



Name	BARR, Robert Thomas
Date of birth	3 May, 1915
Place of birth	Proserpine, QLD
Parents	Harry Drinkall & Ethel Annie (Abell)
School	Windermere State School
Wife	Alice Kathleen F (Shepherd)
Occupation	Farm Labourer/Canecutter

Date of enlistment	22 December, 1941
Place of enlistment	Brisbane, QLD
Service No	44081
Rank	Aircraftman/ Flight Mechanic
Unit	1 Bomb & Gunnery School RAAF
Place of Death	Brisbane, QLD
Date of Death	5 June, 1942
Age at Death	27
Commemorated at	10. 45.13. Toowong Cemetery, Brisbane, QLD

05.01.1942 – 27.02.1942 Completed No. 22 Group 2 Fitter Course.

01.03.1942 – 9.5.1942 Completed No. 150 Flight Mechanics Course.

15.05.1942 Posted to No.1 Bombing & Gunnery School, Evans Head NSW.

02.06.1942 Admitted to Brisbane Hospital dangerously ill with encephalitis.



Name BAXTER, Henry James

Date of birth 9 January, 1917

Place of birth Charters Towers, QLD

Parents John Thomas & Bessie M (Dunn)

Married Edith Egan 1936

Occupation Labourer

Date of enlistment

1 June, 1940

Place of enlistment

Proserpine, QLD

Service No

QX2489

Rank

Private

Unit

2/15th Battalion

Place of Death

Libya

Date of Death

7 July, 1941

Age at Death

24

Commemorated at

4. H.11. Tobruk War Cemetery,
Libya

RAT OF TOBRUK

Henry trained in Palestine.

From April to October 1941 the 2/15th Battalion took part in the Siege of Tobruk. Henry was killed in action.



Name	BAXTER, Robert George
Date of birth	5 April, 1919
Place of birth	Dolomite, QLD
Parents	John Thomas & Bessie M (Dunn)
Occupation	Labourer

Date of enlistment	27 May, 1940
Place of enlistment	Miowera QLD
Service No	QX1749
Rank	Sapper
Unit	2/13 Field Company
Place of Death	Kingaroy, Qld
Date of Death	3 December, 1945
Age at Death	26
Commemorated at	GRM/4 Murgon Cemetery, QLD

Robert died of illness eleven days after discharge.



Name BLACKBURN, Ernest

Date of birth 26 January, 1924

Place of birth Proserpine, QLD

Parents William & Susan (Smith)

Occupation Truck Driver

Date of enlistment

1 June, 1943

Place of enlistment

Redbank, QLD

Service No

Q271287

Rank

Private

Unit

Australian Citizen Military Force
15th Training Battalion

Place of Death

8 Australian Camp Hospital
Warwick, QLD

Date of Death

26 July, 1943

Age at Death

19

Commemorated at

A. A. 9. Warwick General Cemetery

Ernest died from complications following the extraction of teeth.



Name BLACKBURN, William
(Rusty)

Date of birth 2 June, 1920

Place of birth Proserpine, QLD

Parents William P & Susan P (Smith)

Occupation Labourer

Date of enlistment

26 February, 1942

Place of enlistment

Proserpine, QLD

Service No

QX27742

Rank

Private

Unit

122 Transport Platoon,
Australian Army Service Corps
Morotai Island, East Indies

Place of Death

Date of Death

9 December, 1945

Age at Death

25

Commemorated at

28. B.11. Ambon War Cemetery,
Maluku, Indonesia

13.11.1944 Posted to jungle warfare training centre, Canungra.

24.03.1945 Arrived in Morotai

09.07.1945 Posted to Borneo

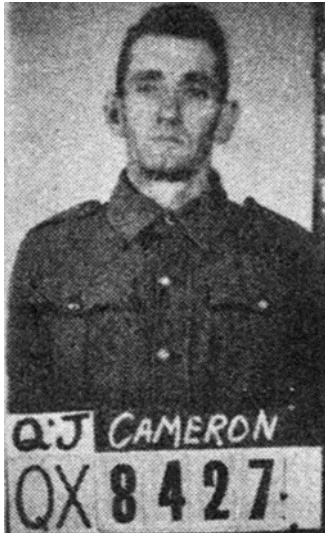
08.11.1945 Disembarked in Morotai. William died due to a road accident in Morotai while on duty.



