# RAF COLLEGE CRANWELL "Post-WWII Cadet/GE Era Roll of Honour"



## Cranwellian Losses between 1945 and 1979 [Statistics believed correct at the time of issue]

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# Context

This booklet is the first of two that record the names of officer cadets who lost their lives whilst in RAF service after WWI. This first booklet lists Cranwellian losses from the post-WWI flight cadet and GE era (1945-1979). The second booklet lists Cranwellian losses from the IOT/IOTC era (1980 - 2019).

The maintenance of records held in the RAF College archive changed in the mid-1970s. Whereas most were diligently maintained until that time, we cannot be certain that all the annotations are correct. In each case, we have tried to cross check such annotations - the College's understanding of Cranwellian casualties - with those held on publicly available databases, principally *UK Military Aircraft Losses, Aviation Safety Network* and *rafweb.org*. Because of the timeframe of the particular era, we have also been fortunate to review our findings with witnesses and colleagues of that era; their unique and invaluable feedback and proposed amendments are inserted in red, with our thanks.

The outcome is a listing in alphabetical order of known Cranwellian casualties. As a separate exercise, we have listed in another album *all* the publicly released RAF aircrew losses of the post WWII era, to the present day. That album also includes *all* known Post-WWII Cranwellian losses (regardless of era) and may be accessed on our Cranwellian Historical Society (CHS) website at <u>https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/ewExternalFiles/Post-WWIIRAFLossesv1.3.pdf</u>.

In creating these albums, we have drawn on a number of reliable and publicly available data sources to complete, rectify and/or verify information found in the RAF College archive. Our thanks must go to many diligent researchers and historians and the sites on which their own findings are posted, most notably the Aircraft Safety Network (<u>https://aviation-safety.net/</u><u>database/databases.php</u>), the UK Military Aircraft Losses (<u>http://www.ukserials.com/losses\_index.htm</u>), the Bomber County Aviation Resources (<u>http://www.bcar.org.uk/crash-logs</u>), Air of Authority (<u>rafweb.org</u>) to whom you may have to pay a subscription (recommended) for detailed information, a variety of RAF Sqn Associations and, of course, Wikipedia.

As we glean more information and are able to verify the data, we shall update these albums. For the moment, we believe that some 261 former cadets and GE graduates lost their lives from 1945 to the present day, the majority killed in flying accidents of the new 'Jet Age' and the remainder KIA/KOAS (eight), in road traffic accidents (17) or dying of natural causes or other accidents (35) while in Service.

Believing the statistics are accurate at the time of writing, we offer this tribute to the many young men and women who took the life-changing decision to join the RAF and in the event sacrificed their lies in service of our country - *lest we forget.* 

Name	Entry	Circumstances of Loss	Date
<u>Abraham JE</u>	67	KFA mid-air collision, Germany, possibly in one of two Canberra B(I)6 WT310 and WT315 both of 213 Sqn that collided in mid air one mile east of Elbergen, Germany (Involved two other Cranwellians: Hulland and Willings)	
Ahmad S	99	KFA in own country, Pakistan	14/04/74
Alcock PS	72	KFA Canberra PR3 WE143 of 231 OCU yawed during an asymmetric approach to Bassingbourn, Cambridgeshire and crashed	23/06/58
Alexander DH	19 FTS	KFA Spitfire Mk XIV RN128 Japan.	19/9/49
Anderson LJ	93	Killed RTA when on duty at RAF Bruggen	23/09/75
Ashe CF	2GE	KFA Hunter F Mk 6 XF387 collided with XF387 also of 4 FTS in circuit at RAF Valley.	10/08/72
Atkins SR	28GE	Died in Service at AAEE Boscombe Down.	1/06/04



Abraham JE (Hulland JW Willings KB)

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**Canberra PR3 in RAF Museum** 

Anderson LJ









Hunter F Mk 6 XF387

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Name	Entry	Circumstances of Loss	Date
Bacon NO	70	KFA Beverley C1 XL150 flew into a hill in bad weather, RAF Seletar, Malaya.	15/12/67
Bailey AF	91	KFA Hunter FR10 XE596 of 229 OCU Chivenor / 79 Sqn Gutersloh dived into the ground in bad weather at Henglarner Wald near Paderborn, due to engine failure	19/03/70
Baird PC	76	KFA Provost T1 XF687 of RAF College crashed near Ingoldsby, Lincolnshire after control was lost during a practice forced landing (College record states 21/07/58)	22/07/58
<u>Baker RHT</u>	74	KFA Hunter T7 XL610 of 111 Sqn, RAF Wattisham, stalled and crashed at Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, while in a slow, tight, evasive manoeuvre.	7/06/62
Barents MJ	89	Killed RTA. Buried in Cranwell village cemetery.	18/05/64
Barker RA	15GE	Died in Service at RAF Odiham.	28/8/98
Barnard M	23	KFA Tornado GR Mk 1, ZA610 of No 617 Sqn, which crashed into the North Sea off Flamborough Head	<u>1</u> 2/12/85
Bell DA	97	KFA Two Wessex HC2 XT679 and XR510 both of HOCF collided and crashed at Odiham, Hampshire; the three crew of XR510 and two on XT679 were all killed	12/11/70
Bennée MJ	92	KFA Puma HC1 XW205 of 33 Sqn crashed near Voss, Norway during exercise 'Arctic Express'. Starboard cabin door came off, struck tail rotor, aircraft began to break up and landed vertically onto wooded hillside killing 3 crew.	30/01/78
Bennett AV	66	KFA - Chipmunk T10 WK568 RAFC failed to recover from a stall and crashed near Boston.	5/05/54
Bennett BN	49	DOAS 16 Sqn, Laarbruch, 2ATAF.	31/08/64
Beyer RCH	101	KFA Harvard T Mk 2B, KF314 AAEE dived into the ground near Chilmark, Wiltshire, practising spin recovery.	22/2/82
Black ASH	49	KFA Harvard T2B FX305 of RAF College lost both wings in dive while recovering from aerobatics at 3,000 feet.	6/01/50
Blewitt PJ	75	Died in Service at RAF Church Fenton.	5/10/86
Blucke DRK	56	KFA Phantom FGR2 41 Sqn (with Kirkland (90E)) mid-air collision with over Downham Market.	9/08/74
Bones KB	54	KFA Meteor T Mk 7, WH246 205 AFS struck a mast during a high speed low level run across Measham airfield and crashed in descending turn trying to recover. Also killed A Turner (49E).	4/05/53
Bowler JJ	83	KFA Red Arrows Gnat T1 XR573 of CFS Little Rissington, hit trees rejoining formation during practice at Kemble.	26/03/69
Box RG	20	On the strength of RAF Innsworth, but probably died whilst non-effective; death registered in Melton and Rutland.	5/11/95
Brand GJ	59	KFA Cadet TX3 XE805 of 203 GS Detling written off, possibly at RAF Aldergrove	15/08/55
Brett DJ	58	KFA Vampire T11 XE866 of 4 FTS RAF Valley, misleading altimeter causing crash at Stanage Edge in Peak District	8/08/57
Broadbent GW	68	Died in Service at RAF Linton-on-Ouse.	20/05/92
Bull WL	49	KFA Vampire FB Mk 5, VV622 249 Sqn, crashed on the Abu Sultan ranges.	8/12/50
Burgess JW	56	Died in RAFH Uxbridge.	17/10/61
Busfield PE	82	KFA Vulcan B2 XM601 of 9 Sqn, RAF Cottesmore attached to RAF Coningsby lost control during the climb out from a night asymmetric overshoot at Coningsby, Lincs	7/10/64



