

# RAF COLLEGE CRANWELL

## “April Casualties”



## April Extract of the Cranwellian Roll of Honour

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# Bomber Command Losses - Berlin



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Casualty	Decorations	Entry	Description	Date
Shand WP	DFC	S34	KIA 139 Sqn; Mosquito IV DZ386 XD-H; Marham-Berlin; shot down; night-fighter IJsselmeer.	20/4/43



Shand WP



Mosquito B Mk IV

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Date: 21-APR-1943  
Time: 02:07



Type: [de Havilland DH.98 Mosquito B. Mk IV](#)  
Owner/operator: 139 (Jamaica) Squadron Royal Air Force (139 (Jamaica) Sqn RAF)  
Registration: DZ386  
C/n / msn: XD-H  
Fatalities: Fatalities: 2 / Occupants: 2  
Aircraft damage: Written off (damaged beyond repair)  
Location: IJsselmeer east of Wieringermeer. - [Netherlands](#)  
Phase: Combat  
Nature: Military  
Departure airport: RAF Marham, Norfolk  
Destination airport:

#### Narrative:

Mosquito DZ386/H - T/o at 22:25 hrs for mission to Berlin. Missing.

The aircraft was shot down by night fighter pilot Oberleutnant Lothar Linke of the 12./NJG 1, flying a Bf 110 G-4 from Leeuwarden airfield.

#### Crew:

W/Cdr (33285) William Peter SHAND DSO DFC (pilot) RAF - killed

P/O (144.203) Christopher Dinsdale HANDLEY DFM (obs.) RAFVR - killed

The Battle of Berlin raged from 1942 until March 1944, when Bomber Harris conceded that his area bombing strategy, the only strategy left open to him at the time, just was not working. Where the strategy had succeeded in the Battle of the Ruhr and against Hamburg, Berlin posed too great a challenge not least because of the limited range of our own fighter support, the imprecision of the much longer range night operations to Berlin and the German air defences protecting their capital.





