RAF Station Waterbeach, crashed at 1445 hours at West End Farm, Kimpston, near Bedford.

Crew:

RAAF	404263 PO Rowland, H B (Observer)	Captain	Killed
RAF	Sgt E R Bowman, (Pilot)		Died of Injuries
RAAF	404393 Sgt V C Akes, (Pilot)		Died of injuries
RAF	Sgt G H Savoy, (Flight Engineer)		Killed
RAF	Sgt E C Welsh, (Air Gunner)		Killed
RAF	Sgt Clarke,		Died of injuries
RAF	Cpl J Dawson,		Seriously Injured
RAF	Cpl J Mainwaring,		Slight Injuries
RAF	Cpl Atkinson,		Slight Injuries

PO Rowland is buried in the Sunfold (St Peter) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Bowman is buried in the Bangor Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Akes is buried in the Wyton (St Margaret and All saints) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Savoy is buried in the Waterbeach Cemetery, UK.

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

407250 Sergeant QUINT, Peter Bryan Tyers

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/154/22 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	W 9175
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	52 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 6th October 1941, Hurricane W9175 from RAF Station Aston Down, Gloucestershire, was detailed to carry out a training intercept and practice attack on another section of three aircraft led by PO Neale (an Instructor) and two Pupils.

Hurricane W9175 crashed as a result of over correction by the Pilot at low altitude after being caught in the slip stream of the other aircraft.

Crew:

RAAF 407250 Sgt P B T Quint, (Pilot)

Sgt Quint is buried in the Minchinhampton (Holy Trinity) Churchyard, UK.

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

412786 Sergeant WILLIAMSON, Douglas Clarence

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/178/431 Commonwealth War Graves Records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	X 4059
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	52 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 15th October 1942, Spitfire X4059 from RAF Station Aston Downs, Somerserset, crashed half a mile from the Aston Downs aerodrome, and the pilot was killed. The Spitfire was detailed to carry out formation flying practice with Master aircraft AZ364 flown by FO Lawton. After one hour, the formation was to break up and the pilots were to practice aerobatics. As the Spitfire was entering the circuit it collided with the Master aircraft, and both aircraft crashed. The occupants in both aircraft were killed.

A Flying accident report stated : “ The Pilot of the Spitfire failed to keep a sufficiently good lookout causing him to collide with the Master aircraft.”

Crew: Spitfire X4059

RAAF 412786 Sgt D C Williamson, (Pilot)

Crew : Master AZ364

RAF PO Lawson, J C (1st Pilot)

RAF PO Holt G L A (Pupil Pilot)

Sgt Williamson and PO Lawson are buried in the Cirencester Cemetery, UK.
PO Holt is buried in the Haselmere (St Bartholomew) Churchyard, UK.

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

421366 Flight Sergeant MORRISON, Robert Bruce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/293 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	P 823
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	53 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 5th May 1944, Spitfire took off at 1040 hours to carry out a non-operational low level cross country flight maintaining a height along the route of 200 feet above ground level. The aircraft crashed after striking a tree near Skirlaugh, about 5 miles NNE of Hull.

After take off the Pilot made R/T contact with Sector operations. He informed them of what exercise he was going on and no further R/T communication was made. Just before 1235 hours a witness saw an aircraft approaching at a fairly high speed at about 50 feet above the ground. The aircraft hit a tree 25 feet above the ground, it cart wheeled, crashed and burst into flames.

A Flying accident report stated : “ The Primary cause for the accident was bad airmanship on the part of the Pilot. A Contributory cause was slightly bumpy conditions in which the aircraft might have lost some height.”

Crew:

RAAF 421366 Flt Sgt R B Morrison, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Morrison is buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire.

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

408288 Sergeant STOREY, Ivan Waddell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/163/564 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	AR 255
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	53 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 30th October 1942, Sgt Josephs a Staff Pilot was detailed to convey PO Andrews in a Master W8369 from 53 Op Training unit to Yeovilton to collect Spitfire AR255 piloted by Sgt Storey, which had force landed at Yeovilton owing to being lost. Sgt Josephs was instructed to bring Sgt Storey (a Pupil at the unit) back in the Master. Sgt Josephs arrived at Yeovilton and picked up Sgt Storey and during the return journey when 10 miles west of Weston Zoyland the aircraft crashed into Spitfire AR255 (flown by Andrews) at about 1230 hours, when low flying in bad visibility while carrying out formation flying on the return journey. Occupants in both aircraft were killed.

Crew: Master W8369

RAF Sgt H Josephs, (Staff Pilot)

RAAF 408288 Sgt I W Storey, (Pupil Pilot)

Crew : Spitfire AR255

RAF PO Andrews B W (Pilot)

Sgt Josephs is buried in the Sunderland (Mere Knolls) Cemetery, UK.

PO Andrews and Sgt Storey are buried in the Bridgewater Quantoc Road Cemetery, Somerset, UK.

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

404930 Pilot Officer DIXON, James Edward Manners

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/28/69 digitised Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	X 4722
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	53 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 27th December 1941, Spitfire X4722 flown by PO Dixon, crashed at approx 1125 hours at Mayan, near Port Talbot, Glamorgan, Wales. The Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 404930 PO Dixon, J E M (Pilot)

PO Dixon is buried in the Llantwit Major Cemetery, Wales, UK.

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

409496 Sergeant BELL, Jack Gordon Stewart

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/7 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	X 4854
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	53 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 2nd January 1943, Spitfire X4854 detailed to carry out cloud flying, crashed in the sea at 1520 hours at Whitmore Stairs, Glamorgan, near Dunraven Castle, Wales. The pilot was killed.

A Flying accident report stated : “ The primary cause for the accident was loss of control while flying in violent atmospheric conditions which led to an uncontrolled dive and a “Ham” attempt to pull out at great speed with the final disintegration of the aircraft

At approx 1545 hours the Squadron duty pilot received information from a Lighthouse keeper that an aircraft had dived into the sea during a heavy isolated shower. Searches found wreckage at low water approx 150 yards from the foreshore in the vicinity of Nash Point.”

Crew:

RAAF 409496 Sgt J G S Bell, (Pilot)

Sgt Bell is buried in the Llantwitt Major Cemetery, UK.

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

405843 Warrant Officer DOUGLAS, Hamilton Alexander

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5540651 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	54 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 18th March 1944, WO Douglas, a Pilot, was killed in an aircraft accident at Winfield, UK. There are no other details from the above NAA file held by Archives.

WO Douglas is buried in the Fogo Churchyard, UK. Fogo is a hamlet on the Blackadder, about 3 miles north of Duns, the capital of Berwickshire, UK.

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

401729 Sergeant HUTCHESSON Clarence Lenord

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/12/209 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	R 2378
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	54 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 13th November 1942, Beaufighter R2378 crashed at 1350 hours at Kettelshiel Farm near Polwarth, Berwickshire, UK, and the crew of two were killed. The aircraft had collided in the air with Beaufighter T3359.

Both aircraft were detailed for a special interception exercise and were flying at about 10,500 feet at the time of the accident. R2378 flew about 20/30 feet directly below the target aircraft T3359, and eventually climbed up and collided with the target aircraft whose vision was very limited. The Pilot of R2378 lost control in the collision and the aircraft crashed.

A Flying accident report stated : “ It seemed likely the both the Pilot and Navigator were flying on instruments when the collision occurred. This appears the case allowing that the Nav/Radio would have warned the Pilot of the impending danger of a collision. There is no explanation as to why they did not bale out. It concluded that the collision was an error of judgement by the Pilot, and that no blame was attributed to the other aircraft.”

Crew:

RAAF 401729 Sgt C L Hutchesson, (Pupil Pilot)
RAF Sgt H M Rickard-Bell (Pupil Nav/Radio)

Sgt Hutchesson is buried in the Fogo Churchyard, UK. Fogo is a hamlet on the Blackadder, about 3 miles north of Duns, the capital of Berwickshire. Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Sgt Rickard-Bell is buried.

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

415541 Flight Sergeant McGRATH, Francis James Victor

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/43/350 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	T 3381
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	54 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 19th September 1943, Beaufighter T3381 crashed at night at Hardens Farm near Duns, Berwickshire, Scotland and the crew of two were killed.

The aircraft was flying at 10,500 feet when the Pilot reported at 2109 hours that an engine or engines were on fire, and that he was baling out. The aircraft hit the ground and exploded, the Pilot's body being found 150 yards away and the body of the Observer was found in the wrecked aircraft.

Crew:

RAAF 415541 Flt Sgt F J V McGrath, (Pilot)

RAAF 409952 Flt Lt Williams, E J S (Navigator)

Flt Sgt McGrath is buried in the Thornaby-on-Tees Cemetery, UK.

Flt Lt Williams is buried in the Foga Churchyard, UK. Foga is a hamlet on the Blackadder, about 3 miles north of Duns, the capital of Berwickshire, Scotland.

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

406626 Sergeant RUTHERFORD, Thomas Alan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 5529325 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	54 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 14th August 1942, Sgt Rutherford, a Pilot, was killed in an aircraft accident. There is no other information on the above NAA file held by archives.

He is buried in the Duns Cemetery, UK.

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

409952 Flight Lieutenant WILLIAMS, Edward John Stacey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 166/43/350 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	T 3381
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	54 Op Training RAF

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Crew:

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RAAF 409952 Flt Lt Williams, E J S (Navigator)

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

411880 Flying Officer DONOHUE, Thomas James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/28/125 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	BA 111
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	54 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 10th November 1942. Blenheim BA111 from RAF Charter Hall, crashed during a solo local flying exercise. The aircraft struck the ground on an even keel and at an angle of glide of approx 45 degrees. The cause of the accident was the failure of the starboard engine, followed by loss of control by the pilot. The aircraft stalled resulting in a spin and loss of height from which the aircraft did not recover. The Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 411880 FO Donohue, T J (Pilot)

FO Donohue is buried in the Fogo Churchyard, UK. Fogo is a hamlet on the Blackadder, about 3 miles north of Duns the capital of Berwickshire, UK.

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

412928 Flying Officer DUNN, Patrick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/86 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	V 8897
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	54 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 28th June 1943, Beaufighter V8897 took off from RAF Lyneham at 1526 hours, in transit to Portreath. It crashed at 1630 hours at Geralavellan, and FO Dunn was killed, and the Navigator was dangerously injured. .

The Navigator had pinpointed Portreath and the Pilot commenced a left hand circuit preparatory to landing. The navigator noticed nothing unusual until it had lost considerable height and had changed direction out to sea.

He then observed that the port propeller had stopped, and this was found later to be due to a bearing WO5 articulating connecting rod at the wrist pin and most probable that a local fire had started immediately. The aircraft was next observed by Lt Goddard Gill at 50 feet above sea level flying straight towards him, when at approx 3/400 yards away the aircraft started to climb and cleared a cliff edge by a few feet. The aircraft then continued to climb to about 200 feet and then lost height and crashed in a field. The Pilot must have attempted to lower the undercarriage which was partly retracted.

Crew:

RAAF 412928 FO Dunn, P (Pilot)
RAF `PO Wiltshire K F (Navigator)

FO Dunn is buried in the Illogan (St Illogan) Churchyard, UK.

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

418047 Flying Officer BIGMORE, Gordon William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/328 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	T 3428
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	54 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 18th October 1943, Beaufighter T3428 had completed a night flying exercise, and while on a circuit of the drome prior to landing, flew into a wood on some high ground 500 feet above the drome, and 3.5 miles from the centre of the drome. The aircraft crashed at 2110 hours at Green Law, Berwickshire, about 15 miles south west of Peterborough, UK.

Crew:

RAAF 418047 FO Bigmore, G W (Pupil Pilot)

RAAF 410862 FO Hirst, F (Pupil Navigator/Radio)

FO Bigmore was killed and he is buried in the Fogo Cemetery, Berwickshire, Scotland.
FO Hirst was dangerously injured. He survived the crash and the war and was discharged a Flt Lt from the RAAF on 18/3/1946

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414123 Flight Sergeant ATHERTON, Henry Marinus

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/95 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	AG 275
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	55 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 23 April 1943, Hurricane AG275 during a non-operational day formation flying practice, crashed at 1200 hours at Coniston, Cumberland, Scotland, and the Pilot was killed.

Crew: AG 275

RAAF 412399 Flt Sgt L T Cook, (Pilot)

Crew : AG264

RAAF 414123 Flt Sgt H M Atherton, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt's Cook and Atherton are buried in the Haverigg (St Luke) Churchyard, Millom, UK.

A Flying Accident Report stated : "The Pilot having completed an hours formation flying with an Instructor, was broke off with another Pupil (Flt Sgt Atherton in Hurricane AG264) over Maryport in the low flying area, and both were ordered over the R/T to carry out low flying and D/F homing singly, not in pairs, and to watch the weather and stay local. The two pilots then flew off in a southerly direction and later crashed into a hill.

Prior to this flight, Sgt Cook and his companion (Flt Sgt Atherton) were heard by other Pupils discussing the prospects of going to Blackpool. They went aware of their position when broken away by the Instructor. The crash was only a few miles east of track between Maryport and Blackpool. Gross disobedience of orders about which numerous orders have been given and lack of experience was the cause of this accident."

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418047 Flying Officer BIGMORE, Gordon William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NA : A705, 166/5/328 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Baufighter
Serial number:	T 3428
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	54 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 18th October 1943, Beaufighter T3428 had carried out a night flying exercise, and while on a circuit of the drome prior to landing after the exercise, flew into a wood on some high ground, 500 feet above the drome and crashed. The pilot was killed. The aircraft crashed at Green Law about 15 miles south west of Peterborough, Berwickshire, UK.

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RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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412399 Flight Sergeant COOK, Leonard Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/95 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	AG 275
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	55 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 23 April 1943, Hurricane AG275 during a non-operational day formation flying practice, crashed at 1200 hours at Coniston, Cumberland, Scotland, and the Pilot was killed.

Crew: AG 275

RAAF 412399 Flt Sgt L T Cook, (Pilot)

Crew : AG264

RAAF 414123 Flt Sgt H M Atherton, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt's Cook and Atherton are buried in the Haverigg (St Luke) Churchyard, Millom, UK.

A Flying Accident Report stated : "The Pilot having completed an hours formation flying with an Instructor, was broke off with another Pupil (Flt Sgt Atherton in Hurricane AG264) over Maryport in the low flying area, and both were ordered over the R/T to carry out low flying and D/F homing singly, not in pairs, and to watch the weather and stay local. The two pilots then flew off in a southerly direction and later crashed into a hill.

Prior to this flight, Sgt Cook and his companion (Flt Sgt Atherton) were heard by other Pupils discussing the prospects of going to Blackpool. They went aware of their position when broken away by the Instructor. The crash was only a few miles east of track between Maryport and Blackpool. Gross disobedience of orders about which numerous orders have been given and lack of experience was the cause of this accident."

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405126 Sergeant GANE, Albert Leslie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/45/121 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	AG 125
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	55 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 6th July 1942, Hurricane AG125 took off on a non-operational day formation flying practice. It crashed at 0930 hours at Solway Firth, Cumberland, Scotland, and the Pilot was killed. The accident occurred when PO Maxwell a Staff Pilot what leading Sgt Gane and Robieson (in Hurricane Z7077), in a line astern formation, and it appears that the two aircraft collided, and became locked together and crashed Both Pilots were killed.