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Name	Entry	Circumstances of Loss	Date
Campbell JA	63	KFA Neptune MR1 WX545, 36 Sqn, flew into high ground Mull of Kintyre, during a night ASW Ex, killing all nine crew.	10/10/56
Capes CJL	93	Killed climbing accident (with Cranwellian GDG Matthews)	22/06/66
Carding-Wells JA	51	K-RTA Motor Cycle.	6/06/49
Caris G	52	Died RAFH Ely.	5/06/61
Carse B	61	KFA Meteor F8 WH355 of FWS dived into the ground south of Scunthorpe, Lincs after control was lost in cloud.	28/06/56
Carter AT	93	KFA Gnat T1 XR997, 4FTS Valley, crashed at Ty Mawr, Anglesey, shortly after take off, also killing F/L Peter Jack Phillips	3/01/70
Chester ARL	48	KFA Havard 2b, FX280, overshot in low cloud, lost control and crashed. 2 killed Cranwell Village.	6/01/53
Chubb CJET	90	KFA Chinook A15-001 12 Sqn RAAF, which crashed into Perseverance Dam, near Toowoomba.	4/2/85
Claridge RJ	48	KFA Meteor FMk4 VT267 226 OCU, RAF Stradishall, Suffolk collided with Meteor F.Mk.4 RA374.	21/03/50
Clark DAV	57	Died in RAFH Halton whilst serving at High Wycombe.	13/02/73
Clark JB	96	Killed in RTA (Motor Cycle) whilst at MOD Harrogate	5/03/73
Clark JD	22	KFA Harrier GR Mk 3 XV807 1417 Flt hit a tree recovering from a practice dive attack near Georgeville in Belize.	14/07/81
Clayton AE	71	KFA Vampire FB9 of RAFC crashed into the North Sea off Mablethorpe and, having ejected, died in hospital of exposure	6/05/57
Cleaver J	74	KFA Hunter F6 XG238 of 43 Sqn test flight (before return to UK), reported bangs from aircraft rear, ejected off Cyprus.	4/05/61
Cochrane BA	51	KIA during anti-bandit strike.	3/05/52
Cock PG	59	Found dead from gunshot wounds, off duty, ATC Radar Unit RAF Bishops Court	30/06/72
Collier RM	96	KIA Tornado GR Mk 1 ZA392 27 Sqn shot down by SAM near Shaibah in Iraq after JP233 attack on enemy airfield.	17/01/91
Collins DJH	67	KFA Buccaneer S2b XW532, OC 15 Sqn, RAF Laarbruch, crashed near Wansum, Netherlands after the pilot became disorientated when the aircraft entered cloud immediately after take off from Laarbruch. PA Kelly (91 E) also killed.	25/03/71
Cooper PA	89	KFA Two Lightnings F3 XP698 (Cooper) and XP747 both of 29 Sqn collided during night ex aoverthe North Sea, Ipswich.	16/02/72
Copping G	51	KFA Wellington T10 NB118 of 201 AFS. Stalled the engine while on a night overshoot. 3 killed.	26/02/51
Cousins DN	64	Died whilst at Joint Warfare Wing Latimer.	13/03/79
Cowper GM	54	KFA Meteor PR10 WB158 231 OCU, attempted asymmetric overshoot, lost control, crashed Wendy, Cambs.	28/05/52
Crichton DG	69	KFA Hunter FGA9 XE535 of 28 Sqn flew into Lion Rock Ridge, two miles NNW of Kai Tak	28/12/62
Crook MA	62	KFA Hunter F6 XF427, 54 Sqn, inverted and crashed at high speed E of Yarmouth, IoW after losing consciousness	13/03/57
Cruickshank OM	50	KIA Meteor F8 A77-436 77 Sqn jumped by two MiGs returning from successful 77 Sqn ops, crashing and failing to bail out, Korea.	2/10/52
Cunningham IDS	48	KFA - no details.	12/02/52



