

ROYAL AIR FORCE MARTLESHAM HEATH



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

**THIS BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE IS DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES, BOTH IN WAR AND PEACE, WHILE SERVING AT
ROYAL AIR FORCE MARTLESHAM HEATH.**

This includes - the pioneer aviators of the Royal Flying Corps in the Great War,

 the brave souls of the Royal Air Force, the Commonwealth and Dominion Air Forces who flew from here
 during the Second World War,

 and the casualties of the Experimental Establishments based at Martlesham Heath - both military and civilian.

Take these men as your example.

***Like them, remember that posterity can only be for the free, that freedom is the sure
possession of those alone who have the courage to defend it.***

This book was donated by the members of the
Martlesham Heath Aviation Society

1917

21st March 1917

Bristol Scout D No.5556, crashed after stalling due to engine failure causing the plane to plummet to the ground at Martlesham Heath.

Fatality – ALLEN, Melville Richard Howell Agnew: Lieutenant, Aeroplane Experimental Unit, RFC, aged 25. Buried in Bedford Cemetery.

4th July 1917

On an endurance trial when about 3 miles from the coast Captain John Palethorpe spotted a formation of 17 planes and at once attacked - under very heavy fire until his Gunner (Jessop) was killed

Fatality - JESSOP, James Oliver: Air Mechanic 1, 25501, Aeroplane Experimental Unit, RFC, aged 24. Buried in Ladywell Cemetery Screen Wall D 3183.

29th December 1917

Killed while test flying Sopwith Camel B3888.

Fatality - CUSHING, Geoffrey Edgar: Lieutenant, Aeroplane Experimental Unit, RFC, aged 19. Buried in Ipswich Old Cemetery, Grave Ref, BA.1.72.

1918

5th February 1918

Killed while test flying Sopwith Dolphin C3799

Fatality - BARLOW, Leonard Monteagle: Captain, DFC, 56 Squadron, aged 19. Buried in Brandon Hill Cemetery, Plot F85.

16th March 1918

Killed while flying Airco DH.9A C6350 when it suffered structural failure (tailplane failed when diving on a target at Martlesham Heath and the aircraft broke up in mid-air).

Fatalities - MUSPRATT, Keith Knox: Captain, MC, 56 Squadron, aged 20. Buried in Bournemouth Cemetery

ASHBY, Sydney: Flight Sergeant MC, 506 aged 22. Buried in Ipswich Old Cemetery, Grave Ref BA.1.74

8th May 1918

Airco DH.4 A7671 from Martlesham Heath to Farnborough. Broke up in the air due to tail plane failure and crashed at Frimley.

Fatalities - LUTYENS, Lionel Francis Derek: Lieutenant, Aeroplane Experimental Squadron, aged 23.

PINSENT, David Hume: Member of Observation Staff (Civilian from Aeroplane Experimental Squadron), aged 26.

8th June 1918

Killed while flying B.A.T. Bantam II which dived into the ground.

Fatality - D'ARCY, Samuel Hollis Alfred: Lieutenant, DSO, Aeroplane Experimental Squadron aged 19. Buried in Ipswich Old Cemetery, Grave Ref BA.1.75.
26th August 1918

Killed while flying Bristol F.2b Fighter C4885 from Martlesham Heath to London in bad weather.

Fatality - HOPKINSON, Bertram: Lieutenant Colonel, Professor and Controller of Research and Experiments at the Air Ministry, aged 44.

11th September 1918

Killed when Vickers Vimy B9954 stalled on take-off. Bombs exploded on impact.

Fatality - WILKIN, Gordon Shaw: Lieutenant, Aeroplane Experimental Squadron, aged 22 (Canadian).

23rd October 1918

Killed when flying in Avro 504K F9701 with pilot Captain. PG. Scott. Died at Acoustical Experimental Station, Butley.

Fatality - HAYES, Ewart M: Air Mechanic 1, Airplane Experimental Establishment, 22782, aged 32.

1919

22nd January 1919

Killed in Sopwith Camel C1588. Port wing cracked at 4,500 ft. and side slipped into the ground.

Fatalities - BLAIN, Cecil William: Lieutenant, Aeroplane Experimental Squadron, aged 22. Buried in Ipswich Old Cemetery.

1920

28th June 1920

Killed in hangar accident. Crushed when an aircraft fell off trestle support.

Fatality - DE VIELL, Charles Ernest: Flight Sergeant, 6162, Aeroplane Experimental Squadron, aged 31. Buried in Exeter Cemetery.

1921

10th March 1921

Killed when DH.10A Amiens F8423 crashed. Plane fell out of control, spun and then dived into the ground at Hasketon.

Fatality - GARDNER, Harold William: Flying Officer, Aeroplane Experimental Squadron, aged 27.

16th August 1921

Killed when the Bristol Braemar C4297 they were flying swung on take-off and hit a parked aircraft and then crashed into a hangar.

Fatalities - SUTTON, Oliver Manners: Flight Lieutenant, MC, Aeroplane Experimental Squadron, aged 25.

SHERIDAN, Charles J: Air Mechanic II, Aeroplane Experimental Squadron, aged 21.

1923

30th November 1923

Killed while flying Short Springbok Mark 1 J6975 which spun into the ground (probable cause rudder blanking) over Martlesham Heath. On striking the ground the machine burst into flames.

Fatalities - BIRD, Ernest: Flying Officer, Aeroplane Experimental Squadron, aged 26.