Name	BOYLE, John (Jack)
Date of birth	19 May, 1916
Place of birth	Bowen, QLD
Parents	Peter & Olive (Donald)
Occupation	Head Teacher, Lower Gregory State School

Date of enlistment	3 January, 1941
Place of enlistment	Brisbane, QLD
Service No	404931
Rank	Sergeant/ Navigator/Observer
Unit	7 RAAF Squadron
Place of Death	Hamburg, Germany
Date of Death	29 July, 1942
Age at Death	26
Commemorated at	12. G. 1. Becklingen War Cemetery, Germany

John was navigator in a bomber that was shot down over Hamburg, Germany. Four crew members bailed out and were taken prisoner, but John and the captain remained in the plane to assist the wireless operator who had been wounded. The bomber crashed before they could bail out.



Name CAMERON, Finlay

Date of birth 15 August 1900

Place of birth Grafton, NSW

Parents Archibald & Annie (Arnold)

Wife Ivy Maude (Eggins)

Occupation Dairying

Date of enlistment

17 June, 1940

Place of enlistment

Rockhampton, QLD

Service No

QX8427

Rank

Gunner

Unit

2/10 Field Regiment

Place of Death

Sandakan, Borneo

Date of Death

7 June, 1945

Age at Death

42

Commemorated at

Panel 2, Labuan Memorial,
Malaysia

Prisoner of War B Force

Finlay lowered his age by two years to enlist. On 6 July 1942 he was wounded in action during the fall of Singapore, due to a gunshot wound to his right shoulder. He was transported aboard *Ubi Maru* to Sandakan Harbour on 18 July 1942. Finlay died while a Prisoner of War.



Name CATHERWOOD, Eric Maxwell

Date of birth 17 October, 1895

Place of birth Toorak, VIC

Parents Alfred M & Laura A (Haynes)

Wife Nellie Maie (Randall)

Occupation Manager of Daydream Island

Previous WW1

Service Service Number 6597

Date of enlistment 5 February, 1941

Place of enlistment Townsville, QLD

Service No QX35565

Rank Major

Unit HQ Milne Bay Base Sub Area

Australian Headquarters

Aircraft Accident

Place of Death

Date of Death 2 February, 1944

Age at Death 48

Commemorated at Panel 1. Port Moresby Memorial,
Papua New Guinea

WWI: Enlisted 15.8.1914, 6th Battalion, served on Gallipoli and in France. Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant on 14 December 1918.

WWII: When WW2 broke out, Eric was brought into the administration which ultimately became Queensland Lines of Communication area as a supply officer.

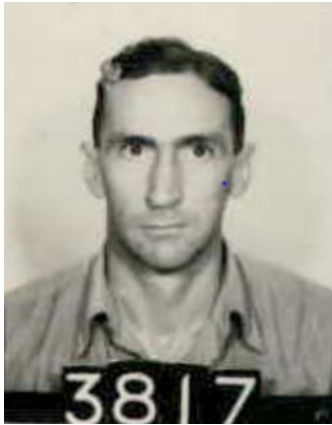
Flying back to Milne Bay from Townsville, hit bad weather around Cooktown. Twenty-two men on board, crash location unknown.



Name	COOKMAN, Frederick Charles
Date of birth	25 March, 1915
Place of birth	Proserpine
Parents	Frederick C & Emily J (Davies)
School	Murwillumbah State School, NSW
Occupation	Labourer

Date of enlistment	21 June, 1940
Place of enlistment	Brisbane, QLD
Service No	404199
Rank	Warrant Officer/Bomb Aimer
Unit	203 RAAF Squadron
Place of Death	Burg El Arab, North Africa
Date of Death	22 June, 1942
Age at Death	27
Commemorated at	24. E. 1-2. El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt

Frederick was killed while on active service at Burg El Arab. A group of servicemen from 203 squadron were swimming in the Mediterranean when they found an object on the beach. They loaded the object into the back of their truck and on the way back to the base the object exploded killing most of the party. Six were killed.