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Name	Entry	Circumstances of Loss	Date
Danton MF	47	KFA Meteor F Mk 8, VZ469 43 Sqn flew into the ground near Leuchars whilst returning at low level from a sortie.	19/11/51
Daoud ARH	92	Killed in RTA London area whilst still on an Engineering course at Cranwell	Late '72
Debenham BR	83	Died of injuries in RTA	1/07/67
De La Harpe DS	54	KFA Vampire FB Mk 5, VV458 5 Sqn disintegrated after hitting the ground near Hildesheim during a tail chase.	11/9/52
Dickinson M	75	KFA Vampires FB9 WR194 and T11 XE936 of RAF College; collided in the circuit	31/01/59
Dimock RL	52	KFA Vampire FB Mk 5, WA122 4 Sqn, crashed into the ground near Jever during a practice attack on a bridge.	8/4/52
Dixon RWM	48	KFA Meteor F Mk 4 VT173 1 Sqn, spun into ground on crosswind leg of the circuit at Tangmere following engine failure.	26/05/50
Dodson APJ	54	KFA Belvedere HC Mk 1 XG473 66 Sqn rolled and crashed in jungle at Long Murarup in Sarawak after yaw cables failed.	4/05/63
Drybanski MJ	95	KOAS SOAF Strikemaster shot down on operations for SOAF, missing believed killed.	9/07/73
Dunlop MJ	79	Died of injuries in RTA when off duty	26/11/69
Edwards CM	91	KFA Vulcan B2 XL390 of 617 Sqn, RAF Scampton detached to UNAS Glenview, Illinois, stalled during a wing over and crashed onto a rubbish tip, killing all four crew	11/08/78
Edwards DG	62	KFA Meteor F8 WB108 of 211 FTS hit hillside in cloud near Treeton Colliery and exploded	21/12/54
Elliott JE	49	KFA Swift FR5 XD975 AAEE; approach speed to Wisley, Surrey decayed too quickly.	15/08/58
Elsdon TNC	10GE	KIA Tornado GR Mk 1 ZA392 27 Sqn shot down by SAM near Shaibah in Iraq after JP233 attack on enemy airfield.	17/01/91
Everett RH	47	KFA Meteor T Mk 7, VW484 245 Sqn crashed inverted at high speed near RAF Sculthorpe.	6/07/50
Everitt CJ	96	KFA Jaguar T2 XX149 of 226 OCU emerged from cloud in steep inverted dive; crashed into a mountain at Cullen, Banff	27/04/78
Faid PJ	67	KFA Bristow's Wessex (not VC10 as in College records) on offshore support contract in Ghana	22/07/70
Farmer M	65	KFA Scimitar F1 XD237 of 736 NAS, Lossiemouth, lost height while orbiting following a dive attack during an Army co- operation exercise, striking ground at Stripeside Grange Farm, east of Keith, Banffshire in a shallow angle, and broke up	22/06/61
Fern A	79	Died in Service	11/03/67
Finch GE	16GE	KFA Phantom FGR2 XV413 of 29 Sqn RAF Coningsby, crashed at sea off Cromer at night.	12/11/80
Fisher RF	19 FTS	KFA Meteor T7 WA654 of RAF College Manby, engine caught fire in flight, crashing at Manor Farm field, Stewton, Lincs.	31/12/53
Forrest R	56	KFA Meteor F Mk 8, VZ556 collided with VZ560, also 257 Sqn; practice formation Queen's Coronation Review.	8/07/53
Forse BEC	62	KFA Gnat T1 XP507 of 4 FTS, RAF Valley, crashed onto the beach short of runway at Valley.	13/04/66
Foster DJ	59	KOAS Venom FB4 WR503 of 8 Sqn shot down by Omani guerrillas in Jebal Akhda, Oman	8/07/58
Fox JH	U/K	KFA, did not eject and was killed. Jet Provost T3A XN598 crashed into Gouthwaite Reservoir in North Yorkshire	1/06/78
Frost DW	98	KFA Lightning F Mk 6, XS920 of No 5 Sqn crashed at Henslingen in Germany after hitting power cables.	13/07/84
Furness HD	51	KFA Avro Anson C19 VL312 from Wyton flew into North Barrule hillside, IoM 1,480 ft in cloud, en route to Aldergrove	20/02/61

