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“Cranwellian WWII POWs”



A Tribute to the Cranwellians Captured during WWII

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Context



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Over 10,000 airmen of the Royal Air Force naval and other service fliers became Prisoners of War (POW) during World War II. The RAF Ex-POW Association evolved in the 1950s from a small group of Kriegies [Kriegsgefangener = POW] who met occasionally at a pub in Holborn, London. The treatment of prisoners in Europe was largely in accord with the Geneva Convention, but in the confused period towards the end of the war many suffered on forced marches as the Germans retreated; those captured by the Japanese were less fortunate. In many cases, ex-POWs today suffer from the effects of being captured and from the conditions of their imprisonment, especially those who were in camps in the Far East.

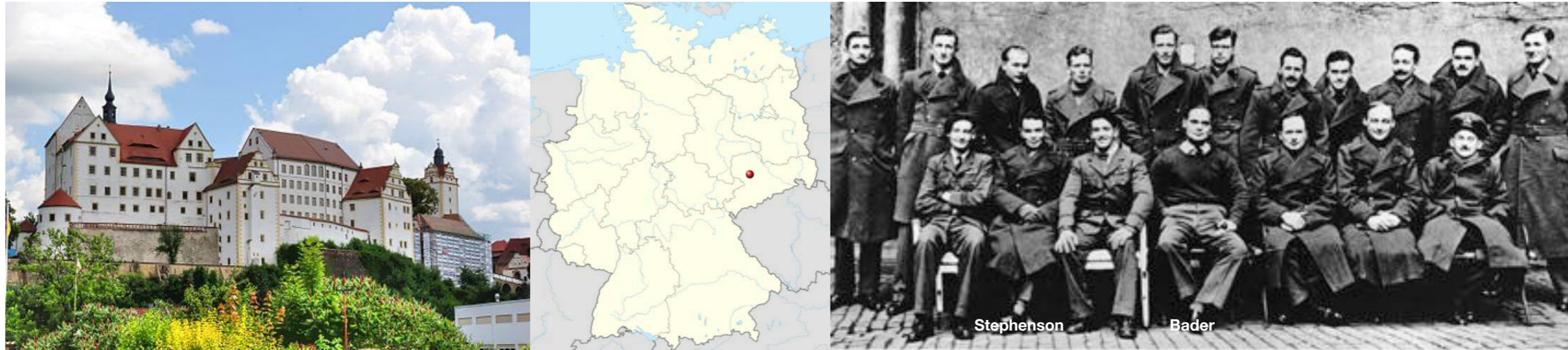
Whilst conducting detailed analyses on Cranwellians and the first 100 years of College History, the author identified some 64 Cranwellians (17 flight cadets and 47 SFTS pilots) who were captured by the enemy during WWII; some did not survive their ordeal; many did their best to resist overcome the restrictions in POW camps, to escape and to return to the UK whence they would continue to serve their country at war. In October 2022, his understanding was increased thanks to feedback from John Shields (ex-116 IOT), who provided information on Geoff Stephenson (S28). This album is a tribute to all those brave men, with apologies for any whose names are still not mentioned. We would welcome any feedback to add to our understanding.

The website to the RAF Ex-POW Association may be accessed from the attached link, with thanks to the Kriegies for their bravery and eternal fortitude:

<http://www.rafinfo.org.uk/rafexpow/default.htm>

Colditz - Cranwellian Residents Bader & Stephenson

Castle Colditz (or Schloss Colditz in German) is a Renaissance castle in the town of Colditz near Leipzig, Dresden and Chemnitz in the state of Saxony in Germany. The castle is between the towns of Hartha and Grimma on a hill spur over the river Zwickauer Mulde, a tributary of the River Elbe. After the outbreak of World War II, the castle was converted into a high security prisoner-of-war camp for officers who had become security or escape risks or who were regarded as particularly dangerous. Since the castle is situated on a rocky outcrop above the River Mulde, the Germans believed it to be an ideal site for a high security prison. The larger outer court in front of the *Kommandantur* (commander's offices) had only two exits and housed a large German garrison. The prisoners lived in an adjacent courtyard in a 90 ft (27 m) tall building. Outside, the flat terraces which surrounded the prisoners' accommodation were watched constantly by armed sentries and surrounded by barbed wire. The prison was named *Oflag IV-C* (officer prison camp 4C) and was operated by the Wehrmacht.



