RAF COLLEGE CRANWELL
“October Casualties”

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Bomber Command Losses - Germany

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Casualty	Decorations	Entry	Description	Date
Anderson JT		SFTS19	KIA 115 Sqn; Lancaster II DS725 KO-F; Little Snoring-Leipzig; night; crashed at Engersen.	20/10/43
Boak AS		SFTS8	KIA 50 Sqn; Hampden I P4417; aircraft believed to have force landed at sea.	5/10/40
Bowden DR		SFTS23	KIA 106 Sqn; Hampden I AD785; Coningsby-Hamburg; night; exploded/crashed Whitby-Scarborough Rd.	27/10/41
Broadbent AB		*SFTS43*	*KIA 50 Sqn; Lancaster III ED483 VN-R; Skellingthorpe-Kassel; night ops; crashed near Ovenhausen.*	*22/10/43*
Bufton JR		SFTS7	KIA 49 Sqn; Hampden BI X3027 EA-A; Scampton-Hamburg; shot down by Intruder off Skegness.	28/10/40
Cato PC		*1 AFU*	*KIA 102 Sqn; Halifax II W1066 DY-?; Pocklington-Flensburg; one of 12 out of 27 ac lost.*	*1/10/42*
Chamberlain PB		S34	KIA 75 Sqn; Wellington IC X9981 AA-?; Firmwell-Nuremburg; night; crashed near Dinant.	12/10/41
Collins JJ		*SFTS45*	*KIA 115 Sqn; Lancaster II DS769 KO-H; Little Snoring-Hanover; one of 18 ac lost.*	*18/10/43*
Cooper KT		SFTS18	KIA 50 Sqn; Hampden I AE256 VN-D; Swinderby-Kiel shipyards; night flak over target.	23/10/41
Du Toit JCF		SFTS29	KIA 218 Sqn; Stirling I W7613 HA-N; Downham Market-Lubeck; night ops; crashed at Skallingen.	1/10/42
Furness RG		SFTS7	KIA 149 Sqn; Wellington IC P9273 OJ-V; Mildenhall-Herringen; lost without trace.	10/10/40
Game HE		*SFTS23*	*KIA 61 Sqn; Lancaster I W4233 QR-?; Syerston-Kiel; crashed into hillside, Helmsley.*	*15/10/42*
Gardner EC		SFTS8	KIA 61 Sqn; Hampden BI X2979; QR-?; Hemswell-Merseburg; rashed Sporle, Norfolk.	17/10/40
Grannum CW		S25	KIA 10 Sqn; Blenheim IV T1891 GB-?; Watton-Homberg; night; lost without trace.	28/10/40
Grundy JA		*SFTS27*	*KIA 51 Sqn; Halifax II HR728 LK-D; Snaith-Kassel; one of 24 ac lost (of 547); crashed at Wietersheim.*	*3/10/43*
Hayter JER	DFC	J37	KIA 83 Sqn; Lancaster III JA972 OL-D; Wyton-Kassel; night; crashed in the sea off the Dutch coast.	4/10/43
Hemming DL		*SFTS35*	*KIA 150 Sqn; Vickers Wellington III X3552 JN-; Snaith-Koln; crashed off coast of Holland.*	*15/10/42*
Hill JJ		SFTS5	KIA 106 Sqn; Hampden I L4180 ZN-?; Finningley-gardening in Baltic Sound; crashed E of Spurn Head.	30/10/40
Jones R		*SFTS22*	*KIA 158 Sqn; Halifax II W1108 NP-E; East Moor-Cologne; shot down by night-fighter, Hellendoorn.*	*15/10/42*
Laidlaw W		SFTS15	KIA 50 Sqn; Hampden I AE383 VN-; Swinderby-Bremen; lost without trace.	20/10/41
Meredith JL		*1ATU*	*KIA 15 Sqn; Stirling I W7634 LS-G; Bourn-Lubeck; one of 3 ac lost (of 25); near Peenemunde.*	*1/10/42*
Page AJ		SFTS10	KIA 101 Sqn; Wellington IC X9828 SR- ; night ops Oakington to Frankfurt, crashed into the North Sea.	24/10/41
Payn GA		*SFTS15*	*KIA 207 Sqn; Lancaster I ME667 EM-X; Spilsby-Bremen; crashed at Lehesterdeich.*	*6/10/44*
Read MFB		S31	KIA 218 Sqn; Stirling I W7613 HA-N; Downham Market-Lubeck; night; crashed Skallingen.	1/10/42
Slater G		*SFTS31*	*Likely KIA 75 Sqn; Wellington III DF639 AA-; Mildenhall-Osnabruck; 1/6 ac lost (of 237); down Hardenberg.*	*6/10/42*
Smith BC		*SFTS42*	*KIA 44 Sqn; Lancaster III JB136 KM-T; Dunholme Lodge-Munchen; crashed at Otterfing.*	*2/10/43*
Smith EN		*SFTS30*	*KIA 150 Sqn; Wellington III X3552 JN-; Snaith-Koln; night ops; crashed into sea off coast of Holland.*	*15/10/42*
Smith PF		*SFTS19*	*KIA 51 Sqn; Chorley Page 130; nothing in IBCC database.*	25/10/42
Smith WWG	*DFC*	*SFTS25*	*KIA 161 Sqn; Whitley V BD228 MA-S; Tempsford-SOE; crashed and burnt out on RTB.*	*22/10/42*