# Bomber Command Losses - Rest of Germany



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Rest of Germany

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Anderson A		SFTS41	KIA 49 Sqn; Lancaster III ED620 EA-K; Fiskerton-Stettin; flak near RingKobing.	21/4/43
Armstrong RG	DFC, Dux Medal	AFU1	KIA 49 Sqn; Lancaster III ND687 EA-P; Fiskerton-Schweinfurt; night fighter Igelsloch.	26/4/44
Blackden VQ		J25	KIA 12 Sqn; Wellington II W5375 PH-D; Binbrook-Emden shot down by night-fighter; Ijsselmee.	10/4/41
Bond JCA		SFTS12	KIA 12 Sqn; Wellington II W5375 PH-D; Binbrook-Emden; shot down by night-fighter; Ijsselmee.	10/4/41
Brooke PRS		SFTS25	KIA 9 Sqn; Wellington III X3415 WS-?; Honington-Cologne; crashed 12km NW of Bonn.	6/4/42
Campbell KAJ		SFTS44	KIA 35 Sqn; Halifax II HX160 TL-O; Graveley-Stettin; night fighter damage, exploded over target.	6/1/44
Carfoot NH		SFTS20	KIA 49 Sqn; Lancaster III JB305 EA-E; Fiskerton-Dusseldorf; crashed target area.	3/11/43
Chesterman HWA	AFC	S29	KIA 7 Sqn; Stirling I BK760 MG-X; Oakington-Frankfurt; night; shot down Tongerlo.	11/4/43
Collins EF		SFTS35	KIA 9 Sqn; Wellington III X3415 WS-?; Honington-Cologne; crashed 12km NW of Bonn.	6/4/42
Cox MI		A40	KIA 103 Sqn; Lancaster I ME738 PM-S; Elsham Wolds-Friedrichshafen; shot down Langenschiltach.	28/4/44
Cruze HE		SFTS25	KIA 57 Sqn; Wellington III X3607 DX-?; Feltwell-Hanau railway; crashed into a wood, Worms.	2/4/42
Davidson F		SFTS36	KIA 9 Sqn (part of 5 Gp); Wellington III X3722; Honington-Essen Night raid crashed Duisburg.	13/4/42
De Meillac GMM		SFTS32	KIA 7 Sqn; Stirling I R9199 MG-F; Oakington-Duisburg; one of 19 ac lost (392 on raid); lost no trace.	8/4/43
Fairhurst T		SFTS12	KIA 99 Sqn; Wellington IC R1440 LN-?; Waterbeach-Vegesack; crashed into the Ijsselmeer.	9/4/41
Finch J		SFTS20	KIA 57 Sqn; Lancaster III JB725 DX-M; East Kirkby-Mine laying, Baltic; night fighter, Tellingstedt.	10/4/44
Franklin MH		S37	KIA 86 Sqn; Blenheim IV V6148; failed to return from operational flight.	9/4/41
Glennie DG		SFTS10	KIA 61 Sqn; Hampden Mk 1 AD827 QR-?; Hemswell-Kiel, shot down by flak over Holstein.	8/4/41
Grimston B		SFTS17	KIA 156 Sqn; Lancaster I ED615 GT-?; Warboys-Kiel; one of 12 (of 577 force); shot down target area.	4/4/43
Hewitson FL		SFTS13	KIA 99 Sqn; Wellington IC T2721 LN-?; Waterbeach-Mannheim; failed to return from ops over Germany.	30/4/41
Hodgson J		SFTS24	Possibly KIA 57 Sqn; Lancaster III ED706 DX-A; Scampton-Essen; crashed Ijsselmeer.	30/4/43
Jameson A		SFTS44	KIA 622 Sqn; Lancaster I ME693 GI-F; Mildenhall-Karlsruhe; victim to Bf110 night fighter, Gersbach.	25/4/44
Kitchen R		SFTS26	KIA 76 Sqn; Halifax II R9484 MP-G; Middleton St. George-Essen; crashed Recklinghausen.	10/4/42
Lea TS	DFC	SFTS28	KIA 77 Sqn; Halifax II JB804 KN-Q; Elvington-Stettin; one of 21 ac costs (of 339); crashed Pasewalk.	20/4/43
Lovegrove PA		SFTS19	KIA 83 Sqn; Manchester I L7427 OL-Q; fell from window of POW camp Schubin, after capture on Hamburg raid.	8/4/42
Lovell VC	DFC	SFTS11	KIA 141 Sqn; Mosquito II DZ656 TW-J; West Raynham; Serrate patrol for Friedrichshafen raid.	27/4/44
Mackenzie IF		SFTS35	KIA 90 Sqn; Stirling I BF383 WP-T; Ridgewell-Duisburg; one of 17 ac lost (of 561); night-fighter, Ijsselmeer.	27/4/43
Negus M	DFC	A39	KIA 605 Sqn; Mosquito VI NS875 UP-R; Bradwell Bay-Uttwil, Bodensee; missing, found lakeside.	7/4/44
Pudsey K	DFM; MiD*	SFTS30	KIA 142 Sqn; Mosquito XXV KB481 4H-P; Gransden Lodge-Magdeburg; lost without trace.	5/4/45
Smith KA		SFTS50	KIA 75 Sqn; Lancaster III ND796 AA-J; Mepal-Friedrichshafen; night-fighter close to Langenhardt.	28/4/44
Stephens VL		SFTS27	KIA 214 Sqn; Wellington IC Z8842 BU-; Stradishall-Hanau railway; night ops; presumed lost at sea.	1/4/42
Wallage SNT		S36	KIA 57 Sqn; Lancaster I W4252 DX-X; Scampton-Kiel; night; lost over the North Sea.	5/4/43
Webb AT	MiD	SFTS28	KIA 97 Sqn; Lancaster I L7573 shot down over Augsburg, Germany.	17/4/42
Wilkes RE	DFM	SFTS31	KIA 35 Sqn; Halifax II HR678 TL-N; Graveley-Stuttgart; one of 23 ac lost (of 462); shot down by a night-fighter.	15/4/43
Williams RW		SFTS14	KIA 408 Sqn; Halifax VII NP776 EQ-R; Linton-on-Ouse-Heligoland naval base; crashed into sea.	17/4/45
Young RG		SFTS28	KIA 156 Sqn; Lancaster I ED622 GT-Q; Warboys-Duisburg; one of 19 ac lost (of 392); crashed near Cologne.	8/4/43