After baling out of his stricken Spitfire, Bader was taken to hospital in St Omer. His missing right leg was recovered from the wrecked Spitfire, and as soon as it had been repaired, he made his first attempt to escape. A rope made of bed sheets enabled him to climb down from a window, but he was soon recaptured and sent to Oflag VIB at Warburg. By that time, the RAF had dropped a replacement leg by parachute, and Bader had determined to be “a plain, bloody nuisance to the Germans”. After three months in Stalag Luft III, Bader was moved to Stalag Luft VIII B at Lamsdorf, from which he made another attempt to escape. He and four others joined a working party outside the camp, intending to make their way towards the Polish border. The alarm was raised when a Luftwaffe officer called at Lamsdorf to visit Bader and he was found to be missing; he was arrested and returned to Lamsdorf. A few days later Bader was transferred to Colditz Castle – Oflag IVC. With typical boldness, he told the Germans that he expected “to travel first class and be accompanied by a batman and an officer of equal rank.” Colditz was thought to be escape-proof, and Bader remained there – making life difficult for his captors – until the camp was liberated on 15 April 1945.

Whilst the exploits of Douglas Bader are well known, initially we were unaware of those of another brave Cranwellian, Geoffrey Stephenson (S28). Thanks to feedback from John Shields (116 IOT) who, at the time of writing, is serving on Maxwell AFB, USA, and completing a biography on Geoffrey Stephenson, we are able to redress our oversight. Commanding 19 Sqn, Geoffrey was shot down in his Spitfire Mk1a N3200 over Dunkirk on 26 May 1940 and captured. He was imprisoned between June 1940 and April 45 at Dulag Luft, Stalag Luft 1 and Colditz where he was eventually linked up with his old (S28) Cranwell friend, Bader. Can you imagine the trouble these two Cranwellian schemes might have caused their Colditz guards.

