

# RAF COLLEGE CRANWELL

## “March Casualties”



## March Extract of the Cranwellian Roll of Honour

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# Bomber Command Losses - Berlin

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Casualty	Decorations	Entry	Description	Date
Baker WG		SFTS29	KIA 78 Sqn; Halifax III LW589 EY-G; Brighton-Berlin; shot down by night-fighter; Les Hautes Rivieres.	24/3/44
Hentsch FC		SFTS46	KIA 12 Sqn; Lancaster III ND650 PH-Y; Wickenby-Berlin; flak Duisburg; abandoned Geldern-Veert.	24/3/44
Howard ETR		SFTS23	KIA 218 Sqn; Stirling III BK702 HA-O; Downham Market-Berlin; one of 29 ac lost (of 329 raid); flak over Bremen.	29/3/43
Jamieson RDW		SFTS46	KIA 625 Sqn; Lancaster I ED317 CF-W; Kelstern-Berlin; shot down outbound by night-fighter.	24/3/44
Long FH	DFC	SFTS17	KIA 102 Sqn; Whitley V T4326 DY-K; Topcliffe-Berlin; night ops; flak Denekamp.	13/3/41
Richmond R		SFTS47	KIA 156 Sqn; Lancaster III JB667 GT-T; Warboys-Berlin; one of 72 ac lost (of 811); crashed NNW of Trebbin.	24/3/44
Tilley AFE		SFTS22	KIA 15 Sqn; Stirling I W7518 LS-G; Bourn-Berlin; one of 17 ac lost (of 302); night-fighter, Thollen.	1/3/41
Watts-Read AM		J25	KIA 102 Sqn; Whitley V T4326 DY-K; Topcliffe-Berlin; night; shot down Denekamp.	13/3/41



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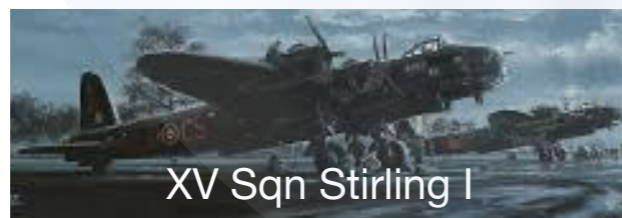
Howard ETR



Jamieson RDW



12 Sqn Lancaster III



XV Sqn Stirling I



8 Sqn Halifax II



102 Sqn Whitley V



218 Sqn Stirling III



625 Sqn Lancaster I

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.



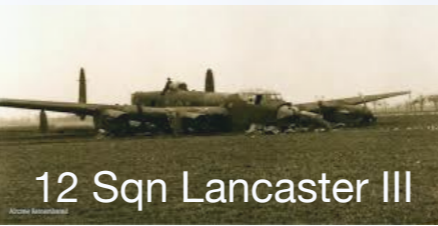
# Bomber Command Losses - Rest of Germany