Crew: AG125

RAAF 405126 Sgt A L Gane, (Pilot)

Crew Z7077

RAF Sgt Robieson, (Pilot)

Both Pilots are buried in the Annan Cemetery, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, UK.

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407454 Sergeant PIGGOTT, Peter Morphet

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/93/385 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Masters
Serial number:	T 8567
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	55 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 30th December 1941, Masters T8567 took off at 1430 hours and Masters N8076 at 1505 hours, from RAF Usworth, Instructions were given to both Pilots by Flt Sgt Goode to land at home base after half an hours flying and exchange seats, with one occupant to act as safety Pilot while the other was under the hood. Special attention was drawn to the prevailing weather. Both aircraft collided at 1550 hours, and crashed into the gardens of two different houses, and all on board being killed.

Crew: T8567

RCAF PO Kirby, A R (Pilot)

RAAF 407758 Sgt L D Wright, (Pilot)

Crew : N8076

RAAF 407454 Sgt P M Piggott, (Pilot)

RAAF 14227 Sgt W G Bothe, (Pilot)

All the four members are buried in the Hylton (Castletown) Cemetery, UK. The Hylton parish is 3 miles west of Sunderland.

A Flying accident report later stated : "The cause of the accident was due to the fact that the Pilot or Pilots failed to maintain sufficient look out while flying in the vicinity of the drome.

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402175 Sergeant WADDY, Richard Selkirk

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/196/99 Commonwealth war Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	V 6539
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	55 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 21st April 1941, Hurricane V6539 took off from RAF Usworth, and crashed at about 2000 hours near east Bolton, County Durham, UK. The Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 402175 Sgt R S Waddy, (Pilot)

Sgt Waddy is buried in the Hylton (Castletown) Cemetery, UK.

A report by the Sqn Ldr Flying at RAF Usworth stated : “The aircraft took off at 1809 hours. I gave instructions that no aircraft was to land at Usworth at the moment as a bank of fog had suddenly enveloped the drome. I gave orders over the R/T for all aircraft to circle Usworth until cleared or alternatively to land at Ouston or Acklington if Usworth was not clear in a reasonable time. Some 20 minutes after I noticed Sgt Waddy still circling the drome and as I considered it unfit to land, I told him to land at Ouston or Acklington as they were clear. Sgt Waddy had lost sight of the drome and did not know his position, so instructions were given for him to be homed to Usworth.

Fifteen minutes later Waddy was again circling the drome, but it was still unfit to land. He was told to stand by for a vector to Ouston. It was not possible to fly direct from Usworth to Ouston due to balloons, so the first vector given was 270 for 4 minutes, This was acknowledged, but Waddy left his transmitter on after the acknowledgement, which means that he did not receive the second vector which would have brought him to Ouston. Sgt Waddy eventually switched off his transmitter 18 minutes later, and called up Ackbar. On receipt of this message I instructed Ackbar to home Waddy to Usworth where I intended to instruct him to land him irrespective of the weather knowing that he must be short of petrol. Unfortunately Waddy was out of R/T touch for a further 20 minutes, due I think to flying very low.

He was eventually contacted by R/T and he informed Ackbar he was circling the “Monument” and was short of petrol. A Flt Cdr who was standing by in a Hurricane was then ordered off the ground and told to contact Waddy at the “Monument” and bring him back to the drome. The Flt Cdre was unable to find Waddy immediately, and as the latter had only five gallons of petrol left, I instructed Waddy to select a field and carry out a forced landing with the undercarriage retracted. There was no further communication received from Waddy over the R/T.”

As the aircraft was force landing the starboard main plane struck a building causing the aircraft to crash before reaching the selected field. The Pilot made no attempt to use his chute.

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407758 Sergeant WRIGHT, Leonard Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/93/385 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Masters
Serial number:	T 8567
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	55 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 30th December 1941, Masters T8567 took off at 1430 hours and Masters N8076 at 1505 hours, from RAF Usworth, Instructions were given to both Pilots by Flt Sgt Goode to land at home base after half an hours flying and exchange seats, with one occupant to act as safety Pilot while the other was under the hood. Special attention was drawn to the prevailing weather. Both aircraft collided at 1550 hours, and crashed into the gardens of two different houses, and all on board being killed.

Crew: T8567

RCAF PO Kirby, A R (Pilot)

RAAF 407758 Sgt L D Wright, (Pilot)

Crew : N8076

RAAF 407454 Sgt P M Piggott, (Pilot)

RAAF 14227 Sgt W G Bothe, (Pilot)

All the four members are buried in the Hylton (Castletown) Cemetery, UK. The Hylton parish is 3 miles west of Sunderland.

A Flying accident report later stated : "The cause of the accident was due to the fact that the Pilot or Pilots failed to maintain sufficient look out while flying in the vicinity of the drome.

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14227 Sergeant BOTHE, William Gilbert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/93/385 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Masters
Serial number:	T 8567
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	55 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 30th December 1941, Masters T8567 took off at 1430 hours and Masters N8076 at 1505 hours, from RAF Usworth, Instructions were given to both Pilots by Flt Sgt Goode to land at home base after half an hours flying and exchange seats, with one occupant to act as safety Pilot while the other was under the hood. Special attention was drawn to the prevailing weather. Both aircraft collided at 1550 hours, and crashed into the gardens of two different houses, and all on board being killed.

Crew: T8567

RCAF PO Kirby, A R (Pilot)

RAAF 407758 Sgt L D Wright, (Pilot)

Crew : N8076

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413014 Flying Officer McQUALTER, Max Stanley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/146 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	P 3039
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	55 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 27th May 1943, Hurricane P3039 took off on a non-operational day camera gun exercise. The aircraft crashed at 1230 hours, half a mile north of the Edderside Village, and the Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 413014 FO McQualter, M S (Pilot)

FO McQualter is buried in the Silloth (Causewayhead) Cemetery, Holme Low, UK.

A Flying Accident report stated that : “ McQualter was authorised to carry out a day camera gun exercise with Sgt McMinn flying as target aircraft. The target was carrying out a gentle evasive manoeuvre when Sgt McMinn suddenly realized that Sgt McQualter was no longer with him. He could get no reply from him and could find no trace of his aircraft, so he returned to base and landed. An examination of the wreckage of P3039 and eyewitnesses accounts shows that the aircraft spun into the ground, although it cannot be determined at what height the aircraft went into a spin, and that the pilot was unable to recover from the spin.”

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403506 Sergeant DOLMAN, Horace Edward

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/103/170 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	Z 4199
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	56 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 9th March 1942, Hurricane Z4199 took off at 0935 hours, for cloud formation flying practice. The aircraft crashed between Alburgh and Harkston, Norwich, UK, and the Pilot was killed.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident found that ; “The Pilot whilst carrying out a simple formation practice, lost his Leader in a dive, and whilst looking for him did not notice his close proximity to the ground. He started pulling out too late, striking the ground almost in flying position. It was considered an error of judgement by the Pilot.”

Crew:

RAAF 403506 Sgt H E Dolman, (Pilot)

Sgt Dolman is buried in the Norwich Cemetery, Norfolk, UK.

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412622 Flight Sergeant MURRAY, Stanley William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/28/164 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	W 9311
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	56 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 11th October 1943, Hurricane W9311 from RAF Montrose, spun in and crashed at Mains, Dun Farm, and the Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 412622 Flt Sgt S W Murray, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Murray is buried in the Montrose Sleepyhillock Cemetery, Scotland.

A Flying Accident report stated : “ Two aircraft flown by Flt Sgt Murray and Sgt Blair took off at 1515 hours to carry out an exercise quarter attacks from a head on approach. They proceeded to the Montrose Basin area, Murray acting as the target aircraft. Blair completed his attacks successfully. The aircraft then changed over and Sgt Blair became the target aircraft.

Murray completed three attacks successfully. The fourth attack was the last that Blair saw of Murray. He tried to make contact by R/T but failed. He then contacted the ground station and returned to base. Eye witnesses stated that Murray completed his 4th attack but to do so involved a very tight turn .He then appeared to have closed to very close astern of Blair, and then continued in a steep bank away to starboard and downwards, which developed into a slow spin, from which the aircraft did not recover before it hit the ground.”

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419050 Flight Sergeant LYNN, William Archibald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/25/128 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	A 4695
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	57 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 17th March 1944, Spitfire A4695 during a non-operational formation flying exercise, collided in mid air with Spitfire R6596 and crashed at 0909 hours at Hepburn Moore, Northumberland, UK. The Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 419050 Flt Sgt W A Lynn, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Lynn is buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

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420277 Sergeant ROSS, Theo Gilson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/46 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	N 3196
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	57 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 9th April 1943, Spitfire N3196 took off from RAF Custon to carry out a day flight training. During the flight the aircraft was engaged in a height climb, and was last seen doing aerobatics, Eye witnesses were of the opinion that the Pilot executed aerobatics at no great altitude and finally stalled for reasons unknown. The aircraft crashed into the sea near Fairlie Farm, Shotley Bridge, one and a half miles west of Whittanstell, Northumberland, and the Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 420277 Sgt T G Ross, (Pilot)

Sgt Ross is buried in the Stamfordham (St Mary) Churchyard, Northumberland, UK.

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401893 Flight Sergeant BROWN, Eric Lindsay

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/83 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	P 8387
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	57 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 25th March 1943, Spitfire P8387 took off from RAF Esabott, on a non-operational day training flight, It crashed into hills at 1030 hours, at Dunstable, Wooler, Kirknewton, while flying in cloud, and the Pilot was killed.

Crew : RAAF 401893 Flt Sgt E L Brown, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Brown is buried in the Chevington Cemetery, Acklington, Northumberland, UK.

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404359 Sergeant MOWAT, Norman Ware

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/145/142 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	X 4843
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	57 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 26th September 1941, Spitfire X4843 was detailed to carry out a solo exercise in cloud flying in an area between Cheater and Wrexham. The aircraft stayed from the cloud flying area it was instructed to fly in, to the extent of 50 miles westward, and it crashed when it hit Mount Arran in North Wales at about 2000 feet The Pilot was killed.

The weather and poor visibility may have been contributory factors to the crash. There was no evidence of R/T failure, and the compass had not been checked for two months but this was not considered a contributory factor.

Crew:

RAAF 404359 Sgt N W Mowat, (Pilot)

Sgt Mowat is buried in the Llanbeblig Public Cemetery, Caernarfon, Wales.

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412884 Sergeant BELL, Ronald Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/55 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	P 8362
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	57 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 27th February 1943, Spitfire P8362 on a non-operational training exercise Balbo, crashed at 1700 hours at Eshott Home Farm, 3 miles SSE of Eshott drome, Northumberland. The Pilot was killed in the crash.

There was a mid-air collision between Bell flying Spitfire P8362 as No 2 in Yellow section and Sgt Myhre (RAF), a Norwegian, flying No 3 Yellow section in Spitfire P8360. The Section was led by FO Bailey and was some distance behind the rest of the Squadron. The Section Leader opened up and was ordered by the Sqn Commander to turn to starboard. This turn would have brought the section over the drome. It was considered that either No 3 overshot No 2 and collided, or that he tried to form up between his Leader and No 2 with the same result.

Crew: P8362

RAAF 412884 Sgt R C Bell, (Pilot)

Crew : P8360

RAF Sgt Myhre, (Pilot)

Sgt Bell is buried in the Chevington Cemetery, Acklington, Northumberland, UK.

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436158 Flying Officer NEVILLE, Maxwell James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : 166/29/235 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mustang
Serial number:	FZ 722
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	57 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 23rd March 1845, Mustang FZ722 on a non-operational day training flight, crashed in a collision in the air with Mustang KM546 Both Pilots were killed in the crash. The accident occurred 30 minutes after take off for a practice flight authorised for a Dog fight at 20,000 feet. It was considered that the mid air collision was caused by an error of judgement by either the Pilot himself or by his partner Pilot. The aircraft crashed near Syderstone, 15 miles north east of Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

Crew: FZ722

RAAF 436158 FO Neville, M J (Pilot)

FO Neville is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.

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400158 Pilot Officer SLOAN, Percival Martin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5252421 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	57 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 27th March 1941, PO Sloan, a Pilot, was killed in an aircraft accident. He is buried in the Hawarden (St Deiniol) Churchyard, UK.

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420057 Sergeant RICKETTS, Robert Joseph Prior

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/79 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	X 4241
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	58 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 10th June 1943, Spitfire X4241 from RAF Grangemouth, took off at 1520 hours, detailed to carry out a cross country flight. The weather must have deteriorated for at 1607 hours an R/T from the Pilot asked for a course to steer home. The aircraft was then at 9000 feet. This was probably above cloud and out of sight of land.

The Pilot was given a course to steer and at 1610 hours he reported he was steering the course and at 8000 feet. The aircraft must have started losing height because at 1614 hours he reported he was flying in cloud at 3000 feet, and was told not to go below that height as the hills were 2300 feet high. However his R/T went off and at 1617 hours the aircraft hit the ground.

The aircraft was found at 200 feet height about 400 yards from the summit of a hill, about 4 miles north of Alloa in Stirlingshire, and only about 12 miles from the drome. The Pilot had been killed.

Crew:

RAAF 420057 Sgt R J P Ricketts, (Pilot)

Sgt Ricketts is buried in the Grangemouth (Grandsable) Cemetery, Stirlingshire, Scotland, UK.

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409765 Flight Sergeant STOKES, Geoffrey Keeley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/189 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	P 9429
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	58 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 29th June 1943, Spitfire P9429, took off from RAF Grangemouth at 1220 hours to carry out a non-operational day training flight, and crashed after take off in a field one quarter of a mile west of the drome. The Pilot was killed.

The aircraft took off in coarse pitch using the full length of the drome. The Pilot attempted to climb but had insufficient power because of the coarse pitch and the aircraft stalled too near to the ground for recovery to be possible. The accident was caused by the Pilot failing to make a complete cockpit check before take off.

Crew:

RAAF 409765 Flt Sgt G K Stokes, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Stokes was buried in the Grangemouth (Grandsable) Cemetery, Stirlingshire, Scotland, UK.

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

`413054 Flight Sergeant WEEDEN, Jeffry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/246 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	P 8694
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	58 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 2nd July 1943, Spitfire P8694 on a non-operational day training flight, crashed at Drip Farm Drip Moss, West Haugh, about two and a half miles north west of Stirling, Stirlingshire, Scotland. The accident was caused by unauthorised low flying by the Pilot.

The Pilot was authorised to practice using the Cine Gun camera on another Spitfire between Stirling and Balado Bridge. After completing the exercise, Weeden proceeded to the low flying areas near Stirling, and after flying in the area for several minutes, the aircraft struck the ground at high speed and the Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 413054 Flt Sgt J Weeden, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Weeden is buried in the Grangemouth (Grandsable) Cemetery, UK.

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414217 Flying Officer FLEMING, Neville Alexander Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : &05, 166/13/16 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	N 3221
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	58 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 6th February 1943, Spitfire N3221 crashed during a non-operational day training flight, at 1935 hours, at Pendoylan,, north of Bonvilstone, Wales, and the Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 4114217 FO Fleming, N A T, (Pilot)

FO Fleming is buried in the Llantwit Major Cemetery, Wales, UK.

A Flying Accident report stated : “ Fleming was detailed to fly no 3 in a formation flying exercise being led by Flt Lt Plagis, and after one hour fifteen minutes of formation flying, Plagis broke up the formation, preparatory to landing. He instructed his No 2 and No 3 to carry out local flying and to pancake after 1 hout 30 minutes flying. Plagis landed at 1019 hours, No 2 at 1025 hours. Fleming who was overdue after 1 hour 30 minutes flying, was called up by R/T Ops. but no reply was received. At 1040 hours a report was received that a Spitfire had crashed and burnt, seven miles north east of base. This was N3221.”