BUDD, George Roger: Corporal, Aeroplane Experimental Squadron, aged 26.

1926

7th December 1926

Killed while flying Gloster Gamecock J7891 on a terminal velocity dive when wing flutter caused the aircraft to break up in the air. Wheatley, who had a parachute, could not abandon the aircraft as he was either stunned or trapped by the collapse of the gravity tank structure.

Fatality - WHEATLEY, Gilbert Vernon: Flight Lieutenant, Aircraft and Armaments Experimental Establishment, aged 27.

1928

23rd January 1928

Killed in flying accident at Martlesham Heath whilst performing a speed test on a Blackburn F1 Turcock plane. The wing hit the ground during a low turn and then the plane hit a tree and he was killed instantly.

Fatality - DAUNCEY, Harold Campbell Gambier: Flying Officer, Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment, aged 21. Buried in Martlesham Churchyard.

1929

17th December 1929

Flying from Cranwell the two pilots flew in a Fairey Long Range Monoplane J9479 in which they were attempting to fly nonstop to Cape Town, South Africa in a bid for the Long-Range Record. They were both killed when they crashed into the Atlas Mountains, south of Tunis, near the village of St. Marie de Kit.

Fatalities - JENKINS, Norman Hugh: Flight Lieutenant, OBE, DFC, DSM, 22 Squadron, aged 34. Buried in Ipswich Cemetery.

JONES-WILLIAMS, Arthur Gordon: Squadron Leader Croix de Guerre, MC and Bar, Commanding Officer 23 Squadron, Kenley and attached to Long Distance Flight at RAF Cranwell, aged 31.

1930

9th October 1930

Vickers Virginia J.9131 crashed on take-off when undergoing trials at Martlesham Heath. Aircraftsman Minns was sitting in the front cockpit and was crushed by one of the Napier engines which had broken loose from the airframe. The pilot and two other crew members escaped unhurt.

Fatality - MINNS, William Henry Dack: Aircraftsman 1, 22 Squadron, Aircraft and Armaments Experimental Establishment, aged 22.

1933

19th May 1933

During formation aerobatics Flight Lieutenant Campbell in Bulldog K2201 collided with Bulldog K2191 flown by Flight Lieutenant Moir both crashing. Moir baled out safely, but Campbell was killed in the subsequent crash. The third Bulldog, flown by Flying Officer Pegg broke away and landed safely.

Fatality - CAMPBELL, George Edwin: Flight Lieutenant, DFM, Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment, aged 32.

1937

19th April 1937

Killed while flying as flight engineer in Vickers Wellington K4049 B9/32 (prototype) flown by Flight Lieutenant Hare. The aerodynamic horn balance broke and threw the aircraft onto its back. Smurthwaite was unable to reach his parachute in the rear fuselage and was killed in the subsequent crash. The pilot was thrown through the roof and parachuted to the ground with injuries.

Fatality - SMURTHWAITE, George Peter: Aircraftsman 1, Airplane Experimental Establishment, aged 21.

28th May 1937

Pilot of Hawker Demon K4527 of No 64 Squadron together with gunner Leading Aircraftman Hutchinson. During aerobatics, the aircraft was put into deliberate spin from which it did not recover, crashing into the airfield at Martlesham Heath.

Fatalities - VICKERY, Peter Charles: Flying Officer, 64 Squadron, aged 23.

HUTCHINSON, Joseph: Leading Aircraftsman, 64 Squadron, aged 26.

22nd July 1937

Killed while test flying Miles Magister L5912. During diving trials, the aircraft got into a spin. Simonds baled out and parachuted into the sea. An RAF rescue launch was sent out to recover him but saw a ferry apparently altering course to pick him up and hence returned to base. Unfortunately, the ferry had seen the rescue launch and resumed its course. The pilot drowned.

Fatality - SIMONDS, Eric Rolfe: Flight Lieutenant, Test Pilot Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment, aged 28.

10th September 1937

Flying in the Kings Cup Air Race, in a Miles Falcon Major G-AENC, they ran into severe turbulence when rounding Flamborough Head in Yorkshire. The aircraft inverted out of control and Sherren was thrown out through the cockpit canopy. He was seen to somersault through the air before crashing into the ground at the edge of Castle Hill Cliff. His body burst through the railings and fell out of sight into the sea. Hilton's body was recovered from the cockpit.

Fatalities - HILTON, Edward Goodwin: Wing Commander, DFC, AFC, Airplane Experimental Establishment, aged 41.

SHERREN, Percy Clark: Wing Commander (Ret), MC, aged 44 – Canadian. Both buried side by side in Ipswich New Cemetery.

28th November 1937

Crashed on the 22nd November 1937 in Demon K4516 which overturned in a ploughed field at Cookley near Halesworth. Smith was trapped beneath the aircraft and died in hospital six days after the crash on the 28th November. Pilot Sergeant Herbert survived.

Fatality - SMITH, Robert Edwin: Aircraftsman 1 Gunner, 64 Squadron, aged 22.

1939

16th February 1939

Harvard N7000 from Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough which crashed at Eyke. While on test, entered a spin for which an anti-spin parachute had been fitted to the tail. This broke away from the aircraft which continued to spin into the ground killing both on board.

Fatalities - CAZALET, Robert Travers: Squadron Leader, aged 27.

ALSTON, Richard Peter: Civilian - Senior Scientific Officer, aged 32.