### G/H/I

Name	Entry	Circumstances of Loss	Date
Garden DK	17GE	Died in Service at RAFC. Buried in Cranwell Village.	25/06/01
Gardner GHW	64	KFA Balliol T Mk 2, WG133 of RAF College hit ground recovering from spin after control lost, and dived into the ground at Fishtoft. With DD Vickers 59 Entry.	3/12/54
Garside A	74	KFA Lightning F1A XM186 of 111 Sqn, RAF Wattisham, high speed stall and spun into the ground at Wittering, Cambs after take off for an aerobatic display	18/07/63
Gaynor MA	81	On strength of Innsworth, but probably died whilst non-effective and his death registered in Wycombe.	28/07/94
<u>Geldart J</u>	75	KFA Canberra B2 WD955 32 Sqn, mid-air collision with Javelin Mk9 XH906 25 Sqn during practice night interception over Cyprus, killing all three Canberra crew and Javelin nav.	26/10/61
Glencorse S	93	KFA Phantom FGR2 XV413 29 Sqn, crashed at sea off Cromer at night	12/11/80
Goodall MJ	60	KFA Harvard T.2b KF272 flew into trees in low cloud at night at Barkston Heath	12/06/53
Gordon-Johnson I	49	KFA recorded, but no aircraft details found.	1/08/56
Greenwood MJ	79	Died in RTA when at 231 OCU Bassingbourne	20/12/61
Gregory EFW	55	KFA Venom FB Mk 1, WE271 5 Sqn dived into the ground; emergency 'wheels up'.	2/05/53
Gush TR	47	KFA Sunderland MR.5 RN288 flying boat hit a swell on landing, bounced and nosed in, Gush + 3 killed.	4/06/55
Haddock JS	85	KFA Two Red Arrows Gnat T1 XR545 and XR986 of CFS Little Rissington; synchronised pair display practice crash at Kemble (Also Cranwellian Perreaux)	20/01/71
Hall LG	63	KFA Canberras B2 WH882 and WJ983 of 45 Sqn collided on arrival at Tengah, killing 4 crew	13/12/57
Hampton DL	80	KFA Lightning F6 XR762 of 11 Sqn, RAF Binbrook, on detachment to Akrotiri; College say 7/05/75	14/04/75
Handyside BG	95	KFA in a helicopter of SOAF, when on loan and parented by RAF Uxbridge	13/11/73
Harben NB	46	Presumed KFA Brigand B Mk 1, RH850 of No 45 Sqn, which crashed after hitting the top of a hill during a rocket attack on a suspected terrorist camp.	6/07/50
Harcourt CM	53	KFA Hunter F Mk 4, XF999 CFS aircraft hydraulic failure. Crashed inverted; failed ejection.	24/10/56
Hartnoll TJ	59	KFA Meteor F8 WE963 of 34 Sqn struck Sea Vampire T22 XG765 of 764 NAS when taking off and both crashed at Paines Wood, Sussex, killing both crew	3/03/55
Hawken AVB	87	Died in Service at RAF Wyton.	28/11/01
Heaney MRH	60	Killed RTA - no details; registered in Halstead. Serving at RAFC at the time.	13/01/53
Heap ANH	48	KFA Vampire FB Mk 5, VZ338 of RAF Shallufa, crashed into a sandbank executing a low level roll.	22/10/51
Heard WD	50	KFA Hornet F Mk 3, WB902 80 Sqn crashed landing at Clark Field, Philippines.	3/12/51
Hennessey FN	74	KFA Hunter FGA9 XG134 of 208 Sqn (not 108 Sqn as in College records) flew in Mutla Ridge, Kuwait recovering from a dive in haze conditions	11/07/61



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Name	Entry	Circumstances of Loss	Date
Harrison CG	90	KFA Hercules C Mk 1 XV216 24 Sqn flew into sea near Pisa whilst carrying 46 Italian parachutists	9/11/71
Herring MS	81	KFA Hunter GA9 XG136 of 43 Sqn, RAF Khormaksar, during a simulated rocket attack the starboard drop tank came loose and hit the wing causing the aircraft to roll out of control into the ground at Rusais, Aden	17/04/64
<u>Heywood BB</u>	63	KFA Vampires T11 XH321 and XE990 of 8 FTS, RAF Driffield, collided head on in clear skies killing three of the crew instantly; the third was thrown from the aircraft but his chute was damaged and he fell to the ground	16/01/58
Hicks MA	69	Died in Service, having survived Vampire T11 accident killed instructor WI Worsley (55E)	3/09/63
Hinde IR	53	2 Sqn pilot KFA in Meteor T Mk 7, WH189 87 Sqn hitting power cables in a valley.	31/08/53
Hubbard CN	92	KFA Chipmunk T10 WG488 of 4 AEF (loaned from 229 OCU) spun into the ground at Braunton, Devon	23/07/69
Hulland JW	76	KFA two Canberra B(I)6 WT310 and WT315 both of 213 Sqn collided in mid air one mile east of Elbergen, Germany (Involved two other Cranwellians: Abraham and Willings)	15/01/62
Hulse CN	82	Died in Service	10/10/75
Humphrey CM	87	KFA Harrier GR1 XW918 of 4 Sqn, RAF Wildernrath, failed to recover from a dive out of cloud during a demonstration for the Swiss Air Force at Wildenrath and crashed at Tuschenbroich, West Germany	12/01/72
Ingram RC	98	Killed in RTA (off duty)	2/08/69
Isaphani MM	59	KFA whilst on leave in Pakistan.	26/08/52
Ivell KG	92	KFA Two Gnats T1 XP536 and XR983 of 4 FTS, RAF Valley, collided in mid-air; crashed locked together at Dolgellau, Gwynedd, killing allfour crew. (Also Cranwellian Mather)	30/04/76



Meteor T Mk 7 Gnat T1

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Name	Entry	Circumstances of Loss	Date
Jenkins GR	14GE	Died in service, either while serving at Halton or in RAFH Halton.	25/02/80
Jenkins RW	48	KFA Meteor F Mk4 VW287 233 OCU lost wings in high speed dive after take-off.	24/04/50
Jonas G	58	KFA aircraft of RAF Ternhill, but attached to Old Sarum, "FTC" - no further details	31/03/65
Jones CJ	2GE	KFA Phantom FG Mk 1 XT598 111 Sqn flew into the sea on approach to RAF Leuchars.	23/11/78
Jones RD	51	KFA Vampire FB Mk 5, VZ330 229 OCU dived into ground Marston Magna.	8/06/51
Jonklaas ML	63	KFA Meteor T Mk 7, WG947 of No 231 OCU which dived into the ground after rolling shortly after take off from RAF Merryfield.	4/11/55
Keeling PD	76	KFA Vampires FB9 WR194 and T11 XE936 of RAF College; collided in the circuit	31/01/59
Keeling PF	49	KFA Wellington Mk XVIII PG367 of 228 OCU, RAF Leeming, when collided with a Miles Martinet NR570 over Hudswell in North Yorkshire, killing eight	13/08/51
<u>Kelly PA</u>	91	KFA Buccaneer S2b XW532 of 15 Sqn, RAF Laarbruch, crashed near Wansum, Netherlands after the pilot became disorientated when the aircraft entered cloud immediately after take off from Laarbruch. W/C DJH Collins (67E) also killed.	25/03/71
Kennedy HPC	88	KFA Phantom FGR2 XV440 of 31 Sqn, RAF Bruggen, flew into the North Sea at night off Vlieland, Netherlands, missing believed killed	25/06/73
Kenrick MK	17GE	On the strength of RAF Innsworth, but probably died whilst non-effective.	19/03/04
King JEY	45	KFA F-86 Sabre of the 25th FIS, 51st Fighter Interception Wing, USAF, disappeared on mission out of K-13 at Suwon in Korea whilst on an exchange posting.	4/06/53
Kirkland TW	90	KFA Phantom FGR2 41 Sqn (+G/C Blucke (56E)) mid-air collision with crop spraying light aircraft over Downham Market.	9/08/74