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403078 Pilot Officer SLY, Donald Reginald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9301 Barcode 52522381 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	58 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 17th October 1941, an aircraft flown by PO Sly crashed at Madsdy Moss, north west of Dollar, and the pilot was killed. The aircraft failed to return after flying in formation between Cupor and Leuchers, Scotland.

PO Sly is buried in the Grangemouth Grangsable Cemetery, Scotland, UK.

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

407757 Pilot Officer TUCKER, David Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/59/42 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	P 9320
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	58 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 31st October 1941, Spitfire P9320 from RAF Grangemouth, was detailed to carrying out low flying forced landing exercises coupled with direction finding homing practice. The last radar contact made with the aircraft was a few minutes before 0900 hours. Nothing more was heard from the aircraft which failed to return to base. The body of the Pilot was later located at Gualann, Stirlingshire, Scotland.

Crew:

RAAF 407757 PO Tucker, D T (Pilot)

PO Tucker is buried in the Grangemouth (Grandsable) Cemetery, Scotland, UK.

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

414870 Flight Sergeant O'KEEFFE, David Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/91 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	P 3620
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	59 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 7th August 1943, Hurricane P3620 during a non-operational day training flight, collided in mid air and crashed at 0750 hours at Fenwick Stead, Northumberland.. The Pilot was killed.

P3620 was struck by Hurricane P3104 while doing a quarter attack. The accident was due to disobedience of orders. The Pilots had been certified to do a Section attack led by Flt Lt Atkinson (Instructor), who had to force land due to engine trouble. He ordered the Pupils to pancake, but they disobeyed this, and carried out an unauthorised practice on their own.

Crew: P3620

RAAF 414870 Flt Sgt D J O'Keeffe, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt O'Keeffe is buried in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

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

416464 Flight Sergeant TAVERNER, William Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/39/105 Commonwealth War Grave records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	V 7170
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	59 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 26th July 1943, Hurricane V7170 crashed at 0957 hours at RAF Station Goswick Northumberland, while practising cross-country battle formation. It appeared that the Pilot did not think quick enough and accelerated the stall by pulling the stick back instead of choosing a field to force land in immediately the motor stopped due to engine failure.

Crew:

RAAF 416464 Flt Sgt W C Taverner, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Taverner is buried in the Harrogate, (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire,UK.

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

400807 Sergeant KNIGHT, John Maxwell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/133/133 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	P 3406
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	59 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 13th May 1942, Hurricane P3406 and Hurricane V6954 were detailed to carry out a practice climb to 20,000 feet and after to carry out individual spinning and aerobatics. The aircraft collided in mid air and crashed at 1445 hours two miles east of Cummertees, near Annan, Dumfrieshire, Scotland. Both the crew were killed. Sgt Knight was seen to leave the aircraft low down, but made no attempt to pull the cord of the chute.

Crew: P3406

RAAF 400807 Sgt J M Knight, (Pilot)

Crew : V6954

RAF Sgt A Graham, (Pilot)

A Court of Inquiry into the accident found that : “An error of judgement on the part of one or both pilots while engaged in unauthorised dog fighting. There was insufficient evidence to decide which pilot was responsible.”

The Grp Capt. in charge of RAF Crosby-on-Eden stated “Whether these pilots were engaged in dog fighting or aerobatics is impossible to say.”

Both pilots are buried in the Carlisle (Dalston Road) Cemetery, Scotland.

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

425726 Pilot Officer McDOUGALL, Gordon Andrew

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/239 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	T 9532
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	59 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 6th September 1943, Hurricane T9532 was detailed to carry out a formation training exercise with Hurricane W9145. The aircraft collided with one another, and the tail units of both aircraft broke off and the aircraft caught fire. Both pilots were killed.

Crew: T9532

RAAF 425726 PO McDougall, G A (Pilot)

Crew : W9145

RAF McConvoy, (Pilot)

FO Cattermoul was leading a section of 3 aircraft with McConvoy and McDougall both pupils at Nos 2 and 3 respectively. After take off, the Leader led the formation to the Dunbar area where the air was smoother. After putting the Section into echelon starboard, the Leader told them to stand by for a "Peel Off" to port, then carried out this manoeuvre. No 2 waited until the Leader was diving, then began to "Peel Off" after him, but No 3 (McDougall) banked more steeply than No 2 without waiting for him to dive away. The aircraft collided and exploded at a height of 6000 feet, and Flt Sgt McDougall was killed in the crash. McConvoy baled out or was flung clear and he pulled his ripcord at 3000 feet, landed in the sea and was picked up by a fishing boat. FO Cattermoul was not aware of the accident until he returned to base.

The accident was considered an error of judgement by PO McDougall.

FO McDougall is buried in the Haddington (St Martins) New Burial Ground, UK.

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

425013 Flight Sergeant HARRIGAN, Patrick Daniel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/203 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Oxford
Serial number:	LF 328
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 (C) Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 11th October 1943, Oxford LF328 from RAF Silloth, Cumberland,,was detailed to carry out an operational training W/T exercise. The aircraft crashed at 0900 hours near Finnie Gill, Scotland, and all on board were killed.

There were no eye witnesses to the accident, but a ROC Observer heard an aircraft but could not see it, and in his opinion the engines sounded normal, though appeared to increase in speed as though diving. The aircraft hit the ground in almost a vertical dive.

The cause of the accident was obscure, but it was considered possible that the Pilot had lost control of the aircraft in cloud, and the aircraft dived with not sufficient height to recover.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt D I Wildman, (Pilot)
RAAF 417448 Sgt E H Berry, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425013 Flt Sgt P D Horrigan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F L G Price, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF WO1 J F C Cabot, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Wildman is buried in the East Finchley Cemetery and St Marleybone Crematorium, UK.

Sgt Berry is buried in the Troqueer New Burial Ground, Scotland.

Flt Sgt Horrigan and WO Cabot are buried in the Dumphries (St Andrew) Roman Catholic Cemetery, Scotland.

Sgt Price is buried in the Birmingham (Yardley) Cemetery, UK.

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403566 Pilot Officer DRYDEN, Henry Kelso

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/28/82 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 (C) Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 27th March 1942, a Hudson aircraft crashed during take off and PO Dryden was killed. The other three crew members were uninjured.

Crew:

RAAF 400927 PO Lavery, G H Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 403566 PO Dryden, H K (Observer)
RAF Sgt Knowles, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Slater, (Wireless Air Gunner)

PO Dryden is buried in the Thornaby-on-Tees Cemetery, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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400274 Sergeant GLASS, Ronald Albert

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/117/104 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	N 7228
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 (C) Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 6th November 1941, Hudson N7228 from RAF Thornaby, crashed at 0850 hours at West Acklam, York, near Thornaby-on-Tees. Both the crew died of their injuries.

Crew:

RAAF 400421 Sgt C G Quirk, (1st Pilot)

RAAF 400274 Sgt R A Glass, (2nd Pilot)

Both Pilots are buried in the Thornaby-on-Tees Cemetery, UK.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “ The Pilot decided to come in and land for some unknown reason, erred in his line of approach and decided to go around again. He apparently raised his wheels, but must have stalled into the ground with the flaps in the fully down position, as the aircraft marks caused by the crash, hit the ground in the opposite direction to the line of approach.”

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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400421 Sergeant QUIRK, Colin George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/117/104 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hudson
Serial number:	N 7228
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 (C) Op Trg RAF

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408406 Flying Officer PARSONS, Donald Frederick

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/349 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	P 682
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 (C) Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 6th April 1944, Wellington P682 took off on a day training exercise, and crashed in the sea at Selway Firth at 1020 hours. The bodies of two of the crew were recovered from the sea, and three were missing..

Crew:

RAF FO Simon, D J (1st Pilot)
 RAF FO Gateley, B B (2nd Pilot)
 RAAF 408406 FO Parsons, D F (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
 RAF Sgt H L Regan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt E A Dempsey, (Wireless Air Gunner)

PO Parsons is buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Dempsey is buried in the Silloth (Causeway Head) Cemetery, Holme Low, UK.

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

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated ; “ The aircraft had complete a successful QGH practice and had closed down the R/T and W/T watch. About half an hour later the aircraft was seen burning on the water in a totally wrecked condition.”

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411829 Sergeant RANKIN, John McDonald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/155/106 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Oxford
Serial number:	T 1339
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	9 (Pilots) AFU RAF

Summary:

On the 21st August 1942, Oxford T1339 took off on a night cross-country training flight. It crashed at approx 0510 hours at Cotts Farm, three miles from Chipping Norton, and the crew of two were killed.

A collision occurred between a Wellington and Oxford T1339 shortly after the Oxford had taken off from Chipping Norton. A double row flare path with Goose neck flares were in use at the time of the collision, with the dawn about to break.

Crew:

RAF Sgt S E Downs, (Instructor Pilot)

RAAF 411829 Sgt J McD Rankin, (Pupil Pilot)

Sgt Downs is buried in the Havelock Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Rankin is buried in the Little Rissington (St Peter Churchyard), Gloucestershire, UK.

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417448 Flight Sergeant BERRY, Edward Hughes

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/203 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Oxford
Serial number:	LF 328
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 (C) Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 11th October 1943, Oxford LF328 from RAF Silloth, Cumberland,,was detailed to carry out an operational training W/T exercise. The aircraft crashed at 0900 hours near Finnie Gill, Scotland, and all on board were killed.

There were no eye witnesses to the accident, but a ROC Observer heard an aircraft but could not see it, and in his opinion the engines sounded normal, though appeared to increase in speed as though diving. The aircraft hit the ground in almost a vertical dive.

The cause of the accident was obscure, but it was considered possible that the Pilot had lost control of the aircraft in cloud, and the aircraft dived with not sufficient height to recover.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt D I Wildman, (Pilot)
RAAF 417448 Sgt E H Berry, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 425013 Flt Sgt P D Horrigan, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F L G Price, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF WO1 J F C Cabot, (Wireless Air Gunner)

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Sgt Berry is buried in the Troqueer New Burial Ground, Scotland.

Flt Sgt Horrigan and WO Cabot are buried in the Dumphries (St Andrew) Roman Catholic Cemetery, Scotland.

Sgt Price is buried in the Birmingham (Yardley) Cemetery, UK.

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422126 Flight Sergeant CANAVAN, Reginald Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/314 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LB 137
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 2nd December 1943, Wellington LB137 took off from RAF Silloth, Cumberland, detailed to carry out a non-operational training exercise. The aircraft failed to return, and it was found the next day crashed into a hill on the southern tip of the Mull of Kintyre, Scotland. All the crew had been killed.

It was believed that the aircraft became lost and that owing to a low cloud was probably flying low when it crashed.

Crew:

RAF FO Dransfield, H D (1st Pilot)
 RAF Sgt Duldrige, (2nd Pilot)
 RAAF 420449 FO Cooper, C C (Navigator)
 RNZAF Flt Sg R J Wardrop, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 412750 Flt Sgt V F Suttor, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 422126 Flt Sgt R F Canavan, (Wireless Air Gunner)

FO Dransfield is buried in the Sheffield (Abbey Lane) Cemetery, UK.

FO Cooper, and Flt Sgt's Wardrop, Suttor and Canavan are buried in the Campbel Town (Kilkerran) Cemetery, UK.

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414688 Flight Seargent HUTCHINGS, Mervyn Walter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/116 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 18th June 1943, Flt Sgt Hutchings was killed in a flying accident at Glencaird, south west Scotland. Two RAF members of the crew were also killed.

Crew:

RAAF 414688 Flt Sgt M W Hutchings,
 Plus 2 RAF members

Flt Sgt Hutchings is buried in the Kirkinner Cemetery, Scotland, UK.

No other information is recorded on the above A705 file.

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

412750 Flight Sergeant SUTTOR, Victor Francis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/314 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LB 137
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 2nd December 1943, Wellington LB137 took off from RAF Silloth, Cumberland, detailed to carry out a non-operational training exercise. The aircraft failed to return, and it was found the next day crashed into a hill on the southern tip of the Mull of Kintyre, Scotland. All the crew had been killed.

It was believed that the aircraft became lost and that owing to a low cloud was probably flying low when it crashed.

Crew:

RAF FO Dransfield, H D (1st Pilot)
 RAF Sgt Duldrige, (2nd Pilot)
 RAAF 420449 FO Cooper, C C (Navigator)
 RNZAF Flt Sg R J Wardrop, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 412750 Flt Sgt V F Suttor, (Wireless Air Gunner)
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FO Cooper, and Flt Sgt's Wardrop, Suttor and Canavan are buried in the Campbel Town (Kilkerran) Cemetery, UK.

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421776 Flight Sergeant WALTERS, David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA :A705, 166/43/305 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3986
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 20th August 1943, Wellington X3986 from RAF Silloth, Cumberland, took off for a training flight over the sea. The aircraft crashed in Solway Firth just off the Cumberland coast at 1137 hours, when it force landed in the sea near the bombing range.

The aircraft was engaged in a low level 600 feet bombing exercise. It made a run in to the target, and circled the target. Smoke was seen to come from it, and it then proceeded to ditch in the sea at 1137 hours. Rescue boats failed to pick up any of the crew.

Crew:

RAF Sgt J Waugh, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt Griffiths, (Pilot)
RAAF 421776 Flt Sgt D Walters, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J Marsh, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt S Jackson, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt F T Manley, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sgt Waugh is buried in the Darlington West Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Walters is buried in the Troqueer New Burial Cemetery Grounds, UK.

Sgt Marsh is buried in the Skelmersdale (St Paul's) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Manley is buried in the Huyton (St Michael) Cemetery, UK.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
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420449 Flying Officer COOPER, Charles Clifton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/314 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LB 137
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	6 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 2nd December 1943, Wellington LB137 took off from RAF Silloth, Cumberland, detailed to carry out a non-operational training exercise. The aircraft failed to return, and it was found the next day crashed into a hill on the southern tip of the Mull of Kintyre, Scotland. All the crew had been killed.

It was believed that the aircraft became lost and that owing to a low cloud was probably flying low when it crashed.

Crew:

RAF FO Dransfield, H D (1st Pilot)
 RAF Sgt Duldrige, (2nd Pilot)
 RAAF 420449 FO Cooper, C C (Navigator)
 RNZAF Flt Sg R J Wardrop, (Wireless Air Gunner)
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403008 Sergeant McMILLAN, William Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/141/309 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Defiant
Serial number:	N 3495
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	60 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 4th January 1942, Defiant N3495 crashed near Linton East, Lothian, Scotland, and the crew of two were killed.

A Court of inquiry into the accident stated : “The aircraft flew into the ground whilst on a circuit preparing to land, due to the inexperience and lack of ability on the part of the pilot. There was a sudden deterioration in the weather.”

Crew:

RAAF 403008 Sgt W T McMillan, (Pilot)

RAF Sgt T H Jones, (Air Gunner)

Sgt McMillan is buried in the Haldington (St Martin's) New Burial Ground, Scotland, UK.

Sgt Jones is buried in the Highcliff (St Mark) Churchyard, UK.

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

415059 Sergeant TERRY, Francis George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/166/281 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	L 6752
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	60 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 28th October 1942, Blenheim L6752 took off on an ab-initio non-operational training flight. The aircraft crashed at night about 8 miles from Eat Fortuner drome, and the Pilot was killed.