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Allen RS		SFTS28	KIA 214 Sqn; Stirling I EF329 BU-C; Chedburgh-Hamburg; flak and crashed S of Bremen.	3/3/43
Bailey P		SFTS46	KIA 103 Sqn; Lancaster I W4788 PM-?; Elsham Wolds-Hamburg; night ops; mid-air collision Hohenaspe.	3/3/43
Campbell J		SFTS33	KIA 432 Sqn; Halifax III LK779 QO-W; East Moor-Frankfurt; 816 aircraft and 33 losses.	22/3/44
Clark F		SFTS44	KIA 514 Sqn; Lancaster I NN775 JI-F2; Waterbeach-Gelsenkirchen; crashed at Bunsbeek, Belgium	5/3/45
Coleman LW	DFC*	SFTS5	KIA 149 Sqn; Stirling I R9295 OJ-G; Mildenhall-Essen; overshot runway and crashed into trees.	11/3/42
Colhoun WAL		SFTS42	KIA 49 Sqn; Lancaster III JB466 EA-A; Fiskerton-Nürnberg; shot down, night fighter, Schleusingen.	31/3/43
Cotton Minchin CH		SFTS19	KIA 12 Sqn; Lancaster III ND562 PH-Z; Wickenby-Nürnberg; shot down by Ju88 Bonn.	31/3/44
David MJ		SFTS15	KIA 78 Sqn; Whitley V N1525 EY-E; Dishforth-Cologne; lost after successful attack.	1/3/41
Dixon T		SFTS29	KIA 170 Sqn; Lancaster III ME418 TC-V; Hemswell-Dessau factory; shot down, crashing at Morsleben.	7/3/45
Duff GG	DFC	SFTS16	KIA 158 Sqn; Wellington II W5431 NP-W; Drifffield-Essen; crashed and in flames on return to base.	10/3/42
Edwards DH		SFTS44	KIA 76 Sqn; Halifax III LW696 MP-X; Holme-on-Spalding-Moor-Nurnberg; shot down Daubhausen.	31/3/44
Edwards WJ		SFTS37	KIA 77 Sqn; Halifax VII RG529 KN-C; Full Sutton-Witten; shot down by night fighter, Merklinde.	18/3/45
Evison P		SFTS31	KIA 207 Sqn; Lancaster I ED365 EM-U; Langar-Hamburg; crashed at Wedel.	3/3/43
Gandy O		SFTS25	KIA 455 Sqn; Hampden I AT192 UB-R; Wigsley-Essen; night ops; lost over Germany.	10/3/42
Golding A	DFC*	J31	KIA 12 Sqn; Wellington II W5372 PH-D; Binbrook-Essen; shot down by night fighter; Enkhuizen.	26/3/42
Halsall ESC		SFTS15	KIA 51 Sqn; Whitley V N1481 MH-?; Dishforth-Cologne; lost without trace.	2/3/41
Hargreaves PJ		SFTS48	KIA 578 Sqn; Halifax III NR150 LK-P; Burn-Hemmingstedt; crashed into the sea.	7/3/45
Hill FP	DFC	SFTS16	KIA 51 Sqn; Halifax III LV777 MH-F2; Snaith-Nuremberg; one of 95 ac lost (of 795 raid); flak, Bietigheim.	31/3/44
Johnson R		SFTS42	Possibly KIA 44 Sqn; Lancaster III ND576 KM-M; Dunholme Lodge-Stuttgart; cause not established.	15/3/44
Jones LM		1ATU	KIA 199 Sqn; Wellington X HE519 EX-; Ingham-Essen; flak, crashed off Dutch coast.	12/3/43
Livingstone IF		SFTS18	KIA 83 Sqn; Manchester I L7426 OL-D; Scampton-Essen; night-fighter near Enkhuizen.	9/3/42
Matthews HV	DFC	J37	KIA 207 Sqn; Manchester I L7313 EM-C; Waddington-Hamburg; Ju88 attack on take-off.	13/3/41
McMillan P		SFTS15	KIA 59 Sqn; Blenheim IV V5648; missing believed killed; aircraft failed to return from ops.	26/3/41
Richards F		SFTS27	KIA 61 Sqn; Lancaster I W4903 QR-P; Syerston-Nürnberg; crashed at Wiesenstrasse.	8/3/43
Roblin HP		SFTS21	KIA 50 Sqn; Hampden I AT151 VN-; Skellingthorpe-Essen; night ops; night fighter off the Dutch Vlieland.	25/03/42
Savage M	CdeG Palme	S36	KIA OC 175 Sqn; Typhoon Mk 1b HB214-B; target Hamm railway line; hit by flak near target.	19/3/45
Slack CAB		SFTS36	KIA 175 Sqn; Typhoon Ib EK382 T; crashed in rocket attack north-west of Telgte.	30/3/45
Shockley HG		1ATU	KIA 405 Sqn; Halifax II W7803 LQ-B; Topcliffe-Stuttgart; one of 11 lost (of 314); crashed at la Malmaison.	12/3/43
Spalding J		SFTS26	KIA 77 Sqn; Whitley V Z9293 KN-D; Leeming-Emden; night ops; lost without trace.	12/3/42
Taylor W		SFTS35	Possibly KIA 214 Sqn; Stirling III BK662 BU-K; Chedburgh-Essen; one of 14 lost (of 442); flak, Ijmuiden.	5/3/43
Warren R		SFTS11	KIA 149 Sqn; Wellington IC R1474 OJ-M; Mildenhall-Bremen; night-fighter on landing, Mildenhall.	18/3/41
Will DP		SFTS17	KIA 77 Sqn; Whitley V N1493 KN-; Topcliffe-Hamburg; disappeared without trace.	13/3/41