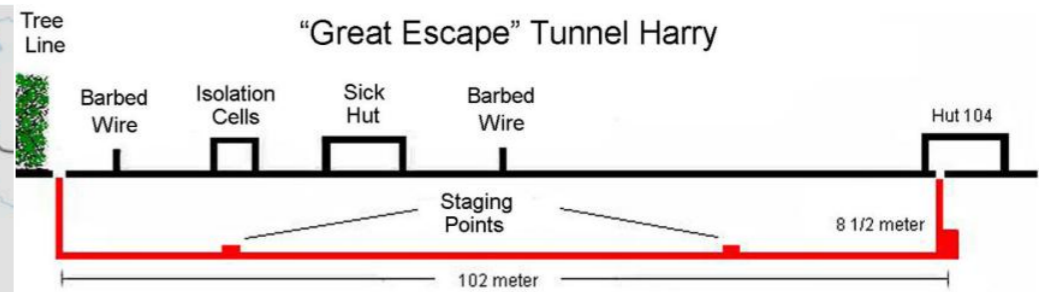
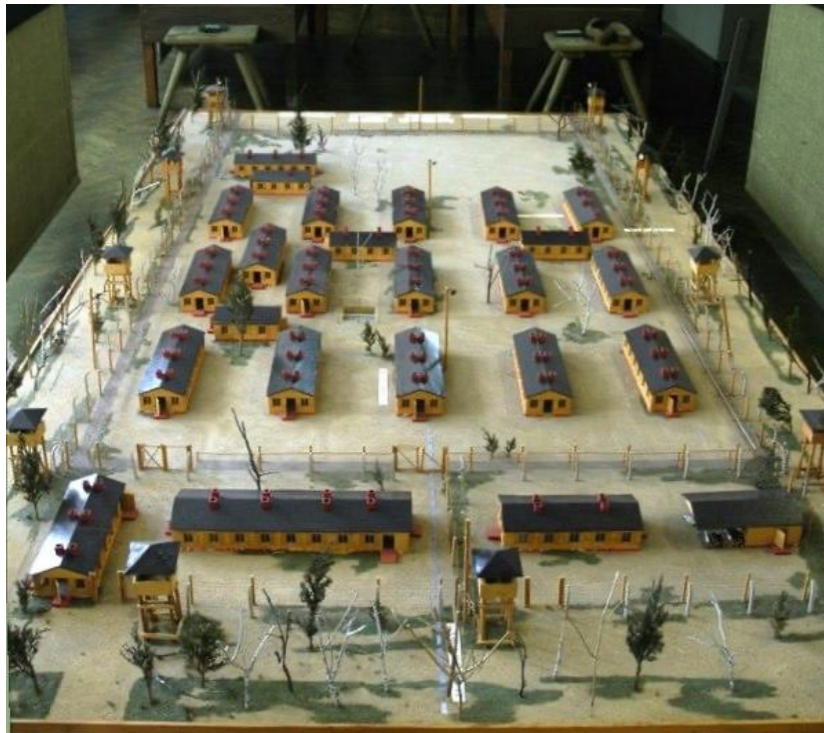
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Bader DRS	RAFC	S28	Courtesy of Spitfire Assoc: https://www.spitfireassociation.com/single_crew.php?bio_id=BADER-Douglas Career Profile (courtesy of wikipedia): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_Bader	Douglas Robert Steuart; BoB 242 Sqn; Air Ace; PoW Colditz; DSO*; DFC*; MiD*; Ld'H; CdeG; CBE; KB; retired 21/7/46; died 5/9/82
Stephenson GD	RAFC	S28	Courtesy of Dunkirk 1940.Org http://dunkirk1940.org/index.php?&p=1_196 Courtesy of rafweb.org: https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/Stephenson_GD.htm	Geoffrey Dalton Stephenson; OC 19 Sqn, PoW at Dulag Luft, Stalag Luft 1 and Colditz; CBE. KFA Super Sabre 8/11/54, near Elgin AFB, Florida, USA.

Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria

OF *THE WOODEN HOUSE* (1943) & *THE GREAT ESCAPE* (1944) FAME

Stalag Luft III (German: *Stammlager Luft III*; literally "Main Camp, Air, III"; SL III) was a Luftwaffe-run prisoner-of-war (POW) camp during the Second World War, which held captured Western Allied air force personnel. The camp was established in March 1942 near the town of Sagan, in Lower Silesia in then Germany (now Żagań, Poland), 160 kilometres (100 miles) south-east of Berlin. The site was selected because its sandy soil made it difficult for POWs to escape by tunnelling.

It is best known for two escape plots by Allied POWs, one in 1943 that became the basis of a fictionalised film, *The Wooden Horse* (1950), based on a book by escapee Eric Williams. The second breakout—the so-called **Great Escape**—of March 1944, was conceived by Royal Air Force Squadron Leader Roger Bushell, and was authorised by the senior British officer at Stalag Luft III, Herbert Massey. A heavily fictionalised version of the escape was depicted in the film *The Great Escape* (1963), which was based on a book by former prisoner Paul Brickhill.



The camp housed mainly British and American airmen whose planes had crashed on Axis territory. The Germans generally captured prisoners with the words 'For you the war is over.' It is generally believed that it was the sworn duty of all captured military personnel to continue to fight the enemy by surviving, communicating information and escaping, but in fact for British forces no such duty existed. However, for US forces Article III of the Military Code of Conduct states

'If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and to aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.'