23rd August 1939

Killed in Bristol Bombay L5808 which crashed on take-off from Martlesham Heath.

Fatalities - HIGGINS, Cecil Ender: Flight Sergeant, Airplane Experimental Establishment, aged 28.

MACHIN, John Reginald: Leading Aircraftsman, Airplane Experimental Establishment, aged 24.

TREADWELL, Douglas: Aircraftsman 1, Airplane Experimental Establishment, aged 21.

16th December 1939

PO Tipple was a new recruit and had no experience of flying a Fairey Battle (N2159) aircraft. His plane approached Hintlesham at around 1000ft in difficulties with smoke pouring from its tail and losing height. He tried to bale out but failed to clear the aircraft before it hit a tree at Vauxhall Farm, Great Wenham.

Fatality – TIPPLE, Harrod Graham: Pilot Officer, 42031, 264 Squadron, aged 19. Buried in Hintlesham Churchyard.

1940

29th March 1940

Killed while taxiing a Hawker Hurricane Mark 1 – L1946 which ran into a dip in the airfield tipping the aircraft and throwing him out of the cockpit which resulted in a broken neck. The accident happened on the day he was recalled to the England rugby squad to play Wales.

Fatality – OBOLENSKY, Alexander Sergeevich, His Highness Prince: Pilot Officer, 91075, 54 Squadron, aged 24. Buried in Ipswich New Cemetery. Commemorated with a statue in Cromwell Square, Ipswich.

2nd April 1940

Hurricane L1799. Missing after control lost in cloud and crashing into the sea. Body not recovered.

Fatality – FENTON, Ferguson Henry Coxon: Pilot Officer, 151 Squadron.

30th April 1940

Detachment from Debden. Killed in Hawker Hurricane Mark 1- L1947. Lost on combat operations when crashed into the grounds of Ditchington House, Bungay on return from patrolling the coast between Southwold and Aldeburgh.

Fatality – HARTLEY-WATSON, Rupert: Squadron Leader, 90059, 504 Squadron, aged 28. Buried Powderham (St Clement) Churchyard, Devon.

19th June 1940

Blenheim Mark 1 L6631, aircraft went missing over the North Sea. Plane was presumed to have been shot down.

Fatalities - BARNWELL, John Sandes: Pilot Officer, 33432, 29 Squadron, aged 20. Buried in Scopwick Churchyard Row 2, Grave 31.

LONG, Kenneth Lines: Sergeant, 755181, RAF Volunteer Reserves, aged 21. Runnymede Memorial Panel 5.

12th July 1940

INCIDENT ONE - killed in Hurricane P3275. Took off from Martlesham Heath to protect convoy and last seen gliding down with dead engine - ditched off Orfordness. Not recovered.

Fatality – ALLEN, James Henry Leslie: Flying Officer, 39957, 151 Squadron (New Zealander), aged 25. Runnymede Memorial Panel 5.

INCIDENT TWO – One of a section of three aircraft dispatched to protect convoy Booty from attack by HE111s. In combat he was shot down in Hurricane P2557 and crashed into the sea off Felixstowe.

Fatality – JOWITT Leonard: Sergeant, 562160, 85 Squadron, aged 28.

22nd July 1940

Killed in Hurricane P3895 when rolled at low level before landing at Castle Camps airfield (Cambridgeshire).

Fatality – BICKERDIKE, John Laurence: Pilot Officer, 36266, 85 Squadron (New Zealander), aged 21. Commemorated at Wimbish (All Saints) Churchyard.

31st July 1940

Thompson was Captain of Blenheim L1408 which collided with Blenheim L6722 of 29 Squadron over the Bristol Channel during a test of the radar system.

Fatalities - THOMPSON, Joseph Beckett: Sergeant Pilot, 566058, 25 Squadron, aged 24. Buried in Magheragall Church of Ireland, Grave 194.

TOY, Edward John: Aircraftsman 2nd class, 572787, RAF 32nd Maintenance Unit, aged 19. Runnymede Memorial Panel 27.

GORDON, Mr DM: Civilian (Scientist) radar engineer, RAF 32nd Maintenance Unit.

3rd September 1940

Killed in Hurricane P3518. Shot down in combat crashed at Lodge Farm, Galleywood, Essex, baled out but died soon after landing.

Fatality – BON SEIGNEUR, Camille Robespierre: Pilot Officer, 42791, 257 Squadron (Canadian), aged 22. Buried in Saffron Waldon Cemetery.

7th September 1940

INCIDENT ONE - Hurricane P3049. Killed shot down in combat over Thames Estuary, crashed at Elmley, Spitend Point, Sheppey.

Fatality – BERESFORD, Hugh Richard Aden: Flight Lieutenant, 37150, 257 Squadron, aged 24. Buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery.

INCIDENT TWO - Hurricane V7254. Killed in combat shot down in action over the Thames Estuary.

Fatality – MITCHELL, Lancelot Robert George: Pilot Officer, 70469, 257 Squadron, aged 24. Runnymede Memorial Panel 6.

23rd September 1940

Whilst on routine patrol in Spitfire P7362, Ayers baled out into the sea south-east of Southwold – his body was recovered on the 4th October.

Fatality – AYERS, David Hart: Sergeant Pilot, 740696, 74 Squadron, aged 26. Buried in Ipswich New Cemetery, Grave 437.

8th November 1940

Hurricane V6870 crashed and burned out in Day's Cornfield, Stelling Mennis during a squadron patrol.