Name	CROWLEY, Patrick Joseph
Date of birth	4 February, 1915
Place of birth	Gatton, QLD
Parents	Denis & Catherine (Johanna)
Occupation	School Teacher, Kelsey Creek

Date of enlistment	24 October, 1938
Place of enlistment	Richmond, NSW
Service No	3817
Rank	Flight Sergeant
Unit	6 Transport & Movement RAAF
Place of Death	Townsville, QLD
Date of Death	23 April, 1945
Age at Death	30
Commemorated at	C. D. 15. Townsville War Cemetery, Belgian Gardens, QLD

01.05.1938 Promoted to Corporal.

01.04.1941 Promoted to Sergeant.

06.09.1943 Posted to 6 Transportation & Movement Office, Townsville.

Patrick died due to a motor vehicle accident in Eyre Street, hit by a US army vehicle.



Name DEBNEY, Harry Stanley

Date of birth 1 October, 1917

Place of birth Proserpine, QLD

Parents Douglas & Frances C (Myles)

Occupation Labourer

Date of enlistment

24 May, 1940

Place of enlistment

Miowera (Proserpine) QLD

Service No

QX2390

Rank

Corporal

Unit

2/15th Battalion

Place of Death

El Alamein, Egypt

Date of Death

1 September, 1942

Age at Death

24

Commemorated at

A I. E. 8. El Alamein War Cemetery,
Egypt

RAT OF TOBRUK

Two of Harry's brothers also served in the army.



Name	DOWN, Reginald
Date of birth	9 February, 1916
Place of birth	Proserpine, QLD
Parents	Charles R & Mabel E (Borresen)
Occupation	Labourer

Date of enlistment	27 February 1941
Place of enlistment	Townsville, QLD
Service No	QX11528
Rank	Private
Unit	2/31 st Battalion
Place of Death	Jezzine, Lebanon
Date of Death	18 June, 1941
Age at Death	25
Commemorated at	2. B. 2. Beirut War Cemetery, Lebanon

13.06.1941 The 31st Battalion cleared the town and surrounding hills of Jezzine. After a series of counterattacks the Vichy-French began to withdraw on 29.06.1941.

18.06.1941 A Vichy-French aircraft attack at the Hotel Egypt killed seventeen soldiers.



Name FARRELL, Jack Thomas

Date of birth 3 December, 1918

Place of birth Proserpine, QLD

Parents James Joseph & Mary Theresa
(Brennan)

Occupation Labourer

Date of enlistment

3 July, 1940

Place of enlistment

Miowera (Proserpine) QLD

Service No

QX11230

Rank

Lance Corporal

Unit

2/26th Battalion

Place of Death

113 Australian General Hospital,
Concord, NSW

Date of Death

29 October, 1945

Age at Death

26

Commemorated at

D. C.14. Sydney War Cemetery,
Rookwood, NSW

Prisoner of War F Force

F Force was sent to Thailand by rail, packed into suffocating metal rail trucks with little food and water. On reaching Ban Pong in Thailand, F Force was forced to march over 300 kilometres to camps near the border with Burma (Myanmar).

5.10.1945 Jack returned from Singapore aboard the “Manuanda” to Sydney, dangerously ill and hospitalised.



Name	FARRELL, Joseph
Date of birth	22 June, 1922
Place of birth	Proserpine, QLD
Parents	James J & Mary T (Brennan)
Occupation	Miner

Date of enlistment	1 January, 1942
Place of enlistment	Proserpine, QLD
Service No	QX24851
Rank	Private
Unit	2/7 th Battalion
Place of Death	Mubo, Papua New Guinea
Date of Death	23 August, 1943
Age at Death	21
Commemorated at	S. B.12. Lae War Cemetery, PNG

Joseph died during the Salamaua-Lae Campaign in Papua New Guinea.

18.01.1946 Re-buried in Lae War Cemetery.

Four Farrell boys enlisted. Two paid the ultimate price and the other two are buried in the Proserpine Cemetery - Eric and James are both in C3 section.



Name	FAUST, Charles
Date of birth	2 December, 1922
Place of birth	Proserpine, QLD
Parents	Charles W & Lillian A (Hallam)
Occupation	Clerk, Faust Bros

Date of enlistment	2 February, 1942
Place of enlistment	Brisbane, QLD
Service No	425406
Rank	Warrant Officer/Navigator
Unit	No. 38 Squadron RAAF Air HQ East Mediterranean
Place of Death	Near Athens, Greece
Date of Death	3 June, 1944
Age at Death	21
Commemorated at	14. C. 12. Phaleron War Cemetery, Athens, Greece

Charles was conducting anti-shipping missions in the Aegean Sea and Khalkis Harbour off the coast of Greece.