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Stevens VL



Negus M



Jameson A



Wellington II W5375



Wellingtons of 9 Sqn



Halifax II Of 35 Sqn



Lancaster III 49 Sqn



Stirling I



Blenheim IV



Hampden Mk 1



Manchester I L7427



Mosquito VI NS875





# Bomber Command Losses - France & BeNeLux

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## LOST OVER FRANCE

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Addenbrooke D		S29	KIA 101 Sqn; Blenheim IV N3552 SR-?; West Raynham-Brest; night; lost without trace.	3/4/41
Guest EMC	DFC; MiD*	A38	KIA 53 Sqn; B-24 Liberator; Thorney Island-Bay of Biscay ASW patrol; attacked by JU88s.	5/4/40
<i>Leatherland D</i>	AFC	SFTS12	<i>KIA 97 Sqn; Lancaster III ND748 OF-M; Coninasbv-La Chapelle rly yards; night-fighter; Piscop.</i>	20/4/44
Simpson GA		SFTS11	KIA 23 Sqn; Blenheim If L8616 aircraft shot down and crashed near Lille, France.	10/4/41
<i>Thompson RPC</i>		SFTS7	<i>KIA 83 Sqn; Hampden I AD748 OL-M; Scampton-mine laying la Rochelle; crashed high gnd Dartmoor.</i>	4/4/41
Webb EB	MiD	J24	KIA CO Snaith; Wellington IC X9814 JN-O; Snaith-Poissy; night; crashed Villacoublay.	2/4/42
<i>Whitmill H</i>		SFTS20	<i>KIA 515 Sqn; Mosquito VI NS948 3P-; Little Snoring-Lille raid; crashed near Coulommiers.</i>	10/4/44
Wigg PM		S35	KIA 57 Sqn; Lancaster I LL893 DX-J; E Kirkby-La Chapelle rly yards; found hit St. Omer.	21/4/44
<i>Wilson H</i>		SFTS17	<i>Possibly KIA 207 Sqn; Lancaster I ME685 EM-C; Spilsby-Toulouse; hit by flak, exploded 5 km off target.</i>	6/4/44



Liberator 53 Sqn



Lancaster 97 Sqn



Simpson GA



Guest EMC



Wigg PM



Thompson RPC



Leatherhead D



Addenbrooke D



Wilson H



Whitmill H



Hampden 83 Sqn



Mosquito 515 Sqn

## LOST OVER NETHERLANDS

Casualty	Decorations	Entry	Description	Date
Lings GO	DFC	S36	KIA 110 Sqn; Blenheim IV V6063 VE-?; Watton Anti-shipping patrol; shot down N of Texel.	26/4/41
<i>Lush AL</i>		1ATU	<i>KIA 464 Sqn; Ventura II AJ169 SB-A; Feltwell-Rotterdam; flak over the target; fighters Den Haag.</i>	4/4/43



Blenheim IV 110 Sqn



Lings GO



Lush AL



Ventura II 464 Sqn





# Bomber Command Losses - Norway



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Ops over Norway

Casualty	Decorations	Entry	Description	Date
Maybury DC		J36	KIA 38 Sqn; Wellington IC P9269 HD-?; Marham-anti-shipping; enemy fighters Norway.	12/4/40
Salmond JGC		J38	KIA 99 Sqn; Wellington IA P9234 LN-?; Newmarket- night raid Norway; lost without trace.	18/4/40
Underwood RB		SFTS26	KIA 97 Sqn; Lancaster I L7572 OF-L; Lossiemouth-Tirpitz; flak, Kaldammen-Austvannet area, Norway.	27/4/42