At the time of the accident all aircraft had been recalled due to the poor but not impossible weather. The Pilot had complained that his gyro appeared to be U/S.

Crew:

RAAF 415059 Sgt F G Terry, (Pilot)

St Terry is buried in the Haddington (St Martin's) New Burial Ground, Haddington, East Lothian, Scotland.

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

434625 Flying Officer DRAHEIM, Leonard John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : 166/10/365 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	HX 816
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	60 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 12th December 1944, Mosquito HX816 from RAF High Excall, near Wellington, Shropshire, when approaching to land from a non-operational flight, dropped a wing and nose dived into the ground. The crew of two were killed.

The aircraft had been having some difficulty with one of its engines, and the Pilot endeavoured to land at another airfield.

Crew:

RAAF 417067 Flt Lt George, N G Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 434625 FO Draheim, L J (Navigator)

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

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

417067 Flight Lieutenant GEORGE, Norman Grantley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : 166/10/365 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	HX 816
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	60 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 12th December 1944, Mosquito HX816 from RAF High Excall, near Wellington, Shropshire, when approaching to land from a non-operational flight, dropped a wing and nose dived into the ground. The crew of two were killed.

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413666 Flight Lieutenant ROBERTS, Alfred Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/36/364 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	W 4086
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	60 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 29 September 1944, Mosquito W4086 took off from RAF High Ercall,, Shropshire, at approx 1440 hours detailed to carry out a solo non-operational day training flight including a sector recce and R/T homings. During there flight the aircraft went into a spin from which it did not recover, and the pilot was killed in the crash.

A Court of Inquiry into the crash stated : “It was possible that the Pilot may have forgotten to change over from the outer tanks after take off. He had been airborne for one hour, the normal endurance of a Mosquito on outer tanks.”

Crew:

RAAF 413666 Flt Lt Roberts, A T (Pilot)

Flt Lt Roberts is buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

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

421953 Flying Officer WILMOT, Peter Royce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,166/43/353 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	DD 671
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	60 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 16 September 1943, Mosquito DD671 took off detailed to carry out a non-operational day flight of formation flying and R/T headings. The aircraft crashed at 1852 hours at Stone Farm, Shewbury North, Shropshire, and the Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 421953 FO Wilmot, P R (Pilot)

FO Royce is buried in the RAF Cemetery, Chester, UK.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated ; “ The Pilot had completed the formation flying with another Mosquito and broke away. He was then seen to carry out tight and steep turns possibly to get on to the tail of the other aircraft. During a steep turn to port the aircraft was observed to flick over in the opposite direction and spin into the ground from a height of 1000 feet. The aircraft burst into flame and was completely wrecked. The Pilot was doing steep turns in an attempt to play with the other aircraft. In fooling about he did an unauthorised and dangerous manoeuvre.”

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

402641 Flight Lieutenant COOLING, Keith Newman

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/26/231 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	HX 972
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	60 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 28th May 1944, Mosquito HX972 took off detailed to carry out a low level cross-country flight. The aircraft crashed near Tempsford, Bedfordshire, and the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 402641 Flt Lt Cooling, K N Captain (Pilot)
RAF FO Hole, (Navigator)

Flt Lt Cooling is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.
Commonwealth War Graves does not record where FO Hole is buried.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “ The aircraft was on the 9th leg of a low level cross country flight on a course from Braintree (Essex) to St Neots power station approx 1.25 miles south of the town. Following instructions at the briefing the Pilot had altered course to port about 8 miles from St Neots in order to strike the railway running north to the power station. The aircraft was on a course of 292 deg Mag, and a track of 284 deg true, and while altering this course a USAAF Mustang was flying low alongside. The two aircraft had been in this relative position for at least three miles when the Mosquito struck the top of an elm tree about 80/90 feet high. Amongst other damage, the starboard tail plane of the Mosquito came off, resulting in the complete loss of control by the Pilot, and the aircraft crashed at Tetworth Hall Cottage. Both the crew were killed, and the occupant of the cottage Mrs F Ouver was killed. Two others were injured. The crash was considered an error of judgement by the Pilot.”

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

433206 Flight Sergeant GERNER, Christian Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/407 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Proctor
Serial number:	LZ 595
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	61 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 6th February 1945, Proctor LZ595 took off from RAF Madley, Hereford, on a non-operational day W/T exercise. The aircraft crashed at 1110 hours, when it flew into high ground in bad visibility, and the crew were killed.

The aircraft had become lost in the bad weather, and the Pilot in endeavouring to make a forced landing in bad visibility, stalled the aircraft during the final part of the approach, and the aircraft crashed.

Crew:

RAAF 433206 Flt Sgt C H Gerner, (Captain (Pilot))
Free French M A T Doucris, (W/T Operator)

Flt Sgt Gerner is buried in the Blythe (Cowpen) Cemetery, UK.

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

413013 Flight Sergeant McPHERSON, John Francis Cameron

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/44 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	X 4930
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	61 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 31st May 1943, Spitfire X4930 took off on a non-operational day formation training flight, and crashed at 1200 hours on the outskirts of Shrewsbury, Shropshire. The Spitfire crashed when a Mosquito aircraft hit X4930 which was No 2 in a formation of four aircraft in line astern, and the pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 413013 Flt Sgt J F C McPherson, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt McPherson is buried in the Oswestry General Cemetery, Shropshire, UK.

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

414611 Flight Sergeant UNDERHILL, John Walter Louis

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/41/6 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	N 3225
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	61 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 25th July 1943, Spitfire N3225 crashed at 1520 hours, when it struck the ground at high speed near Corwen, North Wales. About 15 miles south west of Chester. The Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 414611 Flt Sgt J W L Underhill, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Underhill is buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

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

413297 Flight Sergeant WEBB, Alfred James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : a705, 166/43/196 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	P 8268
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	61 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 14th May 1943, Spitfire P8268 collided in mid air with Wellington BK 186, during a non-operational day affiliation training flight, and crashed at 1100 hours at Marshbrook near Church Streeton, Shropshire. The Pilot was killed.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “The Pilot was briefed by the CFI in company with the bomber crew, not to come closer than 150 yards to the Wellington aircraft. The Instructors also warned the Spitfire on the R/T that the aircraft was coming too close to the Wellington, but these warnings were apparently not heeded by Webb, who paid no attention to the Flight Commanders warning from an accompanying Spitfire. The Spitfire approached too close and it hit the top of the Wellington’s fin and rudder with its propeller and possibly tail unit, at a height of 3,800 feet. It was considered to be an error of judgement by the Pilot.”

Crew:

RAAF 413297 Flt Sgt A J Webb, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Webb is buried in the Oswestry General Cemetery, UK.

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

400619 Sergeant DONALDSON, John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : 705, 163/103/154 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Master
Serial number:	W 8452
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	61 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 14th January 1942, at approx 1530 hours, the two pilots in Master W8452 were each authorised to carry out 30 minutes of Instrument flying in the aircraft. The aircraft crashed at Manor Wood, West Lavington, Wiltshire, and both the crew were killed. The weather was very good, and at 1700 hours it was heard that the aircraft was doing aerobatics.

Eye witnesses saw the aircraft flying in a north easterly direction toward Market Lavington at a height of approx 1200 feet. The aircraft commenced a dive towards the village of Market Lavington increasing in speed until it was doing over 250 mph. At the bottom of its dive the aircraft disappeared from view behind trees about half a mile away. It then re-appeared in a steep climb followed by a climbing turn to the left, which continued at a steep angle of bank until it had done a complete circle. The aircraft then straightened out and dived at a high speed towards Manor House, disappeared behind trees. Then a crash was heard followed by an explosion.”

Crew:

RAF PO Firman, A H D H (1st Pilot)
RAAF 400619 Sgt J Donaldson, (2nd Pilot)

Both the crew are buried in the Upavon Cemetery, UK.

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

432695 Flying Officer McCARTNEY, Alan James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/921 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mustang
Serial number:	FX 898
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	61 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 5th May 1945, Mustang FX898 took off at 0920 hours, to carry out a non-operational day training flight. The aircraft crashed at 1033 hours 5 miles north of Llangellan,. When apparently under control, it hit 1,700 feet high ground obscured by cloud and the Pilot was killed. At the time of the crash it was flying one vector of 350 degrees.

Crew:

RAAF 432695 FO McCartney, A J (Pilot)

FO McCartney is buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.

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

402535 Flying Officer O'REILLY, Terence Blachford

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : 705, 166/31/72 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	P 8505
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	61 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 12th June 1943, Spitfire P8505 took off for on a non-operational day dog fighting training flight to be carried out between 5/6000 feet. There were four aircraft involved plus an Instructor engaged in the exercise. During the exercise at 0830 hours, P8505 was involved in a mid air collision with Spitfire P8195 Both aircraft collided when the pilots were unsighted due to the attitude of their aircraft. The pilot of P8505 was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 402535 FO O'Reilly, T B (Pilot)

FO O'Reilly is buried in the Oswestry Cemetery, Shropshire, UK.

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

403384 Pilot Officer STURDAY, Bruce Leonard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/57/153 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	R 6699
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	61 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 24th December 1941, Spitfire R6699 took off from RAF Heston at 1215 hours to to carry out a Section climb to 25,000 feet and then do aerobatics and air combat. R6699 crashed when it disintegrated whilst in a spin. Both main planes and tail unit left the fuselage and the aircraft crashed near St Annes Hill Pleasure Ground, Chertsey The pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 403384 PO Sturday, B L (Pilot)

PO Sturday is buried in the Hounslow Cemetery, Hansworth Road, Hounslow, UK.

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

414655 Flight Sergeant CROUCH, Gordon Maxwell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/383 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	AG 327
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	63 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 29th February 1941, Hurricane AG327 took off on a non-operational night training flight, and crashed at 02320 hours at Morton in the Heath, Warwickshire. The aircraft was engaged in VHF Vectors and bombing practice, and it dived almost vertically into the ground at high speed. The Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 41655 Flt Sgt G M Crouch, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Crouch is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

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

408619 Sergeant BERGER, Colin Bruce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/32 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HX 430
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 31st January 1943, Wellington HX430 took off on a non-operational night training flight, and crashed at 2115 hours at Limavady, County Derry, Northern Ireland. All the crew were killed. It appeared that the Pilot lost control of the aircraft at a height of 100 feet, when the aircraft was on its final approach to land at night. The aircraft rose, stalled, dropping one wing and dived into the ground.

Crew:

RCAF Sgt B E Samuel, (1st Pilot)
 RAF PO Milson, W W (2nd Pilot)
 RAAF 408619 Sgt C B Berger, (Observer)
 RAF Sgt E Highfield, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt J Clark, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt E Greenwood, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sgt Samuel is buried in the Carnmoney Jewish Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Berger is buried in the Drumachose (Christ Church) Church of Ireland, Limavady, Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

Sgt Highfield is buried in the New Shildon (All Saints) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Clark is buried in the Limavady (St Mary) Roman Catholic Church Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Greenwood is buried in the Mankinholes Methodist Chapelyard, UK.

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

408512 Sergeant PITHER, Vernon James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/151/.94 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 772
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 21st July 1942, Wellington DV772 took off from RAF Stone, on a non-operational day training flight of circuits and landings and low level flying in the low flying area over the sea. The aircraft crashed at 1610 hours some 200 yards north east of the Hotel Giants, Causeway, Antrim, Northern Ireland, and the crew of two were killed.

The aircraft was seen to fly inland over the Giants Causeway towards Bushmill and then turn outwards towards the sea. The aircraft crashed near Giants Causeway hotel just before the Clifton. Low cloud to 100/700 feet prevailed. Horizontal visibility was 15/20 miles. The Pilots were acting against orders flying inland. The cause of the accident was obscure, but it was considered to be probably an error of judgement on the Captains part.

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Crew:

RNZAF PO Twentyman, W Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 408512 Sgt V J Pither, (Pilot)

Both the crew are buried in the Drumackose (Christchurch) Church of Ireland Churchyard, Limavady, Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

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

422770 Flight Sergeant WALSH, John Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/43/405 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LB 247
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 5th November 1943, Wellington LB247 took off from RAF Limavady, detailed to carry out a non-operational day training exercise, which required the Instructor to demonstrate to the Pupil Captain and crew torpedo attacks on HM ships in the local area off Loch Foyle. The aircraft crashed at 1600 hour one mile east of Limavady and Flt Sgt Walsh was killed, and the remainder were injured.

The accident was considered due to the inexperience of the Instructor and the sudden arrival of frontal conditions while the aircraft was in the circuit area. The Pupil Pilot lost sight of the ground and struck high ground in making too wide a circuit. He was not held to blame for the accident..

Crew:

RAAF 404360 FO McFadden, W (Instructor)
RCAF FO Dickson, W T K Captain (Pupil Pilot)
RCAF PO Jennie, O H (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 414296 FO McInnes, L F (Navigator)
RAAF Flt Sgt H Williams, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF Flt Sgt E Smythe, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Walsh is buried in the Limavady (St Mary) Roman Catholic Cemetery, Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

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

414859 Flight Sergeant WOODS, Leslie

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/44/69 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	DV 664
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	7 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 18th November 19432, Wellington DV664 took off on a non-operational daytime bombing practice, and crashed at 1220 hours 100 yards north east of the Strand, Port Ballintrae, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. All the crew lost their lives.

Eye witness reported that the aircraft bombed the target on a low level bombing drop, and then turned to starboard at a height of approx 200 feet. On completing the turn the aircraft dived directly into the sea after the aircraft had straightened up. The accident occurred during daylight with strong winds and heavy seas. Had the accident been due to stalling in the turn, it was thought the aircraft would have gone in one wing first. There was insufficient evidence as to the cause of the crash, but it was considered probable that the Pilot stalled the aircraft. .

Crew:

RAF FO White, P (1st Pilot)
 RAF Sgt G A Bennett, (2nd Pilot)
 RAF FO Knight, J B (Navigator)
 RAAF 414859 Flt Sgt L Woods, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAAF 409167 Flt Sgt J W Marshall, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt C A Stout, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Woods body and that of Sgt Stout were washed ashore.

Flt Sgt Woods is buried in the Drumackose (Christ Church) Church of Ireland Churchyard, Limavady, Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

Sgt Stout is buried in the Chingford Mount Cemetery, UK.

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

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

407840 Sergeant BALFOUR, John William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/90/310 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z 6042
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 23rd June 1942, Blenheim Z6042 crashed 12 miles from Naivasha, Middle East, at approx 1050 hours, as a result of a collision when formation flying. Two of the crew were killed and Sgt Abderhaldon was uninjured.

Crew:

RAF Sgt F P Abderhaldon, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R McGregor, (Observer)
RAAF 407840 Sgt J W Balfour, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sgt Balfour is buried in the Nakura North Cemetery, Kenya.

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

404172 Sergeant CROMBIE, Mervyn Cobbe

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/98/253 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	L 4830
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 12th June 1941, Blenheim L4830 crashed at Ismailia drome, Egypt, Middle East and the Pilot was killed. The aircraft took off on a solo flight, and the engines were not running perfectly. It climbed away quickly in a left hand turn, and having completed about 180 degrees of turn, at about 200 feet, the aircraft lost height and crashed. The aircraft seemed to climb at too steep an angle..