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Broadbent

Cooper

Laidlaw

Smith PF

Gardner

Slater

Page | *Cato* | Bowden | Hill | Anderson | *Collins*

Furness

Hemming

Smith EN

Jones | *Smith WWG* | *Payn* | Du Toit | Read

Hampden

Halifax II 102 Sqn

Blenheim IV

Wellington Ic

Lancaster III

Stirling I 218 Sqn

Whitley V

Bomber Command Losses - France & BeNeLux

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LOST OVER FRANCE

Casualty	Entry	Description	Date
Parker RC	SFTS8	KIA 49 Sqn; Hampden BI P2143 EA-; Scampton-Bordeaux; crashed near Andover (fuel). See Pitmen CD.	17/10/40
Pitman CD	SFTS8	KIA 49 Sqn; Hampden BI P2143 EA-; Scampton-Bordeaux; crashed near Andover (fuel). See Parker RC.	17/10/40
Wright CM	S36	KIA 115 Sqn; Wellington III BK312 KO-?; Mildenhall-mining off French coast; missing.	16/10/42

Parker
Pitman

Hampden B1 of 49 Sqn

Wright

Wellington III of 115 Sqn

LOST OVER BELGIUM

Casualty	Entry	Description	Date
Brown K	SFTS23	KIA 97 Sqn; Lancaster III JA923 OF-H; Bourn-Frankfurt; night ops; downed at Dauborn, Belgium.	4/10/43

Brown

Lancaster of 97 Sqn

Fighter Command Losses

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Casualty	Decorations	Entry	Description	Date
Lockhart J		SFTS6	ex-BOB; KIA 92 Sqn; Spitfire Vb W3459 failed to return from operational flight over France.	2/10/41
Palmer AG		SFTS12	KIA 609 Sqn; Spitfire Vb AD136 missing believed killed; enemy action.	21/10/41
Palmer CD	DFC	J36	KIA 234 Sqn; Spitfire Vb BM527; *based at Portreath operating Spitfires Vb/Vc.*	27/10/42
Sanders ATD	DFC	J32	KIA 85 Sqn; Boston II AH520; enemy action near Deal, Kent.	31/10/41
Worsdell KW		A38	BoB; KIA 219 Sqn; Beaufighter If R2065 hit trees; bad viz; seeking Redhill; crashed Balcombe.	30/10/40

Sanders

Lockhart

Worsdell

Palmer CD

Palmer AG

Coastal Command Losses

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Cooper LF		J35	KIA 86 Sqn; Liberator GR.V FL954; *Ballykelly maritime ops.*	24/10/43
Erskine BP		A40	KIA 233 Sqn; Hudson Mk II T9377 lost over Norway.	31/10/40
Harries JA		J38	KIA 55 Sqn; Blenheim IV V6306; Anti-shipping ops.	1/10/41
Longmore RM	OBE	J34	KIA ASW Ops; Liberator III, FL923; escort, Reykjavik; shot down by flak from U-539.	4/10/43
McIntosh J		SFTS9	KIA 233 Sqn; Hudson I P5117 crashed at sea near Berwick.	5/10/40
Rogerson CF		SFTS17	KIA 59 Sqn; Hudson V AM704 TR-D failed to return from ops near Le Havre; Blenheim says “hit by flak”.	3/10/41
Rollinson J		SFTS25	KIA 88 Sqn; Blenheim IV V6421 RH-Y; Attlebridge-ASW; flak in port engine; crashed off Dutch coast.	26/10/41
Sherley-Price MH		SFTS19	KIA 59 Sqn; Hudson V AM740; failed to return from operational flight over the North Sea.	16/10/41