Norwegian campaign	
Part of <i>Operation Weserübung</i>	
The <i>Battle of Narvik</i> saw Norway's toughest fight in <i>World War II</i> ; Nearly 7,500 Norwegian soldiers participated in the battle, along with the British, French and Polish troops. The reconquest of Narvik was the first time that the <i>Third Reich</i> war machine had to be removed from a captured city.	
<b>Date</b>	8 April – 10 June 1940 (62 days)
<b>Location</b>	Norway
<b>Result</b>	German victory <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evacuation of the <i>Norwegian government</i> and royal family</li><li>Establishment of the <i>Norwegian armed forces in exile</i></li></ul>
<b>Territorial changes</b>	<i>Nazi Germany</i> occupies Norway <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Formation of the <i>Reichskommissariat Norwegen</i></li></ul>
Belligerents	
Germany	Norway
	United Kingdom
	France
	Poland
Commanders and leaders	
Nikolaus von Falkenhorst	Kristian Laake (9–10 April)
	Otto Ruge (From 10 April)
	Earl of Cork
Strength	
100,000	<b>Norway:</b>
7 divisions	55,000
1 <i>Fallschirmjäger</i> battalion	6 divisions
	<b>Allies:</b>
	38,000
	<b>Total:</b>
	93,000



Maybury DC



Salmond JGC



Wellington Ic



Wellington Ia 99 Sqn Newmarket 1941



Underwood RB



Lancaster I 97 Sqn



Tirpitz attacked April 1942



Germany	
<b>Namesake:</b>	Alfred von Tirpitz
<b>Builder:</b>	Kriegsmarinewerft Wilhelmshaven
<b>Laid down:</b>	2 November 1936
<b>Launched:</b>	1 April 1939
<b>Commissioned:</b>	25 February 1941
<b>Fate:</b>	Sunk by <i>Royal Air Force</i> bombers on 12 November 1944
General characteristics	
<b>Class and type:</b>	<i>Bismarck-class battleship</i>
<b>Displacement:</b>	42,900 t (42,200 long tons) <i>standard</i> 52,600 t (51,800 long tons) <i>full load</i>
<b>Length:</b>	241.60 m (792 ft 8 in) <i>waterline</i> <sup>[1]</sup> 251 m (823 ft 6 in) <i>overall</i>
<b>Beam:</b>	36 m (118 ft 1 in)
<b>Draft:</b>	9.30 m (30 ft 6 in) <i>standard</i> <sup>[a]</sup>
<b>Installed power:</b>	12 × Wagner <i>water-tube boilers</i> ; 163,026 <i>PS</i> (160,796 <i>shp</i> ; 119,905 <i>kW</i> )
<b>Propulsion:</b>	3 × geared <i>steam turbines</i> ; 3 × <i>screw propellers</i> <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Speed:</b>	30 <i>knots</i> (56 km/h; 35 mph) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Range:</b>	8,870 <i>nmi</i> (16,430 km; 10,210 mi) at 19 knots (35 km/h; 22 mph) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Complement:</b>	103 officers 1,962 enlisted men <sup>[b]</sup>
<b>Sensors and processing systems:</b>	FuMO 23
<b>Armament:</b>	As built: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8 × 38 cm (15 in) SK C/34 (4 × 2)</li><li>12 × 15 cm (5.9 in) L/55 (6 × 2)</li><li>16 × 10.5 cm (4.1 in) SK C/33 (8 × 2)</li><li>16 × 3.7 cm (1.5 in) SK C/30 (8 × 2)</li><li>12 × 2 cm (0.79 in) Flak 30 (12 × 1)</li></ul> Modifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>58 × 2 cm Flak 30</li><li>8 × 53.3 cm (21 in) <i>torpedo tubes</i></li></ul>
<b>Armour:</b>	<i>Belt</i> : 320 mm (13 in) <i>Turrets</i> : 360 mm (14 in) <i>Main deck</i> : 100 to 120 mm (3.9 to 4.7 in) <i>Upper deck</i> : 50 mm (2 in)
<b>Aircraft carried:</b>	4 × <i>Arado Ar 196</i> floatplanes <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Aviation facilities:</b>	1 double-ended <i>catapult</i> <sup>[1]</sup>