Cranwellian POWs - Europe (1)

Most ended up at Stalag Luft III Sagan and Belaria

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Anderson PG	SFTS	14	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/air81/index.php?qname=P%20G%20Anders Courtesy of IBCC: https://losses.internationalbcc.co.uk/loss/100384/	Died whilst PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria; aircraft shot down and crashed at Ploudalmezeau near Brest, France, Hampden AE225 PL-?, 144 Squadron, 24 July 1941.
Baber DG	SFTS	16	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=Z6826	PoW; aircraft shot down and crashed near Ghent, Belgium, Whitley Z6826 , 77 Squadron, 6 August 1941
Bailey RK	SFTS	38	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=BAILEY&qnum=49730	Robert Kerr; PoW Stalag Luft III after Mosquito MK11 HJ714 from 239 Sqn was lost on bomber support mission and he was caught in Antwerp. 28/5/44.
Bancroft HG	SFTS	25	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=Z8589	Taken PoW in 1942 Wellington Z8589 , Middle East Ferry Command, aircraft lost in transit between Portreath and the Middle East
Bax ADG	RAFC	J31		PoW 16/10/40, safely returning 14/5/45; ret'd 10/9/56
Bevan-John DRS	RAFC	J36	Courtesy of Wood Family History: https://woodlloydfamilyhistory.com/fam2024.html	Reported PoW safely returned to UK on 7/8/45; ret'd 30/1/59
Blount JHL	RAFC	J38	Career Profile (courtesy of rafweb): https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/Blount_JHL.htm	Reported PoW 19/4/41; safe 19/7/45; ret'd 24/8/65
Braithwaite JGN	SFTS	13	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=AD937	PoW; aircraft shot down and crashed at Houthem, Holland, Hampden AD937 , 61 Squadron, 7 July 1941
Breese JC	RAFC	J36	Courtesy of World Naval Ship: https://www.worldnavalships.com/directory/aircrewprofile.php?AircrewID=8806	PoW reported 13/7/40; ret'd 4/11/53
Bristow DJ	SFTS	30	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=Z8761	PoW after Wellington Ic Z8761 70 Sqn failed to return 21/8/42
Broadley AB	SFTS	14	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=Z9605	PoW; aircraft hit by enemy anti aircraft fire over Lampedusa Harbour, Blenheim Z9605 , 105 Squadron, 1 August 1941
Burns RM	RAFC	J36		PoW reported 30/5/40, "safely returned 31/7/35"?? ret'd 18/12/59
Calnan TD	RAFC	J34	Wikipedia Profile: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_D._Calnan	PoW reported 10/3/42 Stalag Luft III; ret'd 14/2/59
Campbell IR	SFTS	5	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=V5861	Ex-A39 Entry; PoW; Blenheim V5861 , 203 Squadron; enemy action shot down at sea North of Benghazi, Libya, 23 January 1942.
Carrington ER	SFTS	40	Courtesy of Forces War Records: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=CARRINGTON&qnum=133251	Edgell Ralph? PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria after Halifax II JD330 78 Sqn shot down by a night-fighter and crashed approximately 0100 in the vicinity of Duisburg. 26/7/43
Cheshire CC	SFTS	13	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=L9530	Christopher Chevalier. POW CL 84; PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria ; aircraft shot down and crashed at Parnewinkel near Hamburg, Germany, Halifax L9530, 76 Squadron, 13 August 1941. RAF Cmds Air81: With photographs, identity discs and key. BROTHER OF Leonard Cheshire VC

Cranwellian POWs - Europe (2)