Fatality – PAGE, Anthony Durrant: Sergeant Pilot, 745566, 257 Squadron, aged 21. Buried Folkestone New Cemetery, Hawkinge.

11th November 1940

INCIDENT ONE - Hurricane P2794 damaged in combat. Killed when attempting to return to Manston after but crashed in forced landing at Monkton, Kent.

Fatality – HOGG, Robert Dudley: Sergeant, 754041, 17 Squadron, age 22. Buried in Bedford Cemetery Sec R. Grave 353.

INCIDENT TWO - Hurricane V7570. Killed when shot down in combat with JU87s off Burnham and crashed into the sea.

Fatality – WISSLER, Denis Heathcote: Pilot Officer, 42665, 17 Squadron. Runnymede Memorial Panel 10.

17th November 1940

Killed when Hurricane N2342 was shot down in combat and crashed in the sea off Harwich.

Fatality – HENSON, Bernard: Sergeant, 742563, 257 Squadron. Buried in Wisbech (Mount Pleasant) Cemetery, Western Div.3, Grave 3

28th December 1940

Killed when returning in Hurricane V6791 from patrol in very bad weather when he lost formation and crashed into the ground near Debden.

Fatality – LEARY, David Cooper: Pilot Officer, DFC, 42756, 17 Squadron, aged 19. Buried in Ipswich New Cemetery, Sec X.H., Grave 439.

1941

12th January 1941

INCIDENT ONE – Failed to return from operational flight over the French coast - killed in Hurricane P2961 when shot down by BF109.

Fatality – MCKNIGHT, William Lidstone: Flying Officer, DFC, 41937, 242 Squadron, aged 22. Runnymede Memorial Panel 30.

INCIDENT TWO – Latta was reported “missing” after a patrol over the Dutch Coast in Hurricane 7203.

Fatality – LATTA, John Blandford: Pilot Officer DFC, 42008, 242 Squadron (Canadian), aged 27. Runnymede Memorial Panel 33.

2nd February 1941

Petit took off from Martlesham Heath on a height test to 25,000 ft. There were high winds reported at this altitude suggesting he was blown off course and subsequently lost.

Fatality – PETTIT, Henry William: Sergeant 74564, 605 Squadron, aged 20. Runnymede Memorial Panel 20.

8th February 1941

Killed when his Hurricane V6823 was lost in a dogfight over the sea near Clacton-on-Sea.

Fatality – CRYDERMAN, Lawrence Elwood: Flying Officer, 41674, 242 Squadron, aged 26. Runnymede Memorial Panel 30.

21st February 1941

Killed in Hurricane N2476 when he suffered a high-speed stall after pulling out of a high-speed dive and crashed into the ground at Grange Farm, Alderton.

Fatality – BROWN, Marvin Kitchener: Pilot Officer, 42101, 242 Squadron (Canadian), aged 25. Buried in Ipswich New Cemetery Sec X.H., Grave 422.

28th March 1941

Flying in Hurricane II Z2588 patrolling over Clacton-on-Sea his turbocharger cut out. He spun in at Bradfield St. George in Suffolk and was killed.

Fatality – SMITH, Arthur William: Flying Officer, 41073, 242 Squadron (Canadian), aged 26. Buried in section X.H. 425 Ipswich Cemetery.

3rd April 1941

Flying in Hurricane X2692 shot down in aerial combat off Felixstowe.

Fatality- TAMBLYN, Hugh Norman: Flying Officer, 40862, 242 Squadron (Canadian), aged 23. Buried in Ipswich New Cemetery Sec X.H., Grave 421.

26th April 1941

Listed as killed in action and no trace of any details. Possibly killed in ground accident.

Fatality – MCGINNIS, James Leland: Pilot Officer, 84658, 71 (Eagle) Squadron. Buried in Brockwood Military Cemetery.

29th April 1941

Hurricane II Z3064. Dived into the sea off Walton on the Naze.

Fatality – BREWIN, Richard Whittington: Sergeant, 745551, RAF Volunteer Reserves, aged 20. Buried in Shirebrook Cemetery, Grave 749.

5th May 1941

Killed at Debden by enemy aircraft machine gunning the flare path of the floodlight he was operating. (3 Squadron was at Martlesham Heath April to June 1941).

Fatality – ENGLISH, Robert Henry: Sergeant, 754475, 3 Squadron, aged 23. Buried Newcastle-upon-Tyne (St. Andrew's & Jesmond) Cemetery. Sec B Grave 213.

17th May 1941

Hurricane Z3186. Shot down in combat with Bf 109's off Clacton-on-Sea.

Fatality – KOLENDORSKI, Stanley Michel: Pilot Officer, 84875, 71 (Eagle) Squadron. Buried in Rockanje (Zeeweg) General Cemetery, Plot 2 Joint Grave 33 Netherlands.

28th May 1941

Killed in Hurricane Z22748. On returning from patrol did a half roll and dived into the ground and was killed.

Fatality – PHILLIPS, William Ronald: Pilot Officer, 407079, 3 Squadron (Australian). Buried Ipswich New Cemetery Sec X.H. Grave 436.

30th July 1941

Hurricane Z3256. Killed when he crashed shortly after take-off while reporting aileron control failure and dived into the ground at Seckford Hall, Woodbridge.

Fatality – MARSHALL, George Montgomerie: Flying Officer, NZ3391841, Royal New Zealand Air Force 258 Squadron, aged 23. Buried in Ipswich New Cemetery Sec X.H. Grave 436.