Wellington Mk XVIII PG 367 Jenkins RW













**Buccaneer S2b** 



**Phantom FGR2** 

Vampire T11

**Keeling PD Keeling PF** 

Kelly PA

FIGHTER S Kennedy HPC

Kirkland TW

King JEY

Name	Entry	Circumstances of Loss	Date
Laming JH	78	Found dead in grounds of RAFH Wroughton when a patient of the Neuro Psychiatric Unit. Had been serving with 120 at Sqn RAF Kinloss	12/06/76
Lawley RJ	100	Died in Service at RAF Wildenrath.	5/10/90
Lang A	46	KFA Meteor F Mk 8, WK696 of 604 Sqn collided with WK692 of same unit near N Weald.	20/02/54
Lea NG	64	Died whilst serving at RAF Uxbridge.	11/1/80
Lee AS	50	KFA Meteor T Mk 7, VW474 203 AFS dived into N Sea off the Yorkshire coast; engine failure.	14/02/51
Le Poer Trench MB	46	KFA Vampire FB Mk 5 VV565 247 Sqn mid-air collision with a Lincoln B.2 (RF404), Odiham.	14/06/50
Letchford BC	61	KFA Shackleton MR3/3 WR976 of 201 Sqn, RAF Kinloss, taking part in an anti submarine exercise 200 miles off the Cornish coast the aircraft hit the sea in a descending turn when carrying out a mock attack, killing nine of 11 crew	19/11/67
Lightfoot JB	52	KFA Meteor F Mk 8, WA882, 222 Sqn crashed, striking rising Ben Avon, Aberdeenshire.	12/02/52
Longden DC	85	KFA Gnat T1 XR567 of CFS Little Rissington crossing the airfield at 500ft when the fin detached and crashed onto the airfield close to the runway, narrowly missing five parked USAF F111Es	13/12/71
Longworth BJ	49	KFA Sabre F4 XB711 of 229 OCU entered thick cloud and presumed crashed into Bristol Channel, off Chivenor, Devon	23/10/54
Loveday PS	79	KFA Jet Provost T4 XS221 of RAF College flew into trees near Alor Star, during trials in Malayan Jungle to judge the suitability of the Jet Provost as an airborne Forward Air Control aircraft	10/02/66

















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Shackleton MR3/3 WR977



Flt Lt Longden and Gnat T1 XR567



Sabre F4



Jet Provost T4 XS221

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Name	Entry	Circumstances of Loss	Date
MacLachlan ND	32GE	KFA Red Arrows Hawk T1A XX243 Scampton flew in to the ground while doing a low level practice.	22/01/88
MacMullen RT	51	KFA Vampire FB Mk 5, WA371 203 AFS spun into the ground near Cottam whilst practicing stall turns.	5/04/51
Manning KJ	46	KFA Harvard T Mk 2, KF443 RAFC, crashed at Navenby, stalling on recovery from pins.	5/02/49
Mansell JA	50	KFA Hunter FGA Mk 9, XE616 1 Sqn crashed into sea off Norfolk during air combat exercise.	21/05/69
Mason JS	24GE	Died serving at RAFC - no details.	24/09/76
Masterson FS	64	KFA Mosquito TT35 TA686 of 2 Armament Practice Station, Sylt, lost power on take-off, forgetting to change over fuel cocks, and crashed in Schleswigland	17/10/57
Mather DJ	98	KFA Two Gnats T1 XP536 and XR983 both of 4 FTS, RAF Valley, collided in mid-air and crashed into the ground locked together at Dolgellau, Gwynedd, killing all four crew. (Also Cranwellian Ivell)	30/04/76
Matthews GDG	93	Killed climbing accident (with Cranwellian CJL Capes)	22/06/66
May RS	51	KFA Javelin FAW Mk 7, XH714 AAEE, when involuntarily ejected near Kingston in Hampshire.	26/02/58
McAfee D	47	KFA Vampire FB Mk 5, VZ300 CGS spun into ground at Skipsea; range attack.	13/10/50
McKelvey AM	18GE	Died serving at RAF Cranwell but probably died in the RAF Hospital at Halton as his death was registered in Aylesbury.	24/07/93
McEntecart JR	60	KFA Venom FB Mk 1, WE357 14 Sqn, struck a tree near Munsterlager in Germany getting too low during diving attack.	3/05/55
McFarlane or MacFarlane AJL	46	KFA Spitfire F Mk 16, TE340 203 AFS crashed near Tibenham after brushing the tops of trees whilst flying below his designated safety height.	18/08/49
McGrigor AK	45	KFA Lincoln B Mk 2, SX957 148 Sqn collided with Vampire VZ188 213 Sqn.	11/05/50
McMahon JJ	75	KFA in civilian aircraft	12/08/66
Meredith ID	47	KFA (fatally injured) Vampire FB Mk 5 VZ241 73 Sqn, crashed, emergency landing, Cyprus	13/03/51
Mermagen TFH	75	KFA Gnats T1 XR950 and XS108 of 4 FTS RAF Valley, in mid-air collision during formation flying practice. XS108 crashed at Carmel, Caernarfon. XR950 flew back to Valley, but cartwheeled on landing and written off. Both pilots killed.	22/04/65
Michaels FC	23 GE	KFA Harrier GR Mk 3, XV801 3 Sqn crashed near Hamm shortly after take off.	15/12/78
<u>Miller CJ</u>	62	KFA Canberra T4 WT484 of Laarbruch Stn Flt almost recovered from a steep high speed dive when the starboard wing dropped and it dived into the ground at Empel, West Germany, exploding on impact and killing the three crew	10/08/56
Miller WL	98	KFA Jet Provost T4 XP556 of RAF College, on first night solo flew into ground while on approach	30/04/70
<u>Mills DG</u>	95	KFA Hercules C1 XV198 of RAF Colerne went into a flat spin and crashed during a three engine climb out from Colerne, Wiltshire when the remaining engine on that wing failed, killing all five on board	10/09/73
Mitchell MCB	47	KFA Sunderland GR Mk 5 PP148 88 Sqn, turned onto its back and broke up on landing in heavy sea at Iwakuni ,Japan.	25/03/53
Morgan AGH	62	KFA Balliol T.2 WF993 of RAF College crashed during aerobatics at low level at Stoke Rochford Park, Grantham.	19/06/54
Mott RAJ	95	KFA in Phantom FGR2 XV418 92 (East India) Sqn	11/07/80
<u>Muff DJ</u>	46	KFA Spitfire PR Mk 19, PM614 237 OCU flew into high ground near Bepton in Sussex flying in poor weather conditions.	8/02/51