Harries

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Overseas Commands' Losses

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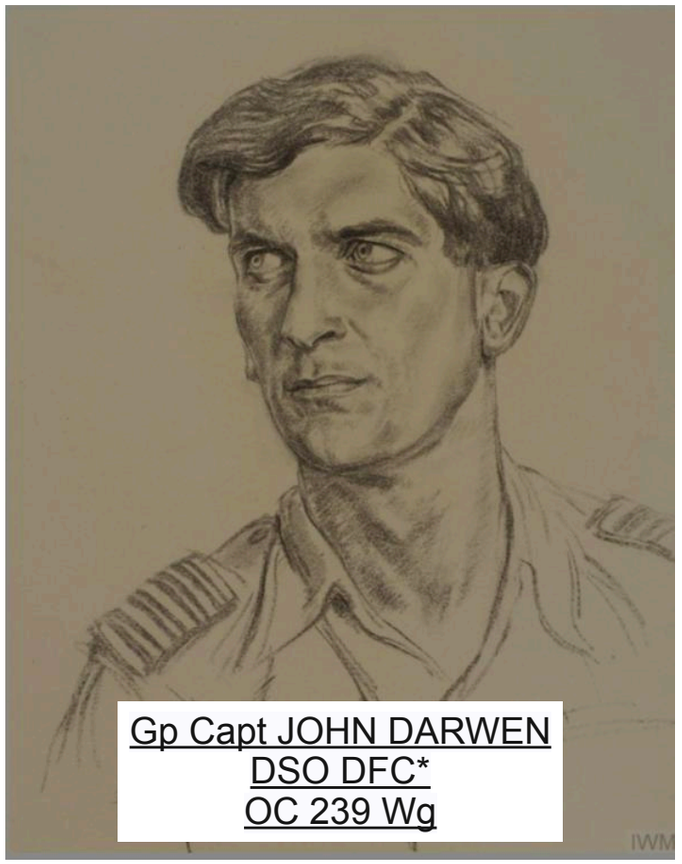
Darwen J	DSO; DFC*	J34	KIA OC 239 Wg flying with 260 Sqn; shot down; flak; Foggia, Italy	7/10/43
Mould PWO	DFC*	J37	KIA 185 Sqn; Hurricane I T5265; ambushed by Macci C 202 and CR 42 fighters over Malta.	1/10/41
Wood HF		*SFTS30*	*KIA 103 Sqn; Halifax II W1188 PM-D; Elsham Wolds-Milan; night ops; night-fighter over France.*	*25/10/42*



Gp Capt JOHN DARWEN
DSO DFC*
OC 239 Wg

Wood

Mould

185 Sqn Hurricane I

260 Sqn Kittyhawk III

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.

Died/Killed On Active Service

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Casualties by October

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Alexander JC	MiD	J38	KOAS Marine Aircraft Experimental Establishment; Lerwick I L7248; aircraft accident.	21/10/41
Bell JM		*SFTS31*	*KOAS 1 Sigs Sch; Proctor R7530 accident Sudbrook.*	*22/10/41*
Birtwell DNS		*SFTS31*	*KOAS SFTS Cranwell; CL No 97; as yet unable to confirm from other data sources.*	*29/10/41*
Bunn MA		SFTS25	KOAS 11 FTS; Oxford Mk II V3632 crashed at night, Ingham.	22/10/41
Christie J		*SFTS42*	*KOAS 82 OTU; Wellington X HE201; Gamston training; port engine failed; Retford.*	*12/10/43*
Coen JL		SFTS30	KOAS CL 92 SFTS Cranwell; U/T Pilot; Oxford Mk II P1080, possibly a collision.	15/10/41
Davies PLG		SFTS29	KOAS SFTS Cranwell; Oxford Mk II N4824 crashed at Barkston U/T; buried in Cranwell village.	12/10/41
Fyfe IR		SFTS23	KOAS 6(C)OTU; Hudson Mk III T9409; stalled and crashed near Newby.	14/10/41
Graham DI		SFTS5	KOAS 247 Sqn; Hurricane IIc BD934; accident.	24/10/41
Green DRD		S35	KOAS 108 Sqn; Avro Anson I N5177; Bicester; day trg; collided, mid-air, with Anson N5157.	31/10/39
Horner RD		*SFTS24*	*KOAS 1656 HCU; Manchester I R5780; Breighton-Trg; “beating up a pub”, flew into tree; Fradley*	*19/10/42*
Hutchinson JH		S21	KOAS PRU; Magister I P6347; accident RAF Pembrey, Langley.	8/10/40
Jeudwine JR	OBE; DSO; DFC; MiD	S32	KOAS Little Staughton Stn Flt; Typhoon FB.I JR390; Little Straughton; unrecoverable spin.	19/10/45
Kerr GD		SFTS13	KOAS 14 OTU; Hampden I P1294; Cottesmore-cross-country flight; crashed near Oswestry.	30/10/41
MacCullum JEM		J26	DOAS; CO RAF Brize Norton; road accident; died of injuries.	16/10/43
Miles CR		*SFTS11*	*KOAS 29 Sqn; Beaufighter 1c T3355 accident at Westfield Somerset*	*7/10/41*
Raffan WF		*SFTS35*	*KOAS 10 OTU; Whitley V Z6979; St Eval-ASW patrol; crashed near Toule on Cap Finistere.*	*29/10/42*
Reid J		*SFTS13*	*Possibly KOAS 19 OTU; Whitley V P5103; Kinloss-Training; huge glycol loss, nose-dived near Dundee.*	*21/10/41*
Robertson DM		SFTS8	KOAS 1 Air Armament School, RAF Manby; Battle 5027; crashed 3 miles E of Donna Nook Ranges.	28/10/40
Ross DC		SFTS32	KOAS SFTS Cranwell; Oxford I R5942; accident.	29/10/41