# Bomber Command Losses - France & BeNeLux

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## LOST OVER FRANCE

Casualty	Decorations	Entry	Description	Date
Davidson AG		SFTS17	KIA 50 Sqn; Hampden I AE400 VN-?; Skellingthorpe Mine laying; lost off French coast.	8/3/42
<i>Ford DM</i>		<i>SFTS45</i>	<i>KIA 192 Sqn; Wellington X LN716 DT-H; Foulsham-ECM support, N France; lost without trace.</i>	18/3/44
Fothergill JM		SFTS13	KIA 53 Sqn; Blenheim IV V5865 missing over French coast.	27/3/41
Littler CE		S28	KIA 103 Sqn; Wellington IC R1043 PM-?; Newton-Brest; night; emergency landing Mudford.	30/3/41
Newton GRH		SFTS11	KIA 53 Sqn; Blenheim V5399 failed to return from PR sortie over Brest; victim to Bf109, St Renan.	14/3/41
<i>Orchard EH</i>		<i>SFTS50</i>	<i>KIA 77 Sqn; Halifax V LK667 KN-A; Elvington-Amiens; crashed Longeau.</i>	15/3/44
<i>Pike DGH</i>	<i>MiD</i>	<i>SFTS23</i>	<i>KIA 207 Sqn; Lancaster III ND513 EM-R; Spilsby-Clermont-Ferrand; crashed in target area.</i>	10/3/44
Yarrow GP		SFTS7	KIA 110 Sqn; Blenheim IV L8787 VE-; St. Eval-Brest; crashed in Cornwall; died from injuries.	30/3/41

## LOST OVER BELGIUM

Casualty	Decorations	Entry	Description	Date
Barber ALH		J36	BoB; KIA 57 Sqn; Wellington IC X3162 DX-?; Feltwell-Ostende; crashed into sea Oostende.	22/3/41
Hirons AW		SFTS10	KIA 515 Sqn; Mosquito VII NS957 3P-?; Little Snoring-bomber sppt; collided Halifax MZ482, Belgium.	19/3/45
<i>Wayman MM</i>	<i>DFC</i>	<i>SFTS16</i>	<i>KIA 139 Sqn; Mosquito IV DZ496 XD-; Marham-Malines; flak damage, crashed on landing, Martlesham.</i>	20/3/43

## LOST OVER NETHERLANDS

Casualty	Decorations	Entry	Description	Date
<i>Alston T</i>		<i>SFTS29</i>	<i>KIA 21 Sqn; Blenheim IV R3884 YH-?; Watton-Maritime Patrol; naval flak off Texel.</i>	3/3/41
Jenkins JFG	DSO, DFC	SFTS5	KIA 114 Sqn; Blenheim IV Z7276 RT-N; West Raynham-Intruder duties, Soesterberg airfield; flak, Utrecht.	27/3/42



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50 Sqn Hampden I



Wellington X



53 Sqn Blenheim IV I



77 Sqn Halifax V



207 Sqn Lancaster III



57 Sqn Wellington Ic



Mosquito IV



Mosquito VII



# Fighter Command Losses



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Beamish FV	DSO*; DFC; AFC; MiD*	S21	Ex BoB; KIA with 485 (NZ) Sqn; Hurricane IIb Z3649, failed to return Calais.	28/3/41
Butler HC		SFTS14	KIA 239 Sqn; Mosquito II HJ709 HB-?; West Raynham-night ops Ruhr; lost without trace.	23/3/44
Clive MHH	Viscount	SFTS10	KIA 605 Sqn; Mosquito DZ248; defensive patrol; practice interception, crashed Manningtree.	23/3/43
Dewar JMF		SFTS8	KIA 229 Sqn; Hurricane Mk 1 V6872 Blue on blue collision with P/O RAL Duvivier.	30/3/41
<i>Maclaren WR</i>		<i>SFTS42</i>	<i>KIA 56 Sqn; Tempest V EJ08 W; hit by flak, crashed north-east of Dorsten.</i>	26/3/45
Slater JH	AFC	A33	KIA 611 Sqn; Spitfire IX BS240; Biggin Hill Stn Flt; shot down French Coast.	14/3/43