12th August 1941

INCIDENT ONE - Killed in Blenheim Z7352 shot down by flak crashing near Philipoine, Belgium.

Fatalities - CARDELL, Neville Southwell: Flight Sergeant, 581143, Observer, 226 Squadron.

LEWIS, Gwilym Ivor: Flight Lieutenant, 44668, 226 Squadron, aged 26.

WOODS, Jack Cecil: Flight Sergeant, 751846, 226 Squadron.

They are all buried together in Flushing (Vlissingen) Northern Cemetery, Netherlands Row A Graves 24, 25 and 26.

INCIDENT TWO - Killed in Blenheim V5859 shot down by flak crashing near Philipoine, Belgium.

Fatalities - YOUNG, Hugh Stewart: Flight Lieutenant, 44820, 226 Squadron, aged 20. Buried in Noordwijk General Cemetery Plot 1 Joint Grave 2.

ANDERSON, John Albert: Sergeant Pilot, 751818, 226 Squadron, aged 21. Runnymede Memorial Panel 38.

ROSSITER, Alexander Charles: Pilot Officer, 65509, 226 Squadron, aged 25. Runnymede Memorial Panel 34.

30th August 1941

Killed while flying Hurricane, believed to be Z2151, towards convoy. Seen to crash into the sea - no trace found.

Fatality – WOOD, Charles Ainsworth: Squadron Leader, 37030, 258 Squadron. Runnymede Memorial Panel 29.

8th November 1941

Plane stalled in attempting to land at Martlesham Heath, Spitfire W3822,

Fatality – HIGGINS, Frederick, Alexander: Flight Sergeant, R/66182, Royal Canadian Air Force 403 Squadron, aged 23. Buried in Ipswich Cemetery – SEC X.H. Grave 436E.

1942

9th January 1942

Killed when Spitfire AB783 crashed in North Sea off Aldeburgh on practice flight.

Fatality – INABINET, William Burness: Pilot Officer, 108637, 71 (Eagle) Squadron. Buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery 24.A.1.

10th April 1942

Killed in Action. Spitfire missing while engaged on photographic reconnaissance over the French coast.

Fatality – AYER, John Butler: Flying Officer, 83702, 71 (Eagle) Squadron. Runnymede Memorial Panel 66.

12th April 1942

Killed in Spitfire AB810 on Operation Circus No 122 to Hazebrouck.

Fatality – MAYS, Ben Freeman: Pilot Officer, 106509, 71 (Eagle) Squadron, RAF Volunteer Reserves. Buried in Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery Plot 8 Row A Grave 22 France.

27th April 1942

Killed when Spitfire BM206 was shot down while on bomber escort duty to St Omer on Operation Circus 142.

Fatality – FLYNN, John Van Liew: Flying Officer, 61956, 71 (Eagle) Squadron, RAF Volunteer Reserves, aged 29. Runnymede Memorial Panel 66.

25th May 1942

Killed while flying in Defiant 1, N1561 which crashed on an overshoot at Croydon.

Fatalities - GRANT-GOVAN, George: Flight Lieutenant, 40821, 277 Squadron Air Sea Rescue, aged 27. Buried in Ipswich New Cemetery X.H.436H.
MAINE, Donald W: Civilian passenger, aged 30. Buried in Croydon County Borough Cemetery.

20th June 1942

Killed in Spitfire AR462 which crashed during low level aerobatics at Brighton, Yorks.

Fatality – ALLEN, John James: Flying Officer, 404842, Royal Australian Air Force 41 Squadron, aged 22. Buried in Holme-upon-Spalding Moor (All Saints Churchyard Sec A Grave 1).

25th July 1942

Killed when Spitfire BM142 engaged by enemy aircraft north east of Dunkirk, France.

Fatality – STOKES, John Frederick: Pilot Officer, J/9460, Royal Canadian Air Force 416 Squadron. Runnymede Memorial Panel 101.

25th July 1942

Killed when V1117 was shot down into the sea four miles north of Dunkirk, France whilst on an Air Sea Rescue sortie.

Fatalities - ARUNDEL, John Stanley George: Flight Sergeant, R/83862, Royal Canadian Air Force. aged 21.
Runnymede Memorial Panel 102.

BUNN, William George: Sergeant, 940626, RAF Volunteer Reserve, aged 24. Runnymede Memorial Panel 79

29th July 1942

Spitfire VB EP113. Lost at sea.

Fatality – KELLY, Angus Campbell: Flight Sergeant, R/79518, Royal Canadian Air Force 416 Squadron, aged 27. Runnymede Memorial Panel 104.

19th September 1942

Killed in collision over Martlesham Heath both crashed while making a mock attack on a dummy direction post. Based at Gravesend.

Fatalities – BURRAGE, Raymond Gilbert: Pilot Officer, 115114, 165 Squadron, aged 20. Buried in Fritton (St Edmund) Churchyard Grave 22.

RIETIKER, Ronald Frederick: Flight Sergeant, 545205, 165 Squadron, aged 26. Buried in Wallasey (Rake Lane) Cemetery Sec 16C Grave 776.

19th November 1942

Flying Spitfire VB BL781. Crashed near Dunkirk after attacking barges. Shot down 10km north of Zeebrugge. Believed crashed area of western Schelde estuary.