# Fighter Command Losses

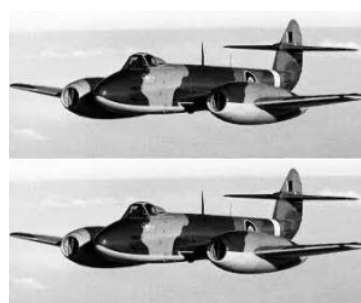
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## Fighter Command

Casualty	Decorations	Entry	Description	Date
Carre JJM Lt		SFTS48	KIA 340 Sqn; Spitfire XVI TD223 O; armed recce; hit by flak, burst into flames on crash-landing.	23/4/45
Cartmel B		SFTS43	KIA 616 Sqn; <b>Meteor III EE273 K</b> ; recce patrol; collided in cloud with Meteor III EE252 'G' and crashed near Luneberg.	29/4/45
Homburg AA		SFTS48	KIA 322 Sqn; Spitfire XVI RR249 V; armed recce, Zutphen; hit by flak.	1/4/45
Howe B		S37	Ex BoB; KIA 263 Sqn; Whirlwind, P6992, broke up near Wittering	20/4/41
Yates JC		SFTS34	KIA 602 Sqn; Spitfire V EE616; Rodeo to Brest; victim to Fw190s from JG2.	8/4/43



Spitfire XVI Free French 340 Sqn



Meteors III EE252 and EE 273 616 Sqn



Spitfire XVI RR249



Howe B



Homborg AA



Carre JJM Lt



Yates JC



Cartmel B



Whirlwind 263 Sqn



Spitfires V 602 Sqn





# Coastal Command Losses



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Coastal Command

Casualty	Decorations	Entry	Description	Date
Barron OJM	DFC*	S34	KIA OC 248 Sqn; <i>Mosquito</i> ; <i>Portreath</i> . <i>Coastal Command ops</i> .	11/4/44
Breese HFD		J37	KIA 210 Sqn; Catalina I AH532; failed to return from operational flight off coast of Ireland.	21/4/41
Bulloch AAT	MiD	S34	KIA 220 Sqn; Hudson I N7283; recce flight over Norwegian coast; crashed North Sea.	24/4/40
Campbell K	VC	SFTS5	KIA 22 Sqn; Coastal Command Beaufort; hunting down Gneisenau off Brest.	6/4/41
Hicks RL		J39	KIA 22 Sqn; Beaufort I N1147; failed to return from operational flight over English Channel.	6/4/41
<i>Holman RC</i>		<i>SFTS16</i>	<i>KIA 219 Sqn; Beaufighter If R2083 collided with R2127.</i>	<i>30/4/41</i>
<i>McClintock AN</i>		<i>SFTS17</i>	<i>KIA 53 Sqn; Hudson V AM560; missing believed killed; failed to return from ops Dutch coast.</i>	<i>11/4/42</i>
<i>Sykes PD</i>		<i>SFTS32</i>	<i>KIA 77 Sqn; Halifax II LW270 KN-P; Elvington-mining over Baltic; one of five ac lost (of 114); Me110 Denmark.</i>	<i>23/4/44</i>
Tanner RL		SFTS7	KIA 206 Sqn; Hudson I T9304 crashed on return from operational flight.	21/4/41