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Nelson JD	4 GE	KFA Phantom FGR2 XT908 228 OCU fell ill and lost consciousness.	9/01/89
Nickoll PG	49	KFA There are no details from internet or other data sources.	17/05/51
Noon DA	72	KFA Jet Provost T4 XP569 of 2 FTS, RAF Syreston, spun into the ground at East Drayton near Tuxford, Nottinghamshire, killing both crew	30/12/66
Northway BS	58	KFA Sycamore HR14 XL820 of CFS, RAF Ternhill (FTC), crashed after failure of a main rotor blade, killing both crew	25/03/64
Norris BJ	78	Died in Service at Musgrove Park Hospital	10/03/61
Nuthall WF	54	KFA Sycamore HR Mk 14, XJ896, 284 Sqn, crashed into a mountain near Makheros in Cyprus, possibly following a tail rotor failure	10/02/58





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Name	Entry	Circumstances of Loss	Date
O'Mahony JPT	65	KFA Hunter F4 XE660 of 247 Sqn broke formation in cloud at 4,000 feet and dived into the ground west of Alton, Hants	5/12/56
O'Sullivan LJT	52	KFA Meteor FR Mk 9, WB139 79 Sqn, engine failure and unsuccessful ejection.	22/07/52
Owen LT	62	KFA 8 Meteor F Mk 8, WL178, 63 Sqn flew into cliff at Trevose Head, emerging from cloud during practice forced landing.	7/07/55
Page JC	2GE	Ded in Service at RAF Lyneham.	8/01/02
Parker JMA	54	KFA. Disorientated in Cessna, G-UESS descended until it struck the sea, Isle of Lewis.	8/12/83
Parker JS	100	Died in Service at RAF Brampton.	28/11/02
Pavey R	49	KFA Meteor F Mk 8, WE869, 63 Sqn, collided with WB106 during aerobatic practice and although he ejected successfully he was unable to separate from his seat.	15/09/51
Payne CJ	83	KFA Hastings C1A TG577 of 36 Sqn, RAF Colerne, crashed at Nuneham Courtney, killing all on board (fracture in the starboard outer elevator rigger due to fatigue in two bolts)	6/07/65
Payne DW	99	Died whist serving at RAF Uxbridge - no further details.	6/6/84
Pearse S	85	KFA Gnat T1 XP508 of 4 FTS, RAF Valley, crashed into the sea shortly after take off from Valley, Anglesey, after the crew ejected following loss of power	6/09/73
Pearson C	62	KFA Meteor F8 WL137 of 19 Sqn crashed nine miles SW of Worksop, Notts, after control was lost in cloud	5/10/56
Perera BS	82	KFA Jet Provost T3 XM427 of RAF College stalled and crashed during a night GCA to Waddington on 16/10/62, dying of injuries at RAFH Halton	16/10/62
Perreaux ER	76	KFA two Red Arrows Gnat T1 XR545 and XR986, of CFS Little Rissington, collided crashed during a synchronised pair display practice at Kemble (Also Cranwellian Haddock)	20/01/71
Piercy JD	2GE	KFA Bulldog T Mk 1, XX350 of RN EFTS crashed near Stokesley in North Yorkshire.	21/09/78
Pitts-Tucker GTR	57	KFA Vampire FB Mk 5 WE835 202 AFS Valley, crashed emergency landing; power loss on take-off	19/03/53
Phillips JW	92	KFA Victor SR Mk 2 XL230 543 Sqn broke up and burst into flames; asymmetric landing at Wyton.	10/5/73
Pollard MPH	56	KFA Valetta T Mk 3, WJ474 2 ANS flew into hill after taking off from Bovingdon for Thorney Island.	6/01/54
Primrose IS	93	KFA Jet Provost T3 XM360 of CFS Little Rissington, flew into Brown Clee Hill near Ludlow, Shropshire, killing both crew	24/01/69
Pritchard KH	99	KRTA (off duty). (Had transferred to 10GE on completion of Southampton University degree.)	5/06/72
Proctor AG	96	KFA Jaguar GR Mk 1, XX762 226 OCU climbing from low level in bad weather, killed when ejecting.	23/11/79
Pugh ACR	59	KFA Vampire F5 VV619 of 229 OCU crashed 1/4 mile North East of Chard, Somerset	24/11/53



