Crew:

RAAF 404172 Sgt M C Crombie, (Pilot)

Sgt Crombie is buried in the Ismailia War Memorial; Cemetery, Egypt. Ismailia is a small town on the west side of the Suez Canal.,

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

404136 Sergeant DOWSE, Ralph Kell

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/103/86 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	L 8481
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 21st May 1941, Blenheim L8481 crashed near the bombing target at Ismailia, Egypt, and Sgt Dowse was killed. The crash was due to a spin to port assisted by failure of the port engine with the undercarriage and flaps not fully retracted. It was considered that the Pilot had tried his best under the circumstances.

Crew:

RAF Sgt F J Lucie, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 404136 Sgt R K Dowsae, (Observer)
RAAF 402085 Sgt K I Duffin, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sgt Dowse is buried in the Ismailia War Cemetery, Egypt.
Sgt Duffin later lost his life on the 20th October 1941.

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

406553 Sergeant DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Desmond James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/466 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	NR 6223
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 5th June 1942, Blenheim NR6223 took off on an operational training flight to Nairobi, and crashed at approx 1630 hours at Bagathi near Nairobi, Kenya. All the crew were killed.

Instructions were given to the crew that the aircraft was to return if difficulties were encountered due to cloud. On approaching Nairobi the aircraft ran into a heavy cloud formation, but instead of returning an attempt was made to find Nairobi. The aircraft descended through cloud with the undercarriage lowered and at reduced speed. but it struck the ground with considerable force.

Crew:

RAAF 403227 Sgt F A Paul, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 406197 Sgt L J Hands, (Observer)
RAAF 406553 Sgt D J Drake-Brockman, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Nairobi (Forest Road) Cemetery, Kenya.

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

407147 Sergeant EMERY, George Owen

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/107/84 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V 6292
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 23rd January 1942, Blenheim V6292 crashed at 1230 hours at Nakuru, Kenya and all the crew were killed. The Pilot lost control of the aircraft during the final turn on to the Nakuru drome, and it hit the ground and burst into flames. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 407675 Sgt G A Hawkins, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 401265 PO Allan, F A (Observer)
RAAF 407147 Sgt G O Emery, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The crew are buried in the Nakuru North Cemetery, Kenya.

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

406475 Sergeant EVERETT, Herbert James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,163/109/102 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z 7679
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 23rd November 1942, Blenheim Z7679 took off from RAF Nakuru at 0915 hours, detailed to carry out a navigation exercise. The aircraft crashed when the starboard engine failed in flight. It was considered that the Pilot probably stalled the aircraft flying on one engine in difficult bumpy conditions, and he had been unable to cope with the situation. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 401678 Sgt F A Sinclair, Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Button, D F (Observer)
RAF PO Thomas, L (Screened Observer)
RAAF 406475 Sgt H J Everett, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Kisumu Cemetery, Kenya.

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

406197 Sergeant HANDS, Lincoln Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/466 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	NR 6223
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 5th June 1942, Blenheim NR6223 took off on an operational training flight to Nairobi, and crashed at approx 1630 hours at Bagathi near Nairobi, Kenya. All the crew were killed.

Instructions were given to the crew that the aircraft was to return if difficulties were encountered due to cloud. On approaching Nairobi the aircraft ran into a heavy cloud formation, but instead of returning an attempt was made to find Nairobi. The aircraft descended through cloud with the undercarriage lowered and at reduced speed. but it struck the ground with considerable force.

Crew:

RAAF 403227 Sgt F A Paul, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 406197 Sgt L J Hands, (Observer)
RAAF 406553 Sgt D J Drake-Brockman, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Nairobi (Forest Road) Cemetery, Kenya.

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

407675 Sergeant HAWKINS, Garnett Allenby

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/107/84 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V 6292
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 23rd January 1942, Blenheim V6292 crashed at 1230 hours at Nakuru, Kenya and all the crew were killed. The Pilot lost control of the aircraft during the final turn on to the Nakuru drome, and it hit the ground and burst into flames. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 407675 Sgt G A Hawkins, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 401265 PO Allan, F A (Observer)
RAAF 407147 Sgt G O Emery, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The crew are buried in the Nakuru North Cemetery, Kenya.

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

407985 Sergeant JENNINGS, Donald William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/127/66 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Baltimore
Serial number:	AG 718
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 26th August 1942, Baltimore AG718 was engaged in a daylight recce mission. When five miles north of Nagrah, the aircraft encountered ack-ack fire and was shot down. Sgt Jennings lost his life, and the others were uninjured.

Crew:

RAF PO Parker, P D Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt S O Koster, (Observer)
RAAF 407985 Sgt D W Jennings, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D Davis, (Air Gunner)

Sgt Jennings is buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt.

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

407505 Sergeant MCASKILL, Colin Douglas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/141/467 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z 7777
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 21st February 1942, Blenheim Z7777 crashed half a mile from Mingngai Station at 0800 hours. The crew of three were killed.

Crew:

RAF Sgt C E Ridgwell, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt D G Hutchinson, (Observer)
RAAF 407505 Sgt C D Mcaskill, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The crew are buried in the Nakuru North Cemetery, Kenya.

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

403227 Sergeant PAUL, Federick Anthony

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/120/466 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	NR 6223
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 5th June 1942, Blenheim NR6223 took off on an operational training flight to Nairobi, and crashed at approx 1630 hours at Bagathi near Nairobi, Kenya. All the crew were killed.

Instructions were given to the crew that the aircraft was to return if difficulties were encountered due to cloud. On approaching Nairobi the aircraft ran into a heavy cloud formation, but instead of returning an attempt was made to find Nairobi. The aircraft descended through cloud with the undercarriage lowered and at reduced speed. but it struck the ground with considerable force.

Crew:

RAAF 403227 Sgt F A Paul, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 406197 Sgt L J Hands, (Observer)
RAAF 406553 Sgt D J Drake-Brockman, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Nairobi (Forest Road) Cemetery, Kenya.

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

404597 Sergeant PETERS, Norman George

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/196 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V 6245
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 23rd April 1942, Blenheim V6245 was detailed to carry out a daytime non-operational cross-country exercise. The aircraft crashed 28 miles north east of Naivasha, British East Africa, and the crew of three were killed.

The first leg of the exercise was over the southern end of the Aberdare Mountains at a point where they are over 10,000 feet high. The aircraft crashed at a height of 9,000 feet and on a direct line of the 1st leg. Apparently the pilot came down to try and locate his position when flying in extremely bad weather. In doing so the aircraft struck tall trees causing the aircraft to nose over and strike the ground almost vertically. The petrol tanks exploded and the aircraft was wrecked. The Pilot had been briefed to avoid flying through a rainstorm.

Crew:

RAAF 400970 Sgt R G Daniel, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400909 Sgt J Ahern, (Observe)
RAAF 404597 Sgt N G Peters, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Gilgil Cemetery, Kenya. Gilgil is a small township in the Rift Province approx 120kms from Nairobi on the main road to Nakuru.

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

417888 Flight Sergeant PUDNEY, Douglas Stanley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/33/205 Commonwealth war Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Baltimore
Serial number:	AH 114
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 17th August 1944, Baltimore AH114 took off from RAF Shandur, detailed to carry out a non-operational night bombing practice exercise. The aircraft crashed at 2052 hours into deep water in the Great Bitter Lakes, and all the crew were killed.

The accident occurred shortly after the Pilot took off for a second time, having returned to base from his first take off at the request of one member of the crew. After his second take off the aircraft dipped and flew into the lake. The aircraft was salvaged after four days.

Crew:

RAAF 417888 Flt Sgt D S Pudney, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R B Charlesworth, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt T K Clark, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D J J Watts, (Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Fayid War Cemetery, Egypt.

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

406267 Sergeant SHEA, Allan Gillard

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/161/128 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	5693
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 16th October 1941, Blenheim 5693 crashed at 1400 hours at Mwega near Nyemi, Kenya, and the pilot was killed.,

Crew:

RAAF 406267 Sgt A G Shea, (Pilot)

Sgt Shea is buried in the Nakuru North Cemetery, Kenya.

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

414846 Warrant Officer SHEPLEY, Charles Harry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/1038 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Baltimore
Serial number:	FW 750
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 19th April 1945, Baltimore FW750 crashed after the release of a flare at the El Shatt bombing range, east of Kubri Bridge, Egypt, and the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Robinson, J (Pilot)
SAAF Lt Moolman, C F (Pilot)
RAAF 414846 WO C H Shepley, (Wireless Operator Air)

All the crew are buried in the Suez War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

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

401678 Sergeant SINCLAIR, Frank Alfred

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705,163/109/102 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z 7679
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 23rd November 1942, Blenheim Z7679 took off from RAF Nakuru at 0915 hours, detailed to carry out a navigation exercise. The aircraft crashed when the starboard engine failed in flight. It was considered that the Pilot probably stalled the aircraft flying on one engine in difficult bumpy conditions, and he had been unable to cope with the situation. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 401678 Sgt F A Sinclair, Captain (Pilot)
 RAF PO Button, D F (Observer)
 RAF PO Thomas, L (Screened Observer)
 RAAF 406475 Sgt H J Everett, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Kisumu Cemetery, Kenya.

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

405371 Sergeant WILSON, Robert William

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/227 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z 7844
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 6th July 1942, Blenheim Z7844 crashed at 0700 hours, 13 miles east of Soroco in the Middle East. All the crew were killed.

The engine of the aircraft failed and the Pilot flew into cloud on one engine and lost control, after which the aircraft flew into the ground from a low height.

Crew:

RAF Sgt L J Mallows, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 401303 Sgt L C Dalton, (Observer)
RAAF 405371 Sgt R W Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Tororo Cemetery, Uganda.

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

400909 Sergeant AHERN, John Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/196 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V 6245
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 23rd April 1942, Blenheim V6245 was detailed to carry out a daytime non-operational cross-country exercise. The aircraft crashed 28 miles north east of Naivasha, British East Africa, and the crew of three were killed.

The first leg of the exercise was over the southern end of the Aberdare Mountains at a point where they are over 10,000 feet high. The aircraft crashed at a height of 9,000 feet and on a direct line of the 1st leg. Apparently the pilot came down to try and locate his position when flying in extremely bad weather. In doing so the aircraft struck tall trees causing the aircraft to nose over and strike the ground almost vertically. The petrol tanks exploded and the aircraft was wrecked. The Pilot had been briefed to avoid flying through a rainstorm.

Crew:

RAAF 400970 Sgt R G Daniel, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400909 Sgt J Ahern, (Observe)
RAAF 404597 Sgt N G Peters, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Gilgil Cemetery, Kenya. Gilgil is a small township in the Rift Province approx 120kms from Nairobi on the main road to Nakuru.

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

400171 Sergeant CRAVEN, Lyndley Dawsaon

Source:

AWM 237 (65 NAA : A705, 163/98/681 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V 5869
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 1st 3th July 1942, Blenheim V5869 crashed at 1045 hours, at Isiolo South Africa, and all the crew were killed. .

Crew:

RAF PO Main, E Captain (Pilot)

RAF PO Elliott, H H (Observer)

RAAF 400171 Sgt L D Craven, 9Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Nanuki War Cemetery, Kenya.

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

401303 Sergeant DALTON, Leslie Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/227 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z 7844
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 6th July 1942, Blenheim Z7844 crashed at 0700 hours, 13 miles east of Soroco in the Middle East. All the crew were killed.

The engine of the aircraft failed and the Pilot flew into cloud on one engine and lost control, after which the aircraft flew into the ground from a low height.

Crew:

RAF Sgt L J Mallows, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 401303 Sgt L C Dalton, (Observer)
RAAF 405371 Sgt R W Wilson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Tororo Cemetery, Uganda.

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

400970 Sergeant DANIEL, Ronald Giles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/100/196 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V 6245
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 23rd April 1942, Blenheim V6245 was detailed to carry out a daytime non-operational cross-country exercise. The aircraft crashed 28 miles north east of Naivasha, British East Africa, and the crew of three were killed.

The first leg of the exercise was over the southern end of the Aberdare Mountains at a point where they are over 10,000 feet high. The aircraft crashed at a height of 9,000 feet and on a direct line of the 1st leg. Apparently the pilot came down to try and locate his position when flying in extremely bad weather. In doing so the aircraft struck tall trees causing the aircraft to nose over and strike the ground almost vertically. The petrol tanks exploded and the aircraft was wrecked. The Pilot had been briefed to avoid flying through a rainstorm.

Crew:

RAAF 400970 Sgt R G Daniel, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400909 Sgt J Ahern, (Observe)
RAAF 404597 Sgt N G Peters, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Gilgil Cemetery, Kenya. Gilgil is a small township in the Rift Province approx 120kms from Nairobi on the main road to Nakuru.

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

401065 Pilot Officer ALLAN, Fergus Alister

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/107/84 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V 6292
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 23rd January 1942, Blenheim V6292 crashed at 1230 hours at Nakuru, Kenya and all the crew were killed. The Pilot lost control of the aircraft during the final turn on to the Nakuru drome, and it hit the ground and burst into flames. All the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 407675 Sgt G A Hawkins, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 401265 PO Allan, F A (Observer)
RAAF 407147 Sgt G O Emery, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The crew are buried in the Nakuru North Cemetery, Kenya.

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

400801 Pilot Officer HUTTON, Ross Westlake

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/36/127 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	V 6299
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	70 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 26th November 1941, Blenheim V6299 crashed just before noon, two miles from Kampi Ya Moto Railway station, in the Middle East and the Pilot the sole occupant, was killed. It was believed that the aircraft was flying too low over a grass covered plain, which was bordered at one end by a Thorn tree belt at least half a mile wide. The aircraft's nose and one wing struck one of these trees, rose a little, and then crashed into the ground 700 yards ahead of the tree.

Crew:

RAAF 400801 PO Hutton, R W (Pilot)

PO Hutton is buried in the Nakuru North Cemetery, Kenya.

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

421132 Flight Sergeant SHIPWAY, Gordon Noel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/234 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	Z 4863
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	71 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 4th November 1943, Hurricane Z4863 on a non-operational day training flight, crashed at 0925 hours, approx 8 miles north of Ismailia, Egypt, and the pilot was killed.

Z4863 collided in mid air with the aircraft (Hurricane V6757) of another dog fighting pair which had been seeking cover in cloud. Z4863 went into a spin and the aircraft struck the ground and burst into flames. The collision occurred between the starboard main plane of Z4863, and the port main plane of the second aircraft V6757. The fuselage of Z4863 (Shipway) was then cut in two just aft of the cockpit, the rear portion and tail unit of the aircraft being found half a mile from the main burnt out wreckage.

Crew:

RAAF 421132 Flt Sgt G N Shipway, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Shipway is buried in the Moascar War Cemetery, Egypt.

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

403338 Flying Officer HOLGATE, Raymond Edgar

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/36/213 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Harvard
Serial number:	AJ 808
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	71 Operational TRG RAF

Summary:

On the 29th October 1942, Harvard AJ808 at 1100 hours, collided with another aircraft Harvard AJ803, and both aircraft crashed some three miles north of Summit. FO Holgate the pilot of AJ808 baled out of his aircraft but was killed when his chute failed to open. PO Hayes the pilot of AJ803 successfully baled out and was not injured.

Crew: AJ808

RAAF 403338 FO Holgate, R E (Pilot)

Crew : AJ803

RAAF 405178 PO Hayes, E S (Pilot)

FO Holgate is buried in the Khartoum War Cemetery, Sudan.

PO Hayes subsequently lost his life on the 12th January 1943.