Fatality – MILLS, Mervyn Jack: Flying Officer, 414321, Royal New Zealand Air Force 132 Squadron, aged 19. Runnymede Memorial Panel 114.

1st December 1942

Killed in Spitfire BL713 which was hit by a FW 190 on convoy patrol east of Orfordness. Black smoke seen coming from his engine and is believed to have crashed in the North Sea. His body was not recovered.

Fatality – CARR, Raymond Arthur: Pilot Officer, J/16335, Royal Canadian Air Force 132 Squadron, aged 20. Runnymede Memorial Panel 100.

5th December 1942

Spitfire AB369. Believed shot down by flak. Missing in North Sea.

Fatality – CHIDDENTON, Arthur Dickens: Pilot Officer, J/16337, Royal Canadian Air Force 132 Squadron, aged 20. Runnymede Memorial Panel 100.

1943

20th March 1943

De Havilland Mosquito IV DZ496 from Marham. Hit by flak and later crashed while going round again to attempt a landing at Martlesham Heath.

Fatalities – WAYMAN, Michael Myers: Flight Lieutenant, DFC, 89359, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 139 Squadron. Buried or commemorated in Sunderland (Ryhope Road) Cemetery - Ward 7. Sec. B.B. Grave 1716.

CLEAR, Gordon Sampson: Flying Officer (Navigator), DFC, 116769, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 139 Squadron, aged 31. Buried in Leverstock Green Cemetery.

12th May 1943

Spitfire VB AD124 crashed 5 miles east of Leiston after being scrambled from Martlesham Heath to carry out defence patrol over English Channel.

Fatality – ELMERYCH, Stanislaw: Flying Officer, P-1718/781008, 317 Squadron (Polish), aged 30. Honoured in Polish Memorial in Northolt.

14th May 1943

Hurricane HV895 departed Middle Wallop to Martlesham Heath and then to Orfordness bombing range. Bomb being carried exploded prematurely. Crashed Sudbourne Marshes.

Fatality – PENDEREL, Hubert Wilson Godfrey Jones: Group Captain, MC, AFC, 02195, aged 52. Buried in Llanguicke (St Ciwg) Churchyard.

20th June 1943

Killed in Typhoon DN435 on an air test, rolled the aircraft and crashed near Bealings railway station.

Fatality – BLACKIE, John: Sergeant Pilot, 1551014, 198 Squadron, aged 20. Buried in Kilpatrick Cemetery, Grave 448.

5th September 1943

Tiger Moth DE765. Killed after a ferry flight from Manston to Martlesham Heath to bring Flying Officer Jonas to pick up a Typhoon. Crashed into the sea off Margate on return.

Fatality – DARBY, James Lloyd: Flying Officer, J/947, Royal Canadian Air Force 198 Squadron, aged 24. Buried in Margate Cemetery Sec 50 Grave 16243.

3rd November 1943

Killed in Typhoon JP754. Damaged by flak south of Sheveningen and later baled out over the sea and seen to fall with an unopened parachute.

Fatality – WOOLDRIDGE, Peter Meredith: Flying Officer, 141164, Royal Volunteer Reserve 56 Squadron, aged 21. Runnymede Memorial Panel 130.

7th November 1943

Typhoon 1B JP728 engine failure followed by spin whilst on cross country flight to Coltishall.

Fatality – SULLIVAN, Leroy Means: Flying Officer, J/8905, Royal Canadian Air Force 56 Squadron, aged 21. Buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery 47.E.9.

20th November 1943.

Typhoon IB EK209 seen to emit cloud of white smoke over Ipswich and crashed at Striblings Farm, Witnesham when returning from action.

Fatality – AMEY, Roland Raymond: Flying Officer, J20654, Royal Canadian Air Force 56 Squadron, aged 20. Buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery.

1944

5th February 1944

Typhoon EJ962. Killed on shipping patrol when engine lost power and dived into the sea Northeast of Orfordness.

Fatality – HORLEY, Harry Rex: Flying Officer, 138105, Royal Volunteer Reserve 56 Squadron, aged 25. Runnymede Memorial Panel 207.

9th February 1944

Typhoon JR442. Killed when on Operation Ramrod when he crashed into the sea south of Dungeness.

Fatality – CUETO, Frank: Flying Officer, 144290, Royal Volunteer Reserve 56 Squadron, aged 27. Runnymede Memorial Panel 205.

23rd March 1944

Typhoon EK245. Killed when suffered engine trouble on an Air Sea Rescue sortie and crashed into the sea off Orfordness. Body picked up by an Air Sea Rescue Walrus.

Fatality – JACKSON, Harold Thomas: Flying Officer, 126598, Royal Volunteer Reserve 56 Squadron, aged 27. Buried in Cambridge City Cemetery Grave 13711.

12th May 1944

Killed in Tiger Moth DF209 which stalled on approach to Denham and spun into the ground.

Fatality – RIDDICK, Dennis Charles Bushman. Warrant Officer, 1004679, RAF Volunteer Reserve 278 Squadron, aged 26. Buried in Kesgrave (All Saints) Churchyard Sec J Grave 4.

1951

27th June 1951

Flying in Athena prototype VR569. Killed when Athena VR569 broke up in the air after control lost in cloud. Crashed at Wilby near Eye.

Fatalities – CORKE, John Reginald: Flying Officer, Aircraft Instrument Experimental Unit.

WALSH, James Ellis: Sergeant Navigator, Aircraft Instrument Experimental Unit.