Most ended up at Stalag Luft III Sagan and Belaria

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Cook PW	RAFC	S37	Courtesy of RAF Commands Net: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=COOK&qnum=33453	Reported PoW 20/8/40; safe 6/7/45; ret'd 7/7/68
Cornish GJ	SFTS	9	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=AD789 http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=CORNISH&qnum=43282	Geoffrey James. PoW Stalag Luft II and Belaria; aircraft shot down and crashed near Eindhoven, Holland, 10 April 1941, Hampden AD789 , 50 Squadron, 10 April 1941.
Dickinson BN	SFTS	47	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=DICKINSON&qnum=131793	Bernard Nelson PoW Lancaster III 101 Sqn from Ludford Magna on ABC duties. Flying at 17000 feet outbound intercepted by a night-fighter and shot down crashing at Oberwinden 3 km SW of Elzach. 27/5/44
Endsor DF	SFTS	18	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=AE318	Douglas Frederick PoW; crew baled from aircraft which crashed near Kiel, Germany, Hampden AE318 , 50 Squadron, 8 September 1941.
Forward JMP	SFTS	28	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/air81/index.php?qname=J%20M%20P%20Forw	PoW after Stirling A312, 149 Squadron, aircraft failed to return from an operational flight over Lubeck, Germany, 16 July 1942.
Gee GM	SFTS	28		<i>Possibly, PoW George Michale Gee Beaufighter T4839, 272 Squadron; aircraft hit by enemy anti aircraft fire over Gialo Aerodrome, Libya and crashed near Jalo, Libya, 5 April 1942.</i>
Gilderthorpe TR	SFTS	10	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=L7316	Thomas Roberts? PoW; aircraft failed to return from operational flight over Cologne, Germany, Manchester L7316 , 207 Squadron, 31 August 1941.
Halifax ND	RAFC	J38		PoW reported 21/9/40; safely returned to UK 13/3/45.
Hannay A	SFTS	29	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=T7092 http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=HANNAY&qnum=120473	2Lt >>> Plt Off injured; Tiger Moth T7092 , 21 Elementary Flying Training School; aircraft accident near Princes Risbrough, 13 March 1942. Alexander PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria Halifax III MZ349 51 Sqn 13/8/44
Hayward AE	SFTS	15	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/air81/index.php?qname=A%20E%20HAYwar	<i>Air81; PoW; aircraft shot down and crashed at Evere near Pepingen, Belgium, Hampden AD918, 144 Squadron, 25 August 1941.</i>
Heaton-Nicholls	RAFC	S26	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=HEATON-NICOLLS&qnum=33375	Derek George. PoW 19/10/39 according to College Cadet Record Card.
Hedley JO	SFTS	8	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=L9566	Air 81; PoW; aircraft force landed near Valognes, France, during return from operational flight over Turin, Italy, Halifax L9566 , 35 Squadron, 11 September 1941.
Hibell AJ	SFTS	22	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=HIBELL&qnum=68744	Plt Off Anthony John; PoW; aircraft failed to return from an operational flight over Hamburg, Hampden AE249 , 50 Squadron, 15/16 September 1941.