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

401982 Pilot Officer MADDEN, Francis Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/27/2 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Harvard
Serial number:	EX 101
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	71 Operational TRG RAF

Summary:

On the 29th December 1942, Harvard EX101 crashed at 2023 hours four miles south of Summit, and the pilot was killed. EX101 collided in mid air with Harvard AR143.

Crew:

RAAF 401982 PO Madden, F J (Pilot)

PO Madden is buried in the Khartoum War Cemetery, Sudan.

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

414084 Flight Lieutenant RIVETT, Peter Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/228 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	EP 511
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	71 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 18th May 1944, Spitfire EP511 crashed at 0800 hours approx seven miles north east of Ismailia, Egypt, and the pilot was killed. EP511 collided in mid air with Spitfire ES227.

Flt Lt Rivett as Instructor and Leader had arranged and briefed a section of four Spitfires to carry out an attack on three Marauders. After making an attack, M2 in the formation flown by Bailey broke away downwards to starboard, and collided with Rivett's aircraft knocking off its tail. Rivett's aircraft then spun down and crashed in flames and he was killed. Bailey landed uninjured but with a damaged propeller.

Crew:

RAAF 414084 Flt Lt Rivett, P E (Instructor Pilot)

Flt Lt Rivett is buried in the Moascar War Cemetery, Egypt.

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

407226 Sergeant DUNSTONE, Clive Colin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/166/145 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z 9612
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	72 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 25th November 1941, Blenheim Z9612 was detailed to carry out local low flying practice in preparation for a low level bombing exercise. The aircraft crashed at Wadi-Ga-Zouza in the Middle East, and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 407673 Sgt J Skinner, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 407226 Sgt C C Dunstone, (Observer)
RAAF 400682 Sgt J M Thomson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Khartoum War Cemetery, Sudan.

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

412931 Sergeant EASON, James Ernest

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/11/9 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Baltimore
Serial number:	AH 128
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	72 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 29th January 1943, Baltimore AH128 took off on a solo non-operational day training flight. The aircraft crashed at 1005 hours approx four miles west of Nanyuki, and the pilot was killed. It was the pilot's first solo flight on the aircraft Type.

The aircraft appeared unable to maintain height on a circuit of the drome and spun in from a height of 20/30 feet above partially wooded country, and burst into flames. As the pilot was unable to maintain height, it pointed to both engines stopping, and it was considered this may have been due to the pilot erroneously turning off the petrol supply to both engines.

Crew:

RAAF 412931 Sgt J E Eason, (Pilot)

Sgt Eason is buried in the Nanyuki War Cemetery, Kenya.

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

407673 Sergeant SKINNER, John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/166/145 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z 9612
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	72 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 25th November 1941, Blenheim Z9612 was detailed to carry out local low flying practice in preparation for a low level bombing exercise. The aircraft crashed at Wadi-Ga-Zouza in the Middle East, and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 407673 Sgt J Skinner, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 407226 Sgt C C Dunstone, (Observer)
RAAF 400682 Sgt J M Thomson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Khartoum War Cemetery, Sudan.

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

400682 Sergeant THOMSON, James Murray

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/166/145 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	Z 9612
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	72 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 25th November 1941, Blenheim Z9612 was detailed to carry out local low flying practice in preparation for a low level bombing exercise. The aircraft crashed at Wadi-Ga-Zouza in the Middle East, and all on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 407673 Sgt J Skinner, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 407226 Sgt C C Dunstone, (Observer)
RAAF 400682 Sgt J M Thomson, (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the Khartoum War Cemetery, Sudan.

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

426488 Flight Sergeant BALES, John James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/5/650 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Kittyhawk
Serial number:	ET 962
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	73 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 7th August 1944, Kittyhawk ET962 from RAF Fayid was detailed to carry out a non-operational training flight. The aircraft crashed at 1130 hours when it dived into the ground in position 30.20N, 31.50E, and the pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 426488 Flt Sgt J J Bales, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Bales is buried in the Fayid War Cemetery, Egypt. Fayid is a small town, 20kms south of Ismailia on the western shore of the Great Bitter Lake which is mid point of the Suez Canal.

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

409389 Sergeant DOUGLAS, Robert Burns

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/10/51 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Tomahawk
Serial number:	AH 956
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	73 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 24th April 1943, Tomahawk AH956 took off on a non-operational day training flight, and it crashed at 1215 hours killing the pilot.

AH956 was fling as a member of a formation detailed to make an oxygen climb to 25,000 feet. This duty was carried out and the formation then came down to 15,000 feet, where they broke up. After the break up, AH956 was seen carrying out two successive loops. After the second loop, the aircraft came down very steeply towards the earth and fire broke out in the engine. After hitting the ground the aircraft exploded.

Crew:

RAAF 409389 Sgt R B Douglas, (Pilot)

Sgt Douglas is buried in the Moascar War Cemetery, Egypt.

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

434104 Flight Sergeant HUNTER, William Keaton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/669 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Kittyhawk
Serial number:	FR 859
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	73 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 17th march 1945, Kittyhawk FR859 took off on a day training exercise at the air firing range, Fayid. The aircraft dived into the ground and the Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 434104 Flt Sgt W K Hunter, (Pilot)

Flt Sg Hunter is buried in the Fayid War Cemetery, Egypt.

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

423407 Flight Sergeant McGREGOR, Donald Edward Christopher

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/541 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Kittyhawk
Serial number:	AL 189
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	73 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 14th August 1944, Kittyhawk AL189 took off from RAF Station Fayid, on a non-operational day training exercise. The aircraft crashed when it was being brought in at too low a speed, causing it to stall, flick on its back, and dive into the ground, and the pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 423407 Flt Sgt D E C McGregor, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt McGregor is buried in the Fayid War Cemetery, Egypt.

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

400943 Sergeant STEWART, Alan David

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA A9301 Barcode 5549023 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	73 Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 20th June 1942, Sgt Stewart, (a pilot), from RAF Station Sheik Othman, was killed in an aircraft accident in the Middle East. He is buried in the Maala Cemetery, Yemen. Maala lies on the southern side of Aden Harbour, half way between the Steamer Point and Crater on the main road south of the Khromaskar airport.

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

414755 Flying Officer BRIGGS, John Stanley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/462 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Kittyhawk
Serial number:	AL 123
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	73 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 30th March 1944, Kittyhawk AL123 from RAF Station Abu Sueir and crashed at 1000 hours seven miles south of the drome. The Pilot was killed.

The aircraft developed a glycol leak and dived steeply towards the ground. The pilot recovered from the dive from 3,500 feet and did so too harshly. The aircraft power stalled and struck the ground after completing the first spiral of a spin..

Crew:

RAAF 414755 FO Briggs, J S (Pilot)

FO Briggs is buried in the Moascar War Cemetery, Egypt.

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

400934 Flying Officer McKENZIE, Hector Cairns

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/56 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Tomahawk
Serial number:	AB 248
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	73 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 13th March 1943, Tomahawk AB248 took off from RAF Ismailia, on a non-operational day training flight, and crashed at 1135 hours two miles north of the drome. The pilot was killed.

Two Pupils were ordered to carry out “dog fighting” practice at 10,000 feet. For some reason best known to themselves, they carried it out at 2,000 feet, with the result that McKenzie executed a steep left hand turn, spun in and was killed. It was considered that the accident was due to the gross disobedience of orders.

Crew:

RAAF 400934 FO McKenzie, H C (Pilot)

FO McKenzie is buried in the Moascar War Cemetery, Egypt.

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

418644 Flight Sergeant DEUTSCHER, Christopher Joseph

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/309 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Baltimore
Serial number:	AB 183
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	75 Operational Training RAF

Summary:

On the 5th September 1944, Baltimore AB183 took off from RAF Ginaglis on a day training flight, and crashed at 0855 hours at Burg-el-Arab, Egypt. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 424340 Flt Sgt R W Tuck, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 418727 Flt Sgt L G Thurling, (Observer)
RAAF 418644 Flt Sgt C J Deutscher, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Gadsen (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the are buried in the Alexandria (Chatby) Military & War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

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

418727 Flight Sergeant THURLING, Leslie Glenister

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/309 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Baltimore
Serial number:	AB 183
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	75 Operational Training RAF

Summary:

On the 5th September 1944, Baltimore AB183 took off from RAF Ginaglis on a day training flight, and crashed at 0855 hours at Burg-el-Arab, Egypt. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 424340 Flt Sgt R W Tuck, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 418727 Flt Sgt L G Thurling, (Observer)
RAAF 418644 Flt Sgt C J Deutscher, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Gadsen (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the are buried in the Alexandria (Chatby) Military & War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

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

424340 Flight Sergeant TUCK, Raymonde Wolfe

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/15/309 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Baltimore
Serial number:	AB 183
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	75 Operational Training RAF

Summary:

On the 5th September 1944, Baltimore AB183 took off from RAF Ginaglis on a day training flight, and crashed at 0855 hours at Burg-el-Arab, Egypt. All on board were killed.

Crew:

RAAF 424340 Flt Sgt R W Tuck, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF Flt Sgt L G Thurling, (Observer)
RAAF 418644 Flt Sgt C J Deutscher, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Gadsen (Wireless Air Gunner)

All the crew are buried in the are buried in the Alexandria (Chatby) Military & War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

410965 Flying Officer ENGLEFIELD, Francis John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/12/94 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Baltimore
Serial number:	AG 899
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	75 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 1st August 1944, Baltimore AG899 from RAF Gianacelis, took off on a non-operational day training exercise, and crashed at 0930 hours approx half a mile south of the drome.

At 0930 hours the aircraft was seen making an approach to land with wheels and flaps down. When about 100 feet over the edge of a vineyard and in a position to land, the aircraft swung to port and the wheels were retracted. The aircraft started to climb and gradually swung to port and it could be seen that the port engine was wind milling. At 150 feet the aircraft stopped climbing and began to lose height and yaw to port. At about 100 feet the aircraft went into a left hand spin and disappeared behind trees. The port airscrew was not feathered, and the flaps were not raised. The aircraft spun in and the Pupil Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 410965 FO Englefield, F J (Pupil Pilot)

FO Englefield is buried in the Alexandria (Chatby) Military & War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

408392 Warrant Officer SUTER, Geoffrey John

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/741 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	78 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 25th October 1944, WO Suter, a Navigator Bomb Aimer , was admitted to an Advanced Hospital in the Middle East, suffering from Paratyphoid Fever. He died on 1st November 1944, and was buried in the Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

20621 Flying Officer PIVOTT, Allan Hoadley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/32/803 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	NE 479
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	79 Operational TRG RAF

Summary:

On the 12th June 1945, Beaufighter NE 479 from RAF Nicosia, Cyprus, on a solo day training exercise, crashed at 0740 hours in the southeast corner of the Peristerona landing ground, Cyprus. The aircraft went in to a spin from which it did not recover, and the Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 20621 FO Pivott, A H (Pilot)

FO Pivott is buried in the Nicosia War Cemetery, Cyprus.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

409535 Flying Officer FISCALINI, Ronald James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/13/53 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	X 4494
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 (C) Op Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 13th May 1943, Spitfire X4494 took off on a non-operational day training exercise detailed to carry out low level oblique photography below the cloud base. The aircraft .crashed at 1100 hours into the sea in the Isle of Stoma, Scotland, and the Pilot was killed. The pilot baled out over the sea, and his body was recovered from his dinghy, the following morning.

Crew:

RAAF `409535 FO Fiscalini Ronald James (Pilot)

FO Fiscalini is buried in the Orlig New Cemetery, Caithness, Scotland, UK.

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436712 Flight Sergeant BELLHOUSE, Reginald

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 32/4/250 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Hurricane
Serial number:	5437
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 Op Training RCAF

Summary:

On the 16th November 1944, Hurricane 5437 was one of a Squadron formation of nine aircraft, detailed to carry out an interception exercise with 126 Sqn at Dartmouth. On take off from Dartmouth there was 10/10ths cloud at 2100 feet, and the Squadron suddenly encountered conditions of zero visibility while flying low. Two of the aircraft crashed, Hurricane 5437 flown by Flt Sgt Bellhouse, which crashed into a hill and burned, and Hurricane 5715 flown by PO O'Hanlon (RAF).crashed into Gespereau Lake.

Crew: 5437

RAAF 436712 Flt Sgt R Bellhouse, (Pilot)

Crew : 5715

RAF PO O'Hanlon, P F (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Bellhouse is buried in the Middleton Holy Trinity Old Cemetery, Canada.
PO O'Hanlon is buried in the Kingston St Lawrence Roman Catholic Cemetery, Canada.

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

437175 Warrant Officer UREN, Harold Beaumont

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/530 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	KB 134
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 Operational ALT RG Canada RCAF

Summary:

On the 24th April 1945, Mosquito KB134 took off on a W/T diversion training exercise. The aircraft crashed near Waterville, Canada and the crew were killed. The port engine caught fire during the flight and burnt in the air, The aircraft lost height and burnt.

Crew:

RAAF 429844 FO Reddie, J N Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 437175 WO H B Uren, (Navigator)

Both the crew are buried in the Middleton Holy Trinity Old Cemetery, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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429844 Flying Officer REEDIE, Jack Norman

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/35/530 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	KB 134
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 Operational ALT RG Canada RCAF

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RAAF 437175 WO H B Uren, (Navigator)

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434658 Flying Officer SLAUGHTER, William Thomas

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A9300 Barcode 5263551 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 Operational TRG (Canada) RCAF

Summary:

On the 22nd August 1944, FO Slaughter (Navigator), was killed in an aircraft accident near Greenwood, Harmony, Canada.

FO Slaughter is buried in the Middleton Holy Trinity Old Cemetery, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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409565 Flight Lieutenant MAYES, Colin Walter

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : AZ705, 166/27/630 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	W 4066
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 6th November 1944, Mosquito W4066 from RAF Dyce, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, during a non-operational day high-level photography exercise, crashed at 1220 hours at Bunkers Hill, Lincolnshire, 3 miles south east of Coningsby, when the starboard engine caught fire. Both the crew were killed in the crash

Crew:

RAAF 409565 Flt Lt Mayes, C W Captain (Pilot)

RAF Flt Sgt M Smith, (Wireless Operator Mechanic (Air)

Flt Lt Mayes is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The Cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery,

Flt Sgt Smith is buried in the Stanley New Cemetery, UK.

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409755 Flying Officer SHEPPARD, Henry Valentine Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/111 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Spitfire
Serial number:	X 4805
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	8 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 31st May 1943. Spitfire X4805 was detailed to carry out a non-operational photo cross country high level (3000 feet) training flight. The aircraft spun from 1000 feet and crashed straight into the ground at approx 1045 hours at Coates Farm. The Pilot was killed.

Crew:

RAAF 409755 FO Sheppard, H V C (Pilot)

FO Sheppard is buried in the Haddington (St Martin's) New Burial Ground, Scotland.

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412827 Warrant Officer ORMISTON, Faulkner Adrian Andrew

Source:

+AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/31/177 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Albermarle
Serial number:	K 160
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	81 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 15th April 1944, Albermarle K160 during a non-operational training exercise, crashed near Hartford Church, Cheshire, UK. A wing tip of the aircraft struck the chimney stack of a house at 1517 hours, and four of the crew were killed and Sgt Ewen seriously injured.

Crew:

RAAF 413556 Flt Sgt R P H Brown, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 412827 WO Ormiston, F A A (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt J Crichton, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt A G Crowe, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt Ewen,

The two RAAF crew members are buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Crichton is buried in the Dumfries (St Michael's) Cemetery, UK.
Sgt Crowe is buried in the Hartford (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK.