*Maclaren WR*



Deward JMF



Butler HC



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Slater JH





# Coastal Command Losses



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Casualty	Decorations	Entry	Description	Date
<i>Jackson HT</i>		SFTS36	KIA 1 Sqn; Typhoon Ib EK245; ASR mission; crashed off Orfordness.	23/3/44
<i>Maclean I</i>		SFST21	Likely KIA 22 Squadron; Beaufort I W6486; missing believed killed; failed to return from ops.	25/3/41



Crashed Typhoon JR328 JX-X No. 1 Squadron RAF 1944

*Jackson HT*

*Maclean I*

Beauforts Mk 1 of 22 Squadron

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.

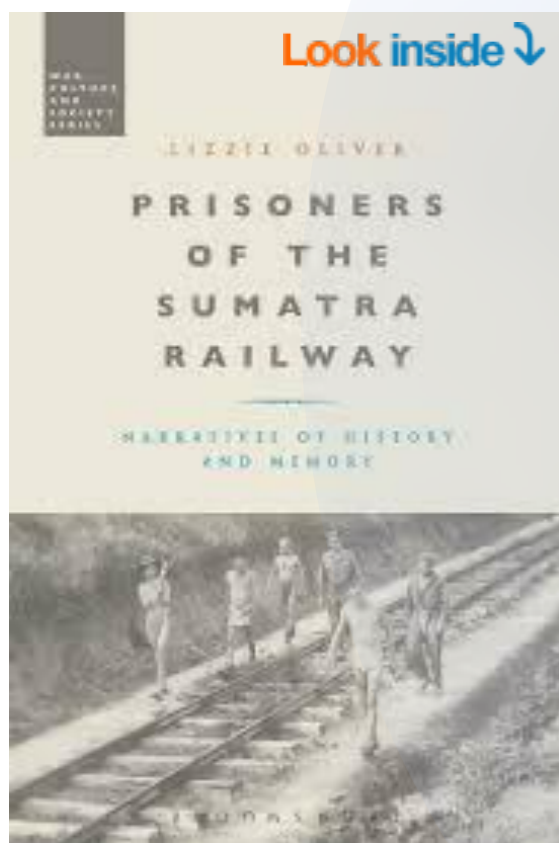


# Overseas Commands' Losses



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Garrard P	DFC; MiD	A40	KIA 59 Sqn; <i>believed captured by the Japanese; Sumatra.</i>	25/3/42
Whistondale GF		J25	KIA CO Kalidjati; missing believed killed, enemy action at Kalidjati Aerodrome, Java;	1/3/42
Wilkins JT	MiD	S35	KIA 100 Sqn; Vildebeest K6377; Indonesia	1/3/42



Kalidjati Airfield



100 Sqn Vildebeest

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.