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Hogg RC	SFTS	27	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=HOGG&qnum=46665	Fg Off Robert Charles PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria. Halifax II W1012 138 Sqn France. Operation BURGUNDY/DIRECTOR 24/BUTTERCUP 2. Hit by Flak and crash-landed 2345 some 20 km S of Tours (Indre- et-Loire).
Holland AJ	SFTS	9	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/air81/index.php?qname=A%20J%20Hollan http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=Z1344	PoW, Wellington Z1344 , 460 Squadron, aircraft failed to return from an operational flight over Essen, Germany, 2 June 1942.
Holland JL	SFTS	48	Courtesy of All Spitfire Pilots: https://allspitfirepilots.org/pilots/1178	F/Sgt Jack Leslie PoW; Spitfire IX J.K. 884, 601 Sqn, called up by R/T to say that he had been hit and was returning to base 22/1/46
Hurd LO	SFTS	19	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=R5840	<i>Air81; PoW; Manchester R5840, 106 Squadron, enemy action, aircraft shot down and crashed near the Island of Pellworm, Germany during an operational flight, 3 May 1942.</i>
Kearns RSD	ATU	1	Courtesy of 75 NZ Sqn: https://75nzquadron.wordpress.com/r-s-d-kearns-crew-25-06-42/	Sgt Richard Stansfield Derek KIA/PoW? Wellington Mk.III X.3720 AA-U, 12-ship on Emden 20/6/42.....lots more in referenced 75 Sqn article to the left.
Key JA	SFTS	20	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=X9762 Courtesy of 214 Sqn: https://214squadron.org.uk/Personnel/Personnel_K.htm	Sgt JA PoW Wellington Ic X9762 214 Sqn crashed near Weinheim, Germany, 13/10/41
King SG	ATU	1	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=R1078	Stanley Gordon PoW Wellington R1078 , 11 Operational Training unit, aircraft failed to return from an operational flight over Bremen, Germany, 26 June 1942.
Lumsden DTM	RAFC	J39	Courtesy of BoB Monument: http://www.bbm.org.uk/airmen/Lumsden.htm	Dugald Thomas Moore; BoB 236 Sqn; 236 Sqn transfers to Coastal Command; instructor 2(C)OTU; thence 248 Sqn; PoW freed May 45; 254 Sqn; MBE; retired 16/5/64.
Lynch-Blosse EH	RAFC	S35	Courtesy of Aircrew Remembered: http://aircrewremembered.com/lynch-blosse-eric.html	Reported PoW 13/3/41; safe in UK 27/7/45; ret'd 22/8/67
Lythgoe CG	SFTS	26	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=LYTHGOE&qnum=104493	Air81; P/O Clifford Grove PoW; aircraft shot down and crashed at Lentföhrden, Germany, Halifax L9582 , 35 Squadron, 30 November 1941.
Morton RA	SFTS	11	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/search.php?qname=R+A+Morton http://www.rafcommands.com/database/air81/index.php?qname=R%20A%20Morton http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=MORTON&qnum=144174	Two Possibilities (one PoW) - enter R A Morton in RAF Commands Forum search field. Air81; PoW; shot down near St Omer, France, aerial combat, Spitfire P8386 , 616 Squadron, 9 July 1941.
Maskell EC	SFTS	16	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=MASKELL&qnum=89353	Plt Off Eric Cyril POW CL 88; POW 50 Sqn 18/8/41; Hampden I AE185 shot down and crashed near Groningen, Holland

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Nunn JL	SFTS	10	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/air81/index.php	Air81; PoW; aircraft shot down and crashed at Bree near Kimroy, Belgium, Manchester L7384 , 97 Squadron, 16 August 1941.
Odle AE	SFTS	20	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=ODLE&qnum=64302	Air 81: F/L Alan Eric PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria Lancaster III LM442 622 Sqn Germany 25/2/44
Packard SE	SFTS	21	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=AW207	Air81; Dominic PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria; aircraft shot down and crashed at Schiermonikoog, Holland, Beaufort AW207 , 86 Squadron, 24 November 1941.
Page D	SFTS	20	Courtesy of RAF Commands Net: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=PARKHOUSE&qnum=33575 Courtesy of Aviation Safety Net: https://aviation-safety.net/wikibase/229570	Reported PoW 6/7/40; ret'd 31/8/73
Parkhouse RCL	RAFC	A39	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=AE191	<i>Air81; Plt Off Anthony Leslie. PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria; aircraft failed to return from operational flight over Aachen, Germany, Hampden AE191, 83 Squadron, 8 December 1941.</i>
Parsons AL	SFTS	13	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=AE191	<i>Air81; Plt Off Anthony Leslie. PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria; aircraft failed to return from operational flight over Aachen, Germany, Hampden AE191, 83 Squadron, 8 December 1941.</i>
Payn AJ	RAFC	S36	Courtesy of WW2 Talk: http://ww2talk.com/index.php?threads/re-p-o-c-watson-raf-pow-info-needed.82325/#post-855445	Reported PoW 23/12/40; safely returned 31/7/45; ret'd 11/9/67
Petley D	SFTS	7	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/air81/index.php?qname=D%20Petley http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=W7656	Air81; PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria; Halifax W7656 , 35 Squadron, aircraft crashed during operational flight at Trondheim, Fjord, Norway, 29 April 1942.
Prescott-Decie T	SFTS	18	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=L7463	Air 81; Flt Lt Timothy, PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria; Manchester L7463 , 106 Squadron, aircraft failed to return from an operational flight over Rostock, Germany, 24 April 1942
Ramsay TEP	SFTS	31	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=RAMSAY&qnum=116080	Plt Off Thomas Edward Philip PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria Hampden I P2116 14 OTU Overijssel 31/5/42
Richards S	SFTS	27	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=Z1615	Air81; Sgt Stanley Richards PoW Stalag 357 Kopernikus; Wellington Z1615 , 9 Squadron, aircraft crashed at sea off the coast of Denmark, near Laaland, 16 May 1942.
Roberson GP (sic - missing 't'?)	SFTS	21	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=R3709 http://www.rafcommands.com/database/search.php	<i>Air81: Plt Off Gordon Parker (41618). PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria; Blenheim R3709 crashed northwest of Abbeville, France, 8 June 1940.</i> <i>Three other possibilities too - enter G P Robertson in RAF Commands Forum search field</i>
Runnancles PRM	SFTS	23	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=Z6942 http://www.rafcommands.com/database/search.php	Plt Off Philip Rayner Maurice PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria; aircraft failed to return from operational flight, Whitley Z6942 , 10 Squadron, 6 September 1941.