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410739 Flight Sergeant SHERMAN, Eric Hempel

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/163 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	RQ 3800
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	81 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 2nd August 1943, Wellington RQ3800 took off on a non-operational day training flight and crashed at 1530 hours at Wroot, Yorkshire. All on board were killed.

The Pupil Pilot was carrying out solo single engine fling practice without fathering. A Flying accident report stated : “:While no reliable evidence was available as to the cause of the accident, it was presumed that the Pilot lost control and the aircraft went into a steep spiral dive and the pilot was unable to pull out in time.”

Crew:

RAF Sgt L A Charlton, (Pilot)
RAF Sgt R H Smith, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt J W Perry, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 410739 Flt Sgt E H Sherman, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sgt Charlton was cremated in the Golders Green Crematorium, UK.

Sgt Smith is buried in the Lewisham (Hither Green) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Perry and Flt Sgt Sherman are buried in the Finningley (Holy Trinity and St Oswald) Churchyard Extension, Nottinghamshire, UK.

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424281 Flight Sergeant JONES, Clifford Desmond

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/2/120 Commonwealth War Graves Records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3409
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	82 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 3/4th February 1944, Wellington X3409 was detailed to carry out a non-operational training Bullseye exercise. The aircraft crashed at 0026 hours at Nottingham and five of the crew were killed.

The aircraft took off at 2012 hours and proceeded with the exercise in the normal manner. At 2332 hours a position message was received but was impossible to plot. At 0005 hours the aircraft obtained a series of QDM's the last one at 0024 hours. At 0026 hours the aircraft was seen to hit the ground two miles NNW of RAF Ganston station.

Crew:

RAF Sgt A C Fisher, Captain (Pilot)
 RAAF 424281 Flt Sgt C D Jones, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
 RCAF Sgt McGuire, (Air Bomber)
 RCAF Sgt J L Barber, (Wireless Air gunner)
 RCAF Sgt W R Waldron, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt N O Noble, (Screened Instructor)

Sgt Fisher is buried in the Beckenham Crematorium and Cemetery, UK.
 Flt Sgt Jones, and Sgt's McGuire, Barber and Waldron are buried in the Ollerton Cemetery, UK.

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423789 Flying Officer HACKNEY, Henry Horace

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/667 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JB 299
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	82 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 23rd May 1944, Halifax JD299 from RAF Ricall, on a night cross country training exercise, crashed when making an emergency landing following engine failure, and in so doing ran into trees. Two of the crew were killed and five were injured.

Crew:

RAAF 422766 PO Tulk, P A Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 423789 FO Hackney, H H (Navigator)
RAAF 422504 FO Hall, M (Air Bomber)
RAAF 419327 Sgt C R Mudge, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R J Middleton, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt P H McDonnell, (Mod Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt S J Kirk, (Rear Gunner)

FO Hall and FO Hackney are buried in the Harrogate (Stornefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire, UK.

PO Tulk later stated : "The starboard outer engine was feathered when the port outer engine failed. This airscrew wouldn't feather and the aircraft lost height and finally force landed in a field crashing into a wood."

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422504 Flying Officer HALL, Marshall

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/667 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Halifax
Serial number:	JB 299
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	82 Operational Trg RAF

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429179 Flight Sergeant CREBER, William Sidney

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/472 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	BK 463
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	83 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the night of 19/20th May 1944, Wellington BK463 was detailed to attack Lille, France. The aircraft crashed at EPS, 13kms north of St Pol, and all the crew were killed.

Crew:

RAF PO Hemmingway, W E Captain (Pilot)
 RAF FO Norman, W (Navigator)
 RAF PO Dinnage, H E (Air Bomber)
 RAAF 429179 Flt Sgt W S Creber, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Flt Sgt H G Stevens, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt E D Cossins, (Air Gunner)
 RCAF PO Knapp, R S (PAX)

All on board are buried in the St Pol War Cemetery, France.

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418949 Flight Sergeant HOGAN, Michael

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/18/271 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3392
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	84 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 27th January 1944, Wellington X3392 from RAF Desborough, near Kettering, Northants, was detailed for a six hours cross-country training exercise. At 2010 hours it was reported by the Flying Control officer that the aircraft had crashed at Molesworth near Desborough, at 2004 hours.

A later Fling Accident report stated : “The aircraft took off at 1930 hours . At 2000 hours it was seen by the fourth witness apparently on track on the second leg of the exercise at a height of between 500/1000 feet. It was on fire. The aircraft turned to port sharply and crashed to the ground burning fiercely.

The Court found : “the accident was caused by fire probably in the port engine which broke out for some unknown reason. In view of the fact that there was a hole in the wallet of the Pilot which was picked up in the debris, and which may have been caused by a bullet, it is not possible to rule out the theory that the aircraft may have been shot down, although the court considered that it was very remote that the aircraft was shot down.”

Crew:

RAAF 418949 Flt Sgt M Hogan, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt A Peat, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt S G Tucker, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt S T Dean (Wireless Air Gunner)
RCAF Sgt M H Graham (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF Sgt D B Palmer, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Hogan and Sgt's Graham and Dean are buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Peat is buried in the Fulwood (Christ Church) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Tucker is buried in the Gloucester Old Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Palmer is buried in the Alton Cemetery, UK.

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428830 Flight Sergeant TUBMAN, Ronald Vernon

Source:

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/40/170 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 245
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	84 Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 11th April 1944, Wellington LN245 was detailed to carry out solo non operational night circuits and landings. The aircraft crashed at 0500 hours at Rothwell Glendon Road, North Hamptonshire. Two circuits had been carried out but on the third circuit the port engine failed and the aircraft crashed.

Three of the crew were killed and Sgt Farley was injured.

Crew:

RAAF 428830 Flt Sgt R V Tubman, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt C W Massey, (Bomb Aimer)
RAF Sgt W A Bush, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt R R Farley, (Rear Gunner)

Flt Sgt Tubman is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Massey is buried in the Castle Donnington Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Bush is buried in the Horsell (St Mary) Churchyard, UK.

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432112 Pilot Officer BYRNE, Reginald Elwyn

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/698 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	HF 570
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	84 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 5th September 1944, Wellington HF570 crashed in Draybrook Road Desborough, UK, and three of the crew were killed and three injured.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident found that : “ The aircraft had entered the circuit at base at 3000 feet., the Pilot having called to that effect on the R/T. No further R/T message was received and the aircraft was subsequently found to have crashed just outside the outer circuit on the down wind leg.

The Captain gave instructions on entering the circuit for the Nacelle tanks to be turned ON.. This was done. incorrectly it was believed by the Bomb Aimer, with the result that the engine failed and the aircraft crashed.

The accident was due to the incorrect manipulation of the petrol cocks C S when the Air bomber was turning ON the Nacelle tanks.”

Crew:

RAAF 432112 PO Byrne, R E Captain (Pilot)
 RAF Sgt J McNish9 Navigator)
 RAF Sgt R McDowell, (Bomb Aimer)
 RAAF 434801 Flt Sgt T F O'Neill, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt E Brisbourne, (Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt W J Barnett, (Air Gunner)

PO Byrne is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Brisbourne is buried in the Much Wenlock Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Barnett is buried in the Sarn Cemetery, UK.

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418198 Flight Sergeant STOBIE, Graeme Grieve

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/404 Digitised
Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	Z 1490
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 104 OPERATIONAL TRG RAF

Summary:

Wellington Z1490 took off from Tiree at 2050 hours on the night of 25/26th January 1944, to carry out a non operational training flight. At 0020 hours on the 26th January, the aircraft was supplied with a QDM of 149 degrees, and the aircraft changed frequency to Notts Corner. At 0030 hours No 13 Group plotted the aircraft at 56.18 N, 7.20W at 6000 feet. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft which failed to return to base.

Crew:

RAF Flt Sgt M J Fletcher, (Pupil Pilot)
RAAF 418198 Flt Sgt G G Stobie, (Pupil Navigator)
RCAF WO 1 L T Erickson, (Pupil Wireless Air Gunner)

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

Flt Sgt Stobie is buried in the Oban (Pennyfuir) Cemetery, Scotland.

WO Erickson is buried at Soroby Burial Ground, UK. His body had been washed ashore at Tiree at 2100 hours on 27/1/44. He had died from exposure and not drowning or other injuries. The dinghy had also functioned OK. All the circumstances point to a successful ditching followed by a gale which sprang up that morning and persisted for two days. No 15 Group took the necessary search action.

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426848 Pilot Officer SMITH, Geoffrey George Minchin

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 1166/38/1049 Digitised
Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LP 410
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 105 OPERATIONAL TRG RAF

Summary:

Wellington LP410 took off at 0829 hours on 29th April 1945 to carry out a cross country training course from base. . During the flight the aircraft carried out the normal procedure of passing messages and position reports to base. At 1226Z hours a position report was received by TAFC giving an ETA Base of 1259Z.

At 1233Z the aircraft called on base for an approach control frequency and requesting a UCO for base weather. This was transmitted but not acknowledged. The aircraft subsequently called on all frequencies, but after that nothing further was heard and the aircraft failed to return to base. Overdue procedures were then taken.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Crowther, H K (Instructor Pilot)
RAF WO H J Bays, (Pupil Pilot)
RAF WO E Skelton,(Scr Navigator)
RAAF 426848 PO Smith G G M (Pupil Navigator)
RAF Flt Sgt W Forster, (Scr Wireless Operator)
RAF Flt Sgt G J Whitcombe, (Pupil Wireless Operator)

The aircraft crashed on the 29th April 1945 at Moccas Park, Herefordshire, UK, and all the crew were killed.

Flt Lt Crowther is buried in the Splendborough (Cleckheaton Whitechapel Lane) Cemetery, UK.

WO Bays is buried in the Gillingham (Woodlands) Cemetery, UK

WSO Skelton is buried in the Nuneaton (Oaston Road) Cemetery, UK.

PO Smith is buried in the Oxford (Botley), Cemetery, UK

Flt Sgt Forster is buried in the Newshildon (All Saints) Churchyard, UK.

Flt Sgt Whitcombe is buried in the Culmstock Cemetery, UK.

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436177 Flight Sergeant SHADDICK, Alan Geoffrey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/946 Commonwealth War Graves records.

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	107 OPERATIONAL TRAINING RAF

Summary:

On 19th February 1945, a Dakota flown by Flt Lt Mackay was carrying out a non-operational delivery of crews on completion of training. The aircraft was travelling from 107 Op Training Unit, RAF Leicester to GP OT Flight Zeals, Wiltshire, on completion of training. The aircraft crashed at 1530 hours on 19th February, 2 miles north west of Beale, Wiltshire

The aircraft contacted a tree on hill and this was followed by an explosion and total disintegration of the aircraft. The aircraft was seen to disappear over the boundary of the airfield. Civilians working in the vicinity had the general impression that the aircraft was flying normally with no sign of the engine faltering before the crash. After completing a circuit of the airfield the aircraft climbed to about 500 feet and disappeared into cloud, and then apparently dived into the ground. The estimated height over the airfield was 500 feet and a mile further on the height was 100 feet before it crashed.

Crew :

RAF	Flt Lt Mackay, M R S (1 st Pilot)	Injured
RAF	FO Plant, F J (Navigator)	Killed

Included in the 19 passengers killed were :

RAAF 436177 Flt Sgt A G Shaddick, (Pilot)

RAAF 435399 Flt Sgt J O Allen, (Wireless Air Gunner)

The other passengers were members of the RAF or RCAF.

FO Plant is buried in the Norwich Cemetery, Norfolk, UK.

Flt Sgt's Shaddick and Allen are buried in the Bath (Haycombe) Cemetery, UK.

The other passengers were buried in their home town cemeteries in the UK.

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414169 Flight Sergeant SWANSON, Arnold Hamilton

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/38/129 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses Operational Training Units 1939-1947, Page 215, Volume 7.

Aircraft Type:	Blenheim
Serial number:	L 8850
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 130 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Blenheim L8850 took off from RAF Bicester at 0100 hours on the night of 26/27th April 1943, for a night cross country training exercise. At 0315 hours when near Stewkley, 10 miles ESE of Buckingham, the aircraft exploded and all the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAAF 414169 Flt Sgt A H Swanson, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Sgt H O Foster, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt E S Frostwick, (Wireless Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Swanson is buried in Halton (St Michael) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Foster is buried in the Southampton (South Stoneham) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Frostwick is buried in the Carlton Colville (St Peter) Churchyard, UK.

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

6240 Sergeant LOWTHER, George Wilson

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A795, 166/25/2 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Catalina
Serial number:	FP 239
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 131 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Catalina FP239 took off from RAF Station Killadeas on 30th December 1942, during a non-operational training flight. It became lost in bad weather, and crashed 17 miles north west of Omagh Northern Ireland. All on board the aircraft were killed.

The weather conditions had deteriorated earlier and more severely than was forecast.

However as the cloud base at ETA was forecast at 600 feet, with visibility 5/6 miles a diversion was not ordered. The aircraft obtained homing bearings from the local H/F D/F station and continued on course. It flew into a hillside 25 miles north east of base while in cloud and greatly reduced visibility.

Crew:

RAF Sgt J S Orr, (1st Pilot)
 RAF Sgt F H Hilling, (2nd Pilot)
 RCAF FO Adams, R M (Navigator Bomb Aimer)
 RAAF 6240 Sgt G W Lowther, Fitter 2E/Flight Engineer)
 RAF Sgt A H Perkins, (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt W Nichol, (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt C B Ridge, (Wireless Air Gunner)
 RAF Newman M J H (Air Gunner)
 RAF LAC L Greenhalgh (RDF)
 RAF Sgt J E Slade, (Fitter Mech E/Air Gunner)
 RAF Sgt D W Yates, (FMA/Air Gunner)

Sgt Orr, FO Adams, Sgt Lowther and FO Newman are buried in the Irvinestown Church of Ireland Churchyard, UK. The little town of Irvinestown is in the north of the County of Fermanagh, 12kms north of Enniskillen.

Sgt Hilling is buried in the Coltishall (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Perkins is buried in the Liverpool (West Derby) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Nichol is buried in the Longbenton (Benton) Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Ridge is buried in ther Solhull Cemetery, UK.

LAC Greenhalgh is buried in the Leigh Cemetery, UK.

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

418982 Flight Sergeant SHERRY, Alfred Frank

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/37/294 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Catalina
Serial number:	FP 193
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 131 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Catalina FP193 from RAF Killadeas at 0915 hours on 9th January 1944 was engaged in a non-operational low level bombing exercise, and was making its second run over the target when it crashed on Loughferne, County Fermanagh. It appeared that the pilot who was turning on to the target failed to pull out of a diving turn and flew straight into the water, crashing half a mile from the target. The surface of the Lough was calm and there were streaks on the surface.

It appeared that the Pilot misjudged his height badly and continued his diving turn too low. The flame floats carried in the aircraft ignited when the plane submerged and this lit up the petrol and oil escaped from the damaged tanks.