1956

28th September 1956

Rapid landing flight in Canberra WE189. Killed when returning from tests at RAF Wittering and on approach to Martlesham Heath, suffered engine trouble which flipped it upside down and fell into a field behind the Crown Point just outside the airfield.

Fatalities – COE, Leslie: Flight Lieutenant, Blind Landing Experimental Unit. Buried in St Mary's Churchyard Martlesham.

BIRKLE, Joe: Civilian Scientist, Blind Landing Experimental Unit.

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ALLEN	Melville Richard Howell Agnew	Lieutenant		Royal Flying Corp Testing Squadron	1917	4
ALLEN	James Henry Leslie	Flying Officer	39957	151 Squadron	1940	20
ALLEN	John James	Flying Officer	404842	41 Squadron	1942	29
ALSTON	Richard Peter	Civilian		RAE Farnborough	1939	18
AMEY	Roland Raymond	Flying Officer	J20654	56 Squadron	1943	33
ANDERSON	John Albert	Sergeant Pilot	751818	226 Squadron	1941	26
ARUNDEL	John Stanley George	Flight Sergeant	R/83862	Royal Canadian Air Force	1942	29
ASHBY MC	Sydney	Flight Sergeant	506	56 Squadron	1918	5
AYER	John Butler	Flying Officer	83702	71 (Eagle) Squadron	1942	28
AYERS	David Hart	Sergeant Pilot	740696	74 Squadron	1940	21
BARLOW DFC	Leonard Monteagle	Captain		56 Squadron	1918	5
BARNWELL	John Sandes	Pilot Officer	33432	29 Squadron	1940	19
BERESFORD	Hugh Richard Aden	Flight Lieutenant	37150	257 Squadron	1940	21
BICKERDIKE	John Laurence	Pilot Officer	36266	85 Squadron	1940	20
BIRD	Ernest	Flying Officer		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1923	10
BIRKLE	Joe	Civilian Scientist		Blind Landing Experimental Unit	1956	36
BLACKIE	John	Sergeant Pilot	1551014	198 Squadron	1943	32
BLAIN	Cecil William	Lieutenant		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1919	7
BON SEIGNEUR	Camille Robespierre	Pilot Officer	42791	257 Squadron	1940	21
BREWIN	Richard Whittington	Sergeant	745551	RAF Volunteer Reserves	1941	24
BROWN	Marvin Kitchener	Pilot Officer	42101	242 Squadron	1941	23
BUDD	George Roger	Corporal		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1923	10
BUNN	William George	Sergeant	940626	RAF Volunteer Reserve	1942	29
BURRAGE	Raymond Gilbert	Pilot Officer	115114	165 Squadron	1942	30
CAMPBELL DFM	George Edwin	Flight Lieutenant		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1933	15
CARDELL	Neville Southwell	Flight Sergeant	581143	226 Squadron	1941	26
CARR	Raymond Arthur	Pilot Officer	J/16335	132 Squadron	1942	30
CAZALET	Robert Travers	Squadron Leader		RAE Farnborough	1939	18
CHIDDENTON	Arthur Dickens	Pilot Officer	J/16337	132 Squadron	1942	31
CLEAR	Gordon Sampson	Flying Officer	116769	139 Squadron	1943	32
COE	Leslie	Flight Lieutenant		Blind Landing Experimental Unit	1956	36

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CORKE	John Reginald	Flying Officer		Aircraft Instrument Experimental Unit	1951	35
CRYDERMAN	Lawrence Elwood	Flying Officer	41674	242 Squadron	1941	23
CUETO	Frank	Flying Officer	144290	56 Squadron	1944	34
CUSHING	Geoffrey Edgar	Lieutenant		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1917	4
D'ARCY DSO	Samuel Hollis Alfred	Lieutenant		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1918	6
DARBY	James Lloyd	Flying Officer	J/9473	198 Squadron	1943	33
DAUNCEY	Harold Campbell Gambier	Flying Officer		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1928	12
DE VIELL	Charles Ernest	Flight Sergeant	6162	Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1920	8
ELMERYCH	Stanislaw	Flying Officer	P1718/781008	317 (Polish) Squadron	1943	32
ENGLISH	Robert Henry	Sergeant	754475	3 Squadron	1941	25
FENTON	Ferguson Henry Coxon	Pilot Officer		151 Squadron	1940	19
FLYNN	John Van Liew	Flying Officer	61956	71 (Eagle) Squadron	1942	28
GARDNER	Harold William	Flying Officer		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1921	9
GORDON	Mr D M	Civilian Scientist		32 nd Maintenance Unit	1940	20
GRANT-GOVAN	George	Flight Lieutenant	40821	277 Squadron	1942	29
HARTLEY-WATSON	Rupert	Squadron Leader	90059	504 Squadron	1940	19
HAYES	Ewart M	Air Mechanic 1	22782	Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1918	6
HENSON	Bernard	Sergeant	742563	257 Squadron	1940	22
HIGGINS	Cecil Ender	Flight Sergeant		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1939	18
HIGGINS	Frederick Alexander	Flight Sergeant	R/66182	403 Squadron	1941	27
HILTON DFC AFC	Edward Goodwin	Wing Commander		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1937	17
HOGG	Robert Dudley	Sergeant	754041	17 Squadron	1940	22
HOPKINSON	Bertram	Lieutenant Colonel		Research & Experiments Air Ministry	1918	6
HORLEY	Harry Rex	Flying Officer	138105	56 Squadron	1944	34
HUTCHINSON	Joseph	Leading Aircraftsman		64 Squadron	1937	16
INABINET	William Burness	Pilot Officer	108637	71 (Eagle) Squadron	1942	28
JACKSON	Harold Thomas	Flying Officer	126598	56 Squadron	1944	34
JENKINS OBE, DFC, DSM	Norman Hugh	Flight Lieutenant		22 Squadron	1929	13
JESSOP	James Oliver	Air Mechanic 1	25501	Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1917	4
JONES-WILLIAMS MC-BAR, CdeG	Arthur Gordon	Squadron Leader		23 Squadron	1929	13
JOWITT	Leonard	Sergeant	562160	85 Squadron	1940	20
KELLY	Angus Campbell	Flight Sergeant	R/79518	416 Squadron	1942	30
KOLENDORSKI	Stanley Michel	Pilot Officer	84875	71 (Eagle) Squadron	1941	25
LATTA DFC	John Blanford	Pilot Officer	42008	242 Squadron	1941	23
LEARY DFC	David Cooper	Pilot Officer	42756	17 Squadron	1940	22