Beaufort I 22 Sqn



Campbell K  
Hicks RL



*McClintock AN*



*Sykes PD*



Tanner RL



Breese HFD



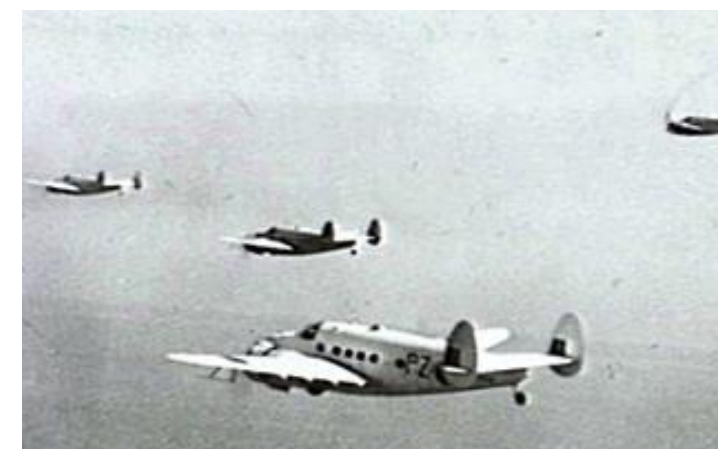
*Holman RAC*



Bulloch AAT



Barron OJM



Hudson V 53 Sqn

The primary task of Coastal Command was to protect convoys from the German *Kriegsmarine's* U-boat force. It also protected Allied shipping from the aerial threat posed by the *Luftwaffe*.

The main operations of Coastal Command were defensive, defending supplies lines in the various theatres of war, most notably the battle of the Atlantic. A limited number of detachments served in the Mediterranean, Middle East and African theatres under the Command from 1941, operating from a headquarters in Gibraltar. Coastal Command squadrons operated from bases in the UK, Iceland, Gibraltar, the Soviet Union, West Africa and North Africa.

Coastal Command also served in an offensive capacity. By 1943 Coastal Command finally received the recognition it needed and its operations proved decisive in the victory over the U-boats.



Catalina I 210 Sqn



Beaufighter 1F 219 Sqn



Halifax II 77 Sqn



# Overseas Commands' Losses

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Overseas Commands

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Adams HWS		SFTS7	KIA 38 Sqn; Wellington CR 1033; over Libya.	14/4/41
Ault K		J35	KIA 11 Sqn; Blenheim IV V5992; Ratmalana-air combat; crashed Trincomalee, Ceylon.	9/4/42
Barclay DP		J32	KIA 45 Sqn; Blenheim IV Z5898; shot down off coast of Libya.	28/4/41
Herbert RV		S37	KIA 211 Sqn; Blenheim I L4819; failed to return from an operational flight over Bitolj, Yugoslavia.	13/4/41
Johnson DV		J30	KIA 45 Sqn; Blenheim IV Z5898; shot down, aerial combat off coast of Libya.	28/4/41
Lylian JCJ		J38	KIA 228 Sqn: Sunderland I T9048; crashed at Kalamata Bay, Greece.	25/4/41
<i>Milton FC</i>		<i>SFTS31</i>	<i>KIA 83 Sqn; Wyton-Pilsen (Skoda); crashed at Dobrany Czechoslovakia.</i>	<i>16/4/43</i>
Walker S		SFTS27	KIA 37 Sqn; Wellington Ic DV411; Advanced Landing Ground 09, Egypt-Crete; crashed on take off.	7/4/42



Ault K



Walker S



Adams HWS



Barclay DP  
Johnson DV



*Milton FC*



Herbert RV



Lvlian JCJ



Blenheim IVs 11 Sqn



Sunderland I T9048

Prior to the establishment of the Desert Air Force (DAF), several RAF formations operated in North Africa. On 3 September 1939, RAF Middle East Command—under Air Chief Marshal Sir William Mitchell, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Middle East - comprised four separate groups: Egypt (designated Middle East), RAF Iraq, Mediterranean at Malta, and RAF Aden (8, 203, and 94 Squadrons). Mitchell handed over to Air Vice Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore (RAF College Commandant 1929-1933) in early May 1940. When Italy declared war in June 1940, Longmore had just 29 squadrons numbering less than 300 aircraft in the four groups detailed above.