Crew:

RAF	Sgt R E Smith (1 st Pilot)	
RAF	Sgt K E D Watson (2 nd Pilot)	
RAAF	418982 Flt Sgt A F Sherry, (Navigator Bomb Aimer)	
RAF	Sgt H Bagley, (Missing)	
RAF	Sgt K L Hill, (Missing)	
RAF	Sgt Lee (Flt/Air Gunner)	(Seriously injured)
RAF	RAF Sgt Aldridge, (Wireless Air Gunner)	(Slightly injured)
RAF	Sgt Liddle, (WOM Air Gunner)	(Slightly injured)
RAF	Sgt T G Howells, (Missing)	
RAF	Sgt K L Gross, (Missing)	

Flt Sgt Sherry is buried in the Irvinestown Church of Ireland Churchyard, UK.
Commonwealth War Graves do not record where the others on board were buried or have no known grave.

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

416655 Flight Sergeant COAD, Graham Bruce

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/8/126 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	2283
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 132 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter 2283 crashed during a solo non-operational training flight, at 0957 hours on the 28th May 1943, and the Pilot was killed. The aircraft stalled on take off possibly due to engine failure.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident reported : “ The Pilot bounced on landing and opened up to go round again. When airborne the starboard engine was noticed to give off white smoke, the starboard wing went down, the aircraft crashed and was completely burnt out. An examination of the starboard engine was made and a white deposit was found in the inlet plugs suggesting that the flame traps had burnt. The two end coils of the inner spring and one end coil of the outer spring were also broken. The valve was seized in the guide in the open position.”

The Group Captain commanding No 132 OTU stated “ I personally witnessed the latter phase of the accident. The Pilot was faced with one of the most difficult decisions of forced landings and could have done nothing except throttle his good engine immediately. Both engines were idling just before the aircraft spun but by that time the aircraft had already stalled.”

Crew:

RAAF 416655 Flt Sgt G B Coad, (Pilot)

Flt Sgt Coad is buried in the Haddington (St Martin's) New Burial Ground, East Lothian, Scotland.

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

416570 Flying Officer HART, Philip Wesley

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/17/494 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	JL 449
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 132 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter JL449 during a training exercise on 27th February 1944, crashed at 1442 hours at East Fortune airfield which is about 20 miles ENE of Edinburgh. The aircraft was attempting to land in bad visibility in a snow storm.

Crew:

RAAF 416570 FO Hart, P W (Pilot)
RAF FO Christie, E W (Navigator W)

FO Hart is buried in the Haddington (St Martin's) New Burial Ground, UK.
Commonwealth War Graves does not reveal whether FO Christie is buried. or survived the crash.

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

428357 Flight Sergeant PYE, Ronald Harry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 1166/40/232 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	X 8096
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	ATTD 132 OP TRAINING RAF

Summary:

Beaufighter X8096 on 12th August 1944, during a night training flight, crashed into the sea at 0130 hours, three miles west of Bass Rock

The aircraft maintained normal radio contact with the ground station until the aircraft indicated it was returning to base. It was thought that it then made an effort to ditch in the sea. During an extensive search an empty dinghy was found.

A report on the accident stated : “ During the night training flight the Pilot commenced a VHA QDM at the end of the outward leg and called for an emergency landing and eventually gave a ditching instruction to the crew. The aircraft ditched 10 miles off shore

Crew:

RAAF 429407 Flt Sgt M J Turner Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 428357 Flt Sgt R H Pye, (Navigator W)

Flt Sgt's Turner and Pye are buried in the Haddington (St Martin's) New Burial Ground, UK.

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

420407 Flight Sergeant TURNER, Malcolm John

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AWM 237 (65) NAA: A705, 1166/40/232 Digitised Commonwealth War Graves records

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IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

401935 Flying Officer FORSYTH, John Malcolm

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/14/10 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Beaufighter
Serial number:	JL 544
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	9 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 3rd February 1943, Beaufighter JL544 took off at 1830 hours, on a night navigational exercise, and crashed at approx 2001 hours, two miles NNW of Aberdaron, Caernarvonshire, Wales. The crew of two were killed.

From the aerodrome it appeared that the Pilot came down low at his turning point in order to confirm his position, and flying too low struck the ground which was 300 feet above sea level. A height of 3,000 feet was to be maintained on the exercise.

Crew:

RAAF 401935 FO Forsyth J M Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Black, C R (Navigator)

FO Forsyth is buried in the Pwllheli Borough Cemetery, UK.
PO Black is buried in the Dorrington (All Saints) Churchyard, UK.

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

400630 Flying Officer PATTERSON, John McGregor Maughan

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/51/113 Commonwealth War Graves Records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	NZ 3101
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	Ferry Flight RAF

Summary:

On the 9th January 1942, Wellington NZ3101, fifteen minutes after take off from Gibraltar, crashed into the sea somewhere off Europa Point at 2326 hours. The aircraft sank very quickly, and all the crew except Sgt Morris were trapped in the front portion of the aircraft and were killed instantly. The aircraft was on a ferry flight from RAF Portreath to Malta via Gibraltar.

Harrison got clear from the fuselage, surfaced and was picked up by a patrol launch. FO Patterson's remains were recovered from the sea near, and the apparent cause of his death was a bullet wound received in action. Sgt Atherton's body was also recovered from the sea by HMNS Westcott, and he was buried at sea.

Crew:

RAAF PO Moloney, T G Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400630 FO Patterson, J McG M, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 404322 Sgt W S C Atherton, (Observer)
RAF Sgt E H U Hull, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Morris, (Front Gunner)
RAAF 408018 Sgt K H J Harrison (Rear Gunner)

PO Moloney has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

FO Patterson is buried in the St Gorge's British Cemetery, Malaga, Spain.

Sgt Atherton was buried at sea and his name is commemorated on the Gibraltar Memorial.

Sgt Harrison was injured in the crash, He survived the crash and the war, and was discharged from the RAAF as an FO on 30th September 1946.

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

414099 Flight Sergeant TALBOT, George James

Source:

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/39/60 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	Middle East Command RAF

Summary:

On the 9th November 1943, Flt Sgt Talbot, a Pilot, died in the Middle East, of an Arachnoid Haemorrhage. He is buried in the Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel.

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

428569 Warrant Officer ELWOOD, John Stephen

Source:

AWM 237 (650 NAA : A705, 166/11/288 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Lancaste
Serial number:	PB 864
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	No 1660 CU 75 Base RAF

Summary:

On the 31st May 1945, Lancaster PB864 was detailed to carry out a non-operational night training flight., to Cherbourg, France, and return. The aircraft was briefed to fly at 18,000 feet with a minimum height of 10,000 feet. Other pilots saw an explosion at 2310 hours, and PB864 failed to return to base. Seven of the crew were killed in he crash, and FO Tweed was injured.

Crew:

RAF Flt Lt Birtwistle, N Captain (Pilot)
RAF PO Double, R F (Pupil Flight Engineer)
RAF PO Summers, G (Staff Flight Engineer)
RAF Flt Lt Eden, V C (Navigator)
RAF FO Pearson, A O (Bomb Aimer)
RAAF 428569 WO J S Elwood, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF FO Davies, C (Mid Upper Gunner)
RAF FO Tweed, A (Rear Gunner)

The aircraft was on the cross-country flight and level at 18,000 feet with George Out. For some unknown reason the aircraft suddenly sank three times in a flat attitude with no tendency for the wing or nose to drop. No explanation was offered over the inter-com. After the third drop the aircraft half rolled and went into a vertical dive. The Rear Gunner was thrown out of the rear turret during the descent.

WO Elwood is buried in the Ryes War Cemetery, Bazenville, France.

The other six crew members who lost their lives are buried in the Bayeux War Cemetery, France.

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS
425053 Pilot Officer QUAITE, Lorraine John DFM

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/34/12 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 295
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	No 27 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

On the night of 6/7th November 1943, Wellington LN295 at approx 2210 hours, when flying on a south easterly course at a height of 15/16,000 feet, collided with X3924 flying on a north easterly course at the same height. Both Pilots had their attention momentarily distracted and on looking up simultaneously they each saw the other aircraft extremely close and too late to avoid a collision.

The pilot of X3924 in attempting to avoid a collision pushed the control column forward, which it was thought caused the tail unit to come into collision with LN295 on the starboard side in the forward part of the aircraft near the pilot's cockpit. X3924 Then developed an uncontrolled steep spiral dive to port, which finally resulted into an inverted spin, throwing the pilot through the roof of the cockpit. The aircraft continued to dive at very high speed and it disintegrated due to stress on the airframe It would have been extremely difficult for the crew to abandon the aircraft, although the Captain had ordered abandon.

LN295, after the collision, went into a dive from which the pilot was unable to recover. He gave orders to abandon the aircraft, but the inter-com was useless and the call light could not be found. He did not know whether any of the crew had received the order to bale out. The pilot was injured in the collision and finally baled out at 7000 feet. Both pilots wore their chutes.

Crew: LN295

RAAF 0318 Gr Capt Heffernan, P G Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 425053 PO Quaite, L J DFM (Navigator)
RAAF 416886 FO Parker, J F (Observer)
RAAF 413864 FO Finch, C G (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 427788 Sgt A H Anderson, (Air Gunner)

Four of the crew were killed and Gr Capt Heffernan was injured.

Those killed are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

Citation :

The Citation for the DFM awarded to the then Sgt Quaite of 460 (RAAF) Sqn is as follows : "Sgt Quaite has taken part in many operational sorties and has proved a Navigator of exceptional ability who has contributed in no small way to the successes attained by the crew. On one occasion when his aircraft was badly damaged by enemy fighters, it was largely due to his advice and navigation that the pilot was able to fly the aircraft back to base with 30 gallons of petrol left."

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

414754 Flight Sergeant BRADFORD, Colin Arthur

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/6/444 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Whitley
Serial number:	EB 399
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	Op & Refresher Trg RAF

Summary:

On the night of the 14th March 1944, Whitley EB399 took off on a non-operational glider towing exercise. During the exercise the aircraft crashed near East Isley Berkshire, UK. The aircraft had completed four tows, and had taken off on its fifth circuit., when at a height of about 500 feet, it commenced to dive from which it did not recover. The aircraft crashed and burst into flames. Four of the crew were killed and Sgt Turnbull was injured.

The Glider pilot stated that the take off and climb to 500 feet was quite normal, but that after reaching that height, his airspeed started to increase and he began to lose height until his indicated airspeed was 160 mph. Sensing all was not well, he cast off the tow rope and landed safely in a nearby field.

A Court of Inquiry into the accident stated : “It must be assumed that one of two things happened. (a) the pilot looked back and watching the airfield lights failed to notice that the aircraft had started to dive until it was too late to recover OR (b) the pilot failed to change over from visual to instrument flying soon enough. “

Crew:

RAAF 414754 Flt Sgt C A Bradford, Captain (Pilot)
RAF Flt Sgt H Kilduff, (Navigator)
RAF Sgt K Turnbull, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt D H Kerr, (Flight Engineer)
RAF Sgt A C Edwards, (Air Gunner)

Flt Sgt Bradford is buried in the Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK.

Flt Sgt Kilduff is buried in the Stockport Borough Cemetery, UK.

Sgt Kerr is buried in the Hampton (St Margaret) Churchyard, UK.

Sgt Edwards is buried in the Tuckingmill (All Saints) Churchyard, UK.

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

435399 Flight Sergeant ALLEN, James Ogilvy

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/3/382 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Dakota
Serial number:	TS 436
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	Op Training RAF

Summary:

On the 19th February 1945, Dakota TS436 during a non-operational flight, crashed at 1530 hours 2.5 miles north of Zeals, Wiltshire, UK. The plane was carrying 20 passengers, RAF, RCAF and 2 RAAF. All on board were killed.

RAAF 435399 Flt Sgt J O Allen, PAX (Wireless Air Gunner)

RAAF 436177 Sgt A G Shaddick, PAX (

Both the RAAF members are buried in the Bath (Haycombe) Cemetery, Somerset, UK.

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

418347 Flight Sergeant CHENU, John Come

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA A9300 Barcode 5539112 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	Operational & Refresher Trg RAF

Summary:

On the 10th July 1944, Flt Sgt Chenu, an Air Gunner, was killed in an aircraft accident at Aberdeen, Scotland. He is buried in the Longside Cemetery, UK.

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

430960 Flight Sergeant EATON, Robert James

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705 : 166/11/246 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Mosquito
Serial number:	KB 206
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	Pathfinders Training RAF

Summary:

On the 2nd March 1945, Mosquito KB206 took off from RAF Warboys, at 1915 hours, detailed to carry out a cross-country exercise. Nothing further was heard from the aircraft and it crashed at 2115 hours near Leek, in the vicinity of Cheddleton, Staffordshire. Both the crew were killed.

Crew :

RAF Flt Lt Alberton, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 430980 Flt Sgt R J Eaton, (Navigator)

Flt Sgt Eaton is buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road Cemetery.
Commonwealth War Graves do not record where Flt Lt Alberton is buried.

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

408468 Flight Sergeant MACLAINE, Grantham Stanhope

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/26/713 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	
Serial number:	
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	No 84 Base RAF

Summary:

On the 23rd February 1945, Flt Sgt MacLaine, a Wireless Air Gunner, died of Acute Myelocytic Leukaemia. He is buried in the Chester (Blacon) Cemetery.

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

427788 Sergeant ANDERSON, Alexander Henry

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/34/12 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 295
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	No 27 Operational Trg RAF

Summary:

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Crew: LN295

RAAF 0318 Gr Capt Heffernan, P G Captain (Pilot)

RAAF 425053 PO Quaite, L J DFM (Navigator)

RAAF 416886 FO Parker, J F (Observer)

RAAF 413864 FO Finch, C G (Wireless Air Gunner)

RAAF 427788 Sgt A H Anderson, (Air gunner)

Four of the crew were killed and Gr Capt Heffernan was injured.

Those killed are buried in the Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, UK. The cemetery is known locally as the Newmarket Road cemetery.

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

403864 Flying Officer FINCH, Colin Geoffrey

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/34/12 Commonwealth War Graves records

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416886 Pilot Officer PARKER, Jeffrey Felgate

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 166/34/12 Commonwealth War Graves records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	LN 295
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	No 27 Operational Trg RAF

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

404322 Sergeant ATHERTON, William Samuel Charles

Source:

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/51/113 Commonwealth War Graves Records

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	NZ 3101
Radio call sign:	
Unit:	Ferry Flight RAF

Summary:

On the 9th January 1942, Wellington NZ3101, fifteen minutes after take off from Gibraltar, crashed into the sea somewhere off Europa Point at 2326 hours. The aircraft sank very quickly, and all the crew except Sgt Morris were trapped in the front portion of the aircraft and were killed instantly. The aircraft was on a ferry flight from RAF Portreath to Malta via Gibraltar.

Harrison got clear from the fuselage, surfaced and was picked up by a patrol launch. FO Patterson's remains were recovered from the sea near, and the apparent cause of his death was a bullet wound received in action. Sgt Atherton's body was also recovered from the sea by HMNS Westcott, and he was buried at sea.

Crew:

RAAF PO Moloney, T G Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 400630 FO Patterson, J McG M, (2nd Pilot)
RAAF 404322 Sgt W S C Atherton, (Observer)
RAF Sgt E H U Hull, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAF Sgt A Morris, (Front Gunner)
RAAF 408018 Sgt K H J Harrison (Rear Gunner)

PO Moloney has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing, Runnymede, UK.

FO Patterson is buried in the St Gorge's British Cemetery, Malaga, Spain.

Sgt Atherton was buried at sea and his name is commemorated on the Gibraltar Memorial.

Sgt Harrison was injured in the crash, He survived the crash and the war, and was discharged from the RAAF an FO on 30th September 1946.