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LEWIS	Gwilym Ivor	Flight Lieutenant	44668	226 Squadron	1941	26
LONG	Kenneth Lines	Sergeant	755181	RAF Volunteer Reserves	1940	19
LUTYENS	Lionel Francis Derek	Lieutenant		Royal Aircraft Establishment	1918	5
MACHIN	John Reginald	Leading Aircraftsman		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1939	18
MAINE	Donald W	Civilian			1942	29
MARSHALL	George Montgomerie	Flying Officer	NZ3391841	258 Squadron	1941	25
MAYS	Ben Freeman	Pilot Officer	106509	71 (Eagle) Squadron	1942	28
McGINNIS	James Leland	Pilot Officer	84658	71 (Eagle) Squadron	1941	24
McKNIGHT DFC	William Lidstone	Flying Officer	41937	242 Squadron	1941	23
MILLS	Mervyn Jack	Flying Officer	414321	132 Squadron	1942	30
MINNS	William Henry Dack	Aircraftsman 1		22 Squadron	1930	14
MITCHELL	Lancelot Robert George	Pilot Officer	70469	257 Squadron	1940	21
MUSPRATT MC	Keith Knox	Captain		56 Squadron	1918	5
OBOLENSKY	HH Prince Alexander	Pilot Officer	91075	54 Squadron	1940	19
PAGE	Anthony Durrant	Sergeant Pilot	745566	257 Squadron	1940	21
PENDEREL MC, AFC	Hubert Wilson Godfrey Jones	Group Captain	02195		1943	32
PETTIT	Henry William	Sergeant	745645	605 Squadron	1941	23
PHILLIPS	William Ronald	Pilot Officer	407079	3 Squadron	1941	25
PINSENT	David Hume	Civilian		Observation Staff RAE	1918	5
RIDDICK	Dennis Charles Bushman	Warrant Officer	1004679	278 Squadron	1944	34
RIETIKER	Ronald Frederick	Flight Sergeant	545205	165 Squadron	1942	30
ROSSITER	Alexander Charles	Pilot Officer	65509	226 Squadron	1941	26
SHERIDAN	Charles J	Air Mechanic II		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1921	9
SHERREN MC	Percy Clark	Wing Commander		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1937	17
SIMONDS	Eric Rolfe	Flight Lieutenant		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1937	16
SMURTHWAITE	George Peter	Aircraftsman 1		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1937	16
SMITH	Arthur William	Flying Officer	41073	242 Squadron	1941	24
SMITH	Robert Edwin	Aircraftsman 1 Gunner		64 Squadron	1937	17
STOKES	John Frederick	Pilot Officer	J/9460	416 Squadron	1942	29
SULLIVAN	Leroy Means	Flying Officer	J/8905	56 Squadron	1943	33
SUTTON MC	Oliver Manners	Flight Lieutenant		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1921	9
TAMBLYN	Hugh Norman	Flying Officer	40862	242 Squadron	1941	24
THOMPSON	Joseph Beckert	Sergeant Pilot	566058	25 Squadron	1940	20
TIPPLE	Harrod Graham	Pilot Officer	42031	264 Squadron	1939	18
TOY	Edward John	Aircraftsman 2	572787	32 nd Maintenance Unit	1940	20
TREADWELL	Douglas	Aircraftsman 1		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1939	18
VICKERY	Peter Charles	Flying Officer		64 Squadron	1937	16

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WALSH	James Ellis	Sergeant Navigator		Aircraft Instrument Experimental Unit	1956	35
WAYMAN DFC	Michael Myers	Flight Lieutenant	89359	139 Squadron	1943	32
WHEATLEY	Gilbert Vernon	Flight Lieutenant		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1926	11
WILKIN	Gordon Shaw	Lieutenant		Aeroplane Experimental Establishment	1918	6
WISSLER	Denis Heathcote	Pilot Officer	42665	17 Squadron	1940	22
WOOD	Charles Ainsworth	Squadron Leader	37030	258 Squadron	1941	26
WOODS	Jack Cecil	Flight Sergeant	751846	226 Squadron	1941	26
WOOLDRIDGE	Peter Meredith	Flying Officer	141164	56 Squadron	1943	33
YOUNG	Hugh Stewart	Flight Lieutenant	44820	226 Squadron	1941	26