The DAF, also known chronologically as Air Headquarters Western Desert, Air Headquarters Libya, the Western Desert Air Force, and the First Tactical Air Force (1TAF), was an Allied tactical air force created from No. 204 Group RAF under RAF Middle East Command in North Africa in 1941, to provide close air support to the British Eighth Army against Axis forces. Throughout World War II, the DAF was made up of squadrons from the RAF, the South African Air Force (SAAF), the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) and other Allied air forces.



Blenheim I 211 Sqn



Wellingtons Ic  
37 Sqn

In October 1941, the Western DAF had 16 squadrons of aircraft (nine fighter, six medium bomber and one tactical reconnaissance) and fielded approximately 1,000 combat aircraft by late 1941. By the time of the Second Battle of El Alamein, the DAF fielded 29 squadrons (including nine South African and three USAAF units) flying Boston, Baltimore and Mitchell medium bombers; Hurricane, Kittyhawk, Tomahawk, Warhawk and Spitfire fighters and fighter-bombers. There were over 1,500 combat aircraft, more than double the number of aircraft the Axis could field.



# Killed On Active Service

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Bourton SJH		SFTS20	KOAS 1 Sqn RAFC; Oxford Mk II R6400.	9/1/41
<i>Campain G</i>		<i>SFTS35</i>	<i>KOAS 12 OTU; Wellington III X3338 JP-P; Chipping Warden bombing ex; engines cut, Kettering.</i>	<i>13/1/43</i>
<i>Fayers RC</i>		<i>SFTS45</i>	<i>KOAS 19 OTU; Wellington X NC716 UO-O; Kinloss-night nav ex; recalled but lost in bad weather.</i>	<i>2/1/45</i>
<i>Franks T</i>		<i>SFTS19</i>	<i>KOAS 10 OTU; Whitley V BD272; anti-submarine patrol, lost without trace.</i>	<i>6/1/43</i>
Fullerton W		SFTS13	KOAS 10 OTU; Whitley V N1494; Abingdon-night bombing practice; snowstorm, crashed Wootton Road.	17/1/41
Gee GM		SFTS28	KOAS 22 OTU; Wellington IC DV481; Wellesbourne Mountford-night trg; stalled, crashed nr Charlecote.	14/1/42
<i>Harper FF</i>		<i>SFTS13</i>	<i>KOAS 46 Sqn; Hurricane I V6816; accident.</i>	<i>13/1/41</i>
<i>Henderson WJ</i>		<i>SFTS27</i>	<i>KOAS Air Observers' School; Anson 536; accident near RAF Millom.</i>	<i>10/1/42</i>
<i>Huston JC</i>		<i>SFTS16</i>	<i>KOAS 12 OTU; Wellington Ic R1340; Chipping Warden-circuits; engine failed, crashed into trees.</i>	<i>17/1/42</i>
<i>Jennings RHB</i>		<i>SFTS30</i>	<i>KOAS 18 OTU; Wellington III BK273; Worksop-night conversion; practised overshoot, prop blade broke.</i>	<i>20/1/44</i>
Lascelles DP		J27	KOAS; travelling onboard SS Zealandic, sunk by enemy action.	17/1/41
Payne DL		J38	KOAS 2 SAC; Blenheim IV L4854; Reserve Pool (Andover); aircraft accident.	8/1/40
Stevens BOC		J37	KOAS 75 Sqn; Anson I N5024; Harwell-trg navex; severe snowstorm; crashed on Dartmoor.	18/1/40
<i>Yardley WJT</i>	<i>DFC</i>	<i>SFTS17</i>	<i>KOAS 17 OTU; suggestion he had been screened previously from ops with 138 Sqn.</i>	<i>23/1/45</i>



Oxford Mk II



Whitley V



Avro Anson



Wellington X



Hurricane Mk I



Blenheim IV