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Shackleton HL	SFTS	23	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: https://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=SHACKLETON&qnum=68185	Air 81: F/L Henry Leslie PoW Stalag Luft L3 Sagan and Belaria Lancaster III JA924 405 Sqn Germany; shortly after making an attack on the target from 20000 feet the Lancaster came under sustained attack from a night-fighter. 30/1/44
Smith KF	SFTS	22		Missing (KIA?) CL 83; POW No. 3579 Stalag Luft 3, Sagan Belaria till 1945?
Taylor JM	RAFC	S37	Courtesy of RAF Commands Net: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qname=TAYLOR&qnum=33446	Reported PoW 16/10/40; safe 10/8/45; ret'd 24/2/46
Walsh DS	SFTS	11	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=R1080	Air81; PoW; Wellington Ic R1080 OADU/15 OTU; forced landing in the sea, Wellington R1080 , 15 Squadron(??), 27 April 1941.
Walton R	SFTS	11	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/air81/index.php?qname=R%20Walton	Air 81: Fg Off R; PoW Liberator AM924 , 120 Squadron, aircraft failed to return from an operational flight over the coast of Norway, 28 May 1942.
Wood R	SFTS	27	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/air81/index.php?qname=R%20Wood	<i>Air81; Sgt 1218439 PoW; aircraft crashed near Acroma, Libya, Blenheim 9609, 45 Squadron, 22 November 1941 - by a process of elimination using the service # 1218439.</i>
Young WH	SFTS	25	Courtesy of RAF Commands Forum: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/serials/details.php?uniq=HF898	<i>Air 81: Plt Off WH; PoW Wellington HF898, 40 Squadron, aircraft failed to return from an operational flight over Tobruk, Libya, 6 August 1942.</i>

Cranwellian POWs - Far East

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More JWC	RAFC	S28	Courtesy of RAF Commands Net: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/awards/details.php?qnum=26161&qname=MORE Courtesy of BoB Monument: http://www.bbm.org.uk/airmen/More.htm	James Winter Carmichael; 54 Sqn; 403 (Fleet Fighter) Sqn on HMS Hermes Far East; RAF College staff; 'B' Flt Cdr 43 Sqn; 800 (Fleet Fighter) Sqn on HMS Courageous, where there was a plaque commemorating More's impressive landing of a Fury; BoB OC 73 Sqn; DFC; CO RAF Banington; Sector Cdr; OBE; SASO Far East; Killed whilst a POW on transit to Japan, torpedoed by allied aircraft. 12/9/44
Nichols WTH	RAFC	J29		1st JAC Prize; PoW Java 1942; ret'd 6/4/65
Steedman EB	RAFC	J24	Courtesy of RAF Commands Net: http://www.rafcommands.com/database/wardead/details.php?qnum=112883 Courtesy of WW2 People's War: https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar/stories/40/a7255640.shtml	Died Japanese PoW camp; reports of being shot for inciting disobedience to Japanese orders. 17/5/42. WARNING: The reference to the left contains information that some might find distressing.