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Ray AJ	9GE	Died in Service at CSDE Swanton Morley.	26/01/81
Redwood IM	24GE	KFA Bulldog T Mk 1 XX660 OUAS, abandoned near Yelford but fell from parachute harness.	25/03/85
Rendle BG	47	KFA Meteor T Mk 7, WL457 collided with WL374 also of CFS, near Upper Heyford.	28/07/54
Reypert DV	59	KFA Vampire F5 VV618 of 208 AFS crashed E of Methyr Tydfil	27/10/53
Rhodes JF	64	KFA Balliol T.2 WG110 crashed near Boston while at RAF College	28/09/54
Richmond C	65	KFA Venom FB1 WR337 of 32 Sqn stalled and crashed while on approach to Amman, Jordan, killing the pilot	22/10/56
Riley AS	95	KFA Phantom FGR2 XV491 of 29 Sqn crashed into the North Sea in fog 35 miles north of Cromer, Norfolk for no apparent reason during ACT with another Phantom.	7/07/82
Roberts C	98	KFA Jet Provost T4 XP569 of 2 FTS, RAF Syreston, spun into the ground at East Drayton near Tuxford, Nottinghamshire, killing both crew	30/12/66
<u>Roberts JK</u>	92	KFA Two Harriers GR3 XV745 and XV754 both of 233 OCU attacking a target from different directions near Wardle, Nantwich, Cheshire failed to maintain separation and collided as they crossed over	19/01/76
Rogers RAH	19GE	KFA Jet Provost T5a XW288 1 FTS; failed to eject; killed practising for Wright Jubilee Trophy.	17/05/82
Rosser AJ	52	KOAS Meteor F Mk 8, A77-856 77 Sqn crashed on landing, after being hit by ground fire on a strafing run at Wonsan Korea.	28/03/53



Vampire F5



Jet Provost XP569





**Roberts C** 



Venom FB1



Harrier GR3 XV 752



**Richmond C** 



**Roberts JK** 

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Sahibzada IA	57	KFA Harvard T2b FS 746 Fuel shortage over Packington, Leics. Buried Cranwell Village.	6/04/53
Saunders NRL	51	KFA Vampire FB Mk 5 WA143 98 Sqn broke up in a forced landing near Boscombe Down following an engine fire breaking out during a practice attack.	12/10/51
Schooling BW	66	KFA Hunter F Mk 6 XG236 66 Sqn crashed into Kielder Forest after losing control in cloud whilst carrying out a practice attack on another Hunter.	14/02/58
Short M	49	Killed in the Far East, not a flying accident. No details.	11/01/54
Skinner PC	46	KFA Venom FB Mk 1 WK497 32 Sqn dived into ground at steep attitude on take-off.	13/09/55
Slater NJ	99	KFA Harrier GR7 ZG475 of SAOEU crashed into the Solway Firth avoiding an obstruction.	1/06/95
Slater WA	46	KFA Meteor F Mk 8 VZ558 74 Sqn crashed Horsham St Faith on return from night ex.	7/12/50
Smith LSR	45	KOAS Beaufighter TF Mk 10, RD866 45 Sqn crashed on emergency landing in a clearing following an engine failure during an attack on terrorist positions.	26/11/49
Smith WH	75	Died as a result of an RTA	16/05/60
Solman RG	70	KFA Provost T1 WW436 night flying in poor viz crashed N of RAFC. With QFI GFT Young.	30/01/56
Spawton KA	94	KFA Phantom FGR2 XV427 of 17 Sqn, RAF Bruggen, flew into high ground at Arfeld, Bad Berleburg, West Germany	22/08/73
Spencer TV	74	KFA RAF HQ (U) Uxbridge Exchange posting RAAF for QFI duties at East Sale Victoria (Maintenance Command)	15/04/69
Stacey DB	58	KFA Sabre F4 XB745 RCAF crashed near Beauvechain, Belgium after pilot ejected following engine failure	28/12/53
Stacey PW	99/10	Died in Service at RAF Scampton.	30/05/88
Standen MH	52	KRTA (off duty)	3/07/59
Stanning PH	62	KFA Canberra PR Mk 7 WT526 80 Sqn broke up after tailplane failure in Germany	20/02/58
Starey CE	75	Died after an RTA while off duty	22/07/61
Steele W	29	KFA Buccaneer S Mk 2B, XV341 12 Sqn crashed on the approach to Lossiemouth, faulty tailplane linkage.	14/06/85
Stockman GB	51	KFA Victor B Mk 2, XH668 AAEE broke up in a dive; crashed into sea off Milford Haven.	20/08/59
Storah NP	19GE	KFA Harrier GR Mk 3 XV792 3 Sqn, ejected when ac rolled 90° during a vertical landing at Gutersloh.	14/10/80
Stein DG	13GE	KFA Jaguar GR Mk 1 XZ120 2 Sqn crashed near Nordhorn Ranges after a failed diving attack.	25/02/77
Strevens RA	64	KFA Chipmunk T10 WP858 of RAFC crashed in the circuit at RAF Spitalgate.	16/10/53
Swinney TC	87	KFA Shackleton MR3 XF702 of 206 Sqn Inverness, 13 killed	21/12/67