In 1954 during dredging operations the plane carrying the crew's remains was recovered.



Name	FAUST, Joseph Frederick (Joe)
Date of birth	23 May, 1917
Place of birth	Proserpine, QLD
Parents	Joseph & Emily (Dray)
School	Proserpine State School, Nudgee College
Occupation	Salesman, Faust Bros

Date of enlistment	8 July, 1940
Place of enlistment	Miowera (Proserpine) QLD
Service No	QX11292
Rank	Private
Unit	2/26 th Battalion
Place of Death	At Sea
Date of Death	15 September, 1944
Age at Death	27
Commemorated at	Panel 15, Labuan Memorial, Malaysia

Prisoner of War A Force

After completing work as a POW on the Thai-Burma Railway and returning to Changi, Joe and other POWs boarded the Rakuyo Maru (carrying 1,318 Australian and British POWs) to be transported to Japan. The Rakuyo Maru was torpedoed by an American submarine, USS Sealion II. 400 died at sea.



Name	FERGUSON, Oswald Edward (Ossie)
Date of birth	9 March, 1911
Place of birth	Goulbourn, NSW
Parents	Harold E & Annice S (Boot)
Wife	Doreen (Fox)
Occupation	Fitter, NSW Railway

Date of enlistment	4 January, 1939
Place of enlistment	Laverton, VIC
Service No	3913
Rank	Flight Sergeant
Unit	10 Squadron RAAF
Place of Death	London, England
Date of Death	30 June, 1944
Age at Death	33
Commemorated at	4. O. 2. Brookwood Military Cemetery, England

British Empire Medal

02/06/1943 Mentioned in Dispatches

08/06/1944 British Empire Medal (Military Division)

Ossie was responsible for the maintenance of the Short Sunderland flying boats flown by the squadron from Mount Batten on Plymouth Sound. Ossie was killed in enemy action in London. He was in the vicinity of Australia House when he was hit by a German Flying Bomb (doodlebug).



Name FERNANDO, George
Lucas

Date of birth 30 January, 1919

Place of birth Mungandi, NSW

Parents George & Elizabeth (Murray)

Wife Helen (Crowe)

Occupation Labourer

Date of enlistment 19 June, 1941

Place of enlistment Proserpine, QLD

Service No QX1817

Rank Private

Unit 2/26th Battalion

Place of Death Singapore

Date of Death 15 February, 1942

Age at Death 23

Commemorated at Column 128 Singapore Memorial,
Singapore

George was killed in action during the siege of Singapore. His body was never recovered.



Name FLETCHER, Stanley

Date of birth 13 November, 1921

Place of birth Preston, England

Parents James & Eveline (Robinson)

Occupation Labourer

Date of enlistment

6 May, 1942

Place of enlistment

Brisbane, QLD

Service No

QX32052

Rank

Private

Unit

2/25th Battalion

Place of Death

Nadzab, Papua New Guinea

Date of Death

16 September, 1943

Age at Death

21

Commemorated at

C. B. 3. Lae War Cemetery, PNG

Stanley was admitted to 2/4 Australian Field Ambulance with gunshot wounds to both legs. He died from his injuries.



Name FOX, John Gordon

Date of birth 12 June, 1913

Place of birth Bowen, QLD

Parents George & Dorothy B (Wilson)

Wife Gladys Joan

Occupation Farmer

Date of enlistment 25 September, 1940

Place of enlistment Brisbane, QLD

Service No 23620

Rank RAAF Leading Aircraftman

Unit 3 Aircraft Depot

Place of Death Brisbane, QLD

Date of Death 31 July, 1947

Age at Death 34

War Grave Lutwyche Cemetery, Brisbane QLD



Name	GODBOLD, Frederick L (Fred)
Date of birth	11 February, 1917
Place of birth	Marrickville, NSW
Parents	Frank & Ellen L
Wife	Norma (Atkinson)
Occupation	Builders Labourer

Date of enlistment	25 May, 1940
Place of enlistment	Proserpine, QLD
Service No	QX2395
Rank	Sapper
Unit	2/7 Field Company
Place of Death	Tobruk
Date of Death	20 May, 1941
Age at Death	24
Commemorated at	5. J. 7. Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya

RAT OF TOBRUK

Fred was killed by a booby trap during the siege of Tobruk.