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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Beale KH		SFTS20	KOAS SFTS; Oxford P1828; buried in Cranwell Cemetery.	23/3/41
<i>Bonnar GA</i>		<i>SFTS49</i>	<i>KOAS 20 OTU; Wellington III BJ989; training accident.</i>	19/3/44
<i>Brown NF</i>		<i>SFTS31</i>	<i>KOAS 19 OTU; Whitley V Z6628; Kinloss-Trg; engine failed; ditched Findhorn Bay.</i>	11/3/42
Chapman GB		SFTS16	KOAS 10 OTU; Whitley V P5087; Abingdon Trg nav ex; lost without trace Irish Sea.	14/3/41
Cook DA		SFTS23	KOAS 49 Sqn; Hampden I P1226 EA-I; Scampton, training; poor viz, crashed Seaton, Devon.	17/3/42
Cresswell JR		SFTS16	KOAS 18 Sqn; Blenheim IV Z5808 mid-air collision with V5464 near Kings Lynn.	17/3/41
Cubitt EG		SFTS5	KOAS 102 Sqn; Whitley V T4140 DY-H; Topcliffe-Berlin; landing on one engine; crashed woods.	13/3/41
Davis CT	DFC	A39	Ex BoB; KOAS 238 Sqn; Hurricane II Z2458 flew into hill in low cloud, Winchester.	26/3/41
Dorward TF		SFTS15	KOAS 25 Sqn; Blenheim L6602; Rutland	5/3/41
Draper DU		SFTS15	KOAS 3 OTU; Avro Anson N9676.	26/3/41
Fordham JW	MiD	S34	KOAS 247 Sqn; Hurricane I P3580; aircraft accident; defence of SW ports; not ex-BoB.	5/3/41
<i>Gee R</i>		<i>SFTS18</i>	<i>Possibly: KOAS 1 OADU; Wellington BX LP199 crashed in transit on delivery.</i>	6/3/44
Gordon-Dean PL		S37	KOAS 151 Sqn; Defiant I N1794; Wittering weather test; wing covering lost.	4/3/41
<i>Holmes A</i>		<i>SFTS33</i>	<i>KOAS 17 PAFU; Miles Master DK865; accident at Little Ellingham.</i>	16/3/42
Hulton HSP		S37	KOAS 18 Sqn; Blenheim I L1427; accident Portslade.	21/3/40
Kimpton PA		S37	KOAS 32 OTU RCAF; Beaufort I W6473; aircraft accident at Rodeo, New Mexico.	27/3/42
Mace BG		S37	KOAS 86 Sqn; Blenheim IV V5464; mid-air collision with Blenheim Z5808.	17/3/41
<i>McKelvie AN</i>		<i>SFTS17</i>	<i>KOAS 54 OTU; Blenheim I L6642; aircraft accident.</i>	28/3/41
Metcalfe AH		SFTS22	KOAS 455 Sqn; Hampden I P5329 UB-J; Wigsley transit; propeller came off; Highbridge.	25/3/42
Milsom DED		J38	KOAS 263 Sqn; Gladiator II N5588; mid-air collision with N5690.	29/3/40
<i>Minett JF</i>		<i>SFTS19</i>	<i>KOAS 2 SoAN; Anson I K6248; aircraft accident.</i>	21/3/41
Nettleton PJM		J38	KOAS 263 Sqn; Gloster Gladiator aircraft N5588 and N5690 collided at Alverstun.	29/3/40
Ostlere E		SFTS7	KOAS 224 Sqn; Hudson I N7235 missing believed killed; aircraft accident.	4/3/41
Padfield EW		J38	KOAS 2 ANS; Anson I K6248; based at Shawbury; aircraft accident near Rednal airfield.	21/3/41
Pink CRJ		J32	KOAS 54 OTU; Blenheim I K7114; aircraft accident.	9/3/41
Richmond JE		SFTS14	KOAS 14 OTU; Hampden I P2062; Woolfox Lodge-night flying practice; crashed on airfield approach.	31/3/41
<i>Scott CC</i>		<i>1ATU</i>	<i>KOAS 19 OTU; Whitley V N1437; Kinloss-night trg ex; engine failed on take-off.</i>	24/3/42
Seddon JW		SFTS11	KOAS 601 Sqn; Hurricane I V7539; aircraft accident.	31/3/41
Smith JMM		SFTS33	KOAS SFTS Cranwell; Oxford II AP460; accident at Grantham landing ground.	13/3/42
<i>Thompson RH</i>		<i>SFTS30</i>	<i>KOAS 101 Sqn; Lancaster I ED446 SR-N; Holme-on-Spalding-Moor air test; crashed on beach, Honsea.</i>	20/3/43
<i>Webb RA</i>		<i>SFTS14</i>	<i>Possibly KOAS 254 Sqn; Blenheim IV R3827; aircraft accident.</i>	4/3/41
West MJ		SFTS14	KOAS 14 OTU; Hampden I P2062; Woolfox Lodge training; loss control on landing.	31/3/41
Whitworth AE		J39	KOAS 240 Sqn; Catalina II AM265 aircraft accident near Kinlough, County Leitrim, Eire.	21/3/41
<i>Wilkinson FH</i>		<i>SFTS18</i>	<i>KOAS 489 Sqn; Blenheim IV Z6342; aircraft accident at RNAS Worthy Down.</i>	8/3/42
<i>Williams GW</i>		<i>SFTS32</i>	<i>KOAS 149 Sqn; Stirling I R9265 OJ-N; Lakenheath-height and load air test; crashed at Great Cransden.</i>	10/3/42