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Taylor CB	73	KFA Shackleton MR3 XF704 of 201 Sqn crashed into the Moray Firth while on a local flying practice, missing later confirmed killed near RAF Kinloss	8/12/65
Tennet HK	5GE	KFA Phantom FGR Mk 2 XV463 41 Sqn flew into the Solway Firth, Mawbury, out of control.	17/12/75
Thomas AR	53	KFA Vampire FB Mk 5 WA225 229 OCU stalled and spun into ground in a turn whilst chasing a target aircraft.	6/06/52
Thomas AR	89	KFA Canberra PR9 XH130 of 13 Sqn stalled and crashed while on approach to Hal Far, Malta, killing both crew	25/03/69
Thomas WR	67	Died in Service	13/12/59
<u>Thompson PF</u>	89	KFA Lightning F6 XS896 of 74 Sqn, engine fire in the reheat system of the No.2 engine, when on a downwind approach to land at RAF Tengah, burning through the control rods causing the aircraft to pitch up and then enter a fatal flat spin	
Thomson WD	80	Died of Injuries after train derailment	5/11/67
Tomes PR	80	KFA Provost T1 XF901 of RAF College, attempting a forced landing following engine failure at Welby, North East of Spitalgate stalled, crashed and caught fire	31/05/60
<u>Towl JP</u>	7GE	KFA Tornado GR Mk 1, 43+24 of TTTE, abandoned just before it crashed near Claerwen Reservoir in Powys after entering a dive whilst climbing to safety height.	17/6/86
Truman CE	70	KFA Hunter F4 XF948 229 OCU engine fire extinguished, flame out and an attempt to glide back to base at Chivenor failed ten miles north of Lundy Island	6/11/57
Turner A	45	KFA Meteor T Mk 7, WH246 205 AFS, struck a mast during a high speed low level run across Measham airfield and crashed.	4/05/53
Uprichard BD	100	Killed in RTA (off duty) serving in 31 Sqn, RAF Bruggen	28/08/74
Vallance CMA	19 FTS & 45	KFA - no details found other than an annotation in RAFC Cadet Record Card.	4/07/50
Vickers DD	59	KFA Balliol T Mk 2, WG133 of RAF College hit ground recovering from spin after control lost, and dived into the ground at Fishtoft. With GHW Gardner 64 Entry.	3/12/54
Volkers JF	74	KFA Hawker FR10 XE579 of 8 Sqn flew into ground approaching a firing range in Khormaksar, Aden	8/08/61



















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Name	Entry	Circumstances of Loss	Date
Wade A	85	KFA Canberra PR9 XH172 of 13 Sqn turned to fly over Akrotiri airfield but pitched down and crashed into the Mediterranean Sea three miles east of base killing the three crew	6/10/72
Wakely SD	92	KFA Harrier GR3 XV746 of 1 Sqn on detachment to Tromsoe crashed into a mountain at Bardufoss, Norway during exercise 'Atlas Express'	12/03/76
Walker CH	47	KFA U-2A, 56-6713 of the CIA crashed near Wayside in Texas during training flight, due to a break up in the air at high altitude.	8/07/58
Walker P	69	Died serving at RAF Uxbridge .	29/11/84
Ward JW	55	KFA Meteor T Mk 7, WF852 of CFS spun into the ground at Little Rissington during an aerobatic practice for Brabant Trophy.	31/12/52
Watson B	58	KFA Belvedere C1 XG465 of 72 Sqn crashed at Warendorf, West Germany after an engine failure caused a rotor to hit the fuselage, killing all six on board	30/07/62
Watson JS	73	KFA Jet Provost T3 XM360 CFS Little Rissington, flew into Brown Clee Hill near Ludlow, Shropshire, killing both crew	24/01/69
Waugh WS	89	KRTA Benson	18/10/68
Webber DJ	69	KFA Vampire FB9 WR230 of RAF College stalled and crashed during an overshoot at Cranwell, Lincolnshire killing the pilot	9/10/56
Webster JC	92	KFA Lightning F6 XR767 of 74 Sqn, RAF Tengah, disappeared during a night time mission involving two aircraft practicing low- level intercepts and is believed to have crashed into the sea 50 miles NW of Singapore	26/05/70
West PS	97	KFA Jaguar GR1 XX120 of 54 Sqn crashed into the Kattegat, off the Samsoe Islands, Denmark during exercise 'Teamwork 76' after possible loss of control while in cloud	17/09/76
Whitlock NC	95	KFA Canberra T19 WJ610 of 100 Sqn dived into the ground in flames two miles SSW of West Raynham, Norfolk shortly after take off	26/06/72
Whitehouse F	89	KFA Lightning F6 XS930 of 74 Sqn Tengah, Singapore, stalling on take off during photo shoot, ejected at too low an altitude	27/07/70
Whittaker AJS	66	KFA Balliol T2 WG112 of RAFC dived into ground during tail-chase at Ashby-de-la-Launde, Lincolnshire.	5/10/55
<u>Willings KB</u>	77	KFA two Canberra B(I)6 WT310 and WT315 both of 213 Sqn collided in mid air one mile east of Elbergen, Germany (Involved two other Cranwellians: Abraham and Hulland)	15/01/62
<u>Wills JW</u>	53	KFA Meteor T Mk 7, WA666 of No 12 FTS, which failed to recover from a dive shortly after take off from Weston Zoyland.	10/1/55
Withey JW	57	KFA Meteor T Mk 7, WL368 of Central Fighter Establishment Communications Flt rolled and dived into the ground.	18/10/57
Witty RF	59	KFA Tiger Moth T Mk 2 N6635 of 2 TAF Comms Sqn stalled and crashed on approach to landing strip near Scarfoldendorf.	26/04/54
Womphrey JM	96	KFA Chipmunk WK575 of 530 Sqn, RAF Wyton, stalled and crashed at Laxfield near Ipswich, after the pilot attempted to loop from a very low altitude	13/07/70
Wormall PE	73	KFA Valiant B(K)1 XD869 214 Sqn crashed in tail down attitude east of Marham, shortly after a night take off.	11/9/59
Worsley WI	55	KFA Vampire T Mk 11, WZ429 of the RAF College, crashed Gosburton after entering an inverted spin whilst he was demonstrating a stall turn to the right to a student, who managed to eject safely.	10/1/57
Wright A	48	KFA Javelin FAW Mk 5 XA642 of AWDS crashed into the sea off Skegness after he reported a double flame out during a test flight following an engine failure.	6/12/57
Youd NB	71	KFA Canberra B2 WD955 32 Sqn mid-air collision with Javelin Mk9 XH906 25 Sqn; practice night interception over Cyprus.	26/10/61

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Cohorts of 19 FTS, Post-WWII Flight Cadet Entries and GEs 1 to 33