Name	GREENWOOD, Richmond Lancelot
Date of birth	14 September, 1892
Place of birth	Croydon
Parents	William & Emily (Crompton)
Wife	Dorothy (Exall)
Occupation	Main Roads Ganger

Date of enlistment	24 June, 1940
Place of enlistment	Miowera (Proserpine) QLD
Service No	Q302700
Rank	Private
Unit	11 th Infantry Training Battalion
Place of Death	112 Aust. General Hospital Brisbane
Date of Death	8 January, 1943
Age at Death	50
Commemorated at	75. 39. Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, QLD

Richmond died after being struck by a Brisbane tram.



Name	HANCOX, Francis Cyril Gregory
Date of birth	3 January, 1921
Place of birth	Proserpine, QLD
Parents	Cyril G & Nellie (Gregory)
Occupation	Labourer

Date of enlistment	29 May, 1941
Place of enlistment	Brisbane, QLD
Service No	QX38208
Rank	Trooper
Unit	2/7 Commando Squadron
Place of Death	Sanananda, Papua New Guinea
Date of Death	21 December, 1942
Age at Death	21
Commemorated at	Panel 1 Port Moresby (Bomana) Memorial, PNG

Sanananda was the scene of fierce and costly fighting. Australian and US troops reached the three enclaves of Buna, Gona and Sanananda in mid-November 1942 but early efforts were unsuccessful and costly. The 2/7th were flown to Popondetta to reinforce the units there in December.

When it became clear that frontal assaults were doomed, attacks on Sunananda were halted while Buna was overcome. The Japanese began to withdraw on 12 January 1943. The battle cost some 2,100 Allied casualties and the lives of more than 1,500 Japanese soldiers.



Name	HARTWIG, Arthur Henry
Date of birth	31 January 1911
Place of birth	Proserpine, QLD
Parents	Frederick W & Elizabeth (Abell)
Wife	Constance Marion (Hopkins)
Occupation	Labourer

Date of enlistment	23 March, 1942
Place of enlistment	Newmarket, QLD
Service No	QX30677
Rank	Private
Unit	2/9 th Battalion
Place of Death	Buna, Papua New Guinea
Date of Death	1 January, 1943
Age at Death	41
Commemorated at	B6. C.15. Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, PNG

Arthur died during the Battle of Buna (1 November 1942 – 2 January 1943). Major fighting did not occur at Buna until after the Japanese had advanced and then retreated along the Kokoda Track. The Allies attacked on the morning of 1 January – the day Arthur died. The bulk of the Japanese positions were destroyed by nightfall. The battle for Buna cost the Allied forces 2,870 casualties.



Name	HAUSKNECHT, Donald Francis
Date of birth	4 January, 1923
Place of birth	Pittsworth, NSW
Parents	William F C & Ruby (Feldmann)
Occupation	Labourer

Date of enlistment	8 April, 1942
Place of enlistment	Brisbane, QLD
Service No	QX31343
Rank	Lance Corporal
Unit	2/4 Independent Company
Place of Death	Lae, Papua New Guinea
Date of Death	4 September, 1943
Age at Death	20
Commemorated at	A8. F. 16. Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, PNG

The 2/4 Independent Company was part of the amphibious landing at Lae on 4 September 1943. They came ashore in the second landing and suffered heavy casualties with 34 men killed when their landing craft was hit by a Japanese dive and torpedo bomber.



Name HEATLEY, Ian Victor

Date of birth 14 February, 1921

Place of birth Townsville, QLD

Parents George F & Janet W (Bell)

Occupation Bank Clerk, Proserpine

Date of enlistment

2 March, 1941

Place of enlistment

Brisbane, QLD

Service No

405310

Rank

Flight Sergeant/Bomber Navigator

Unit

12 Squadron

Place of Death

Germany

Date of Death

3 March, 1943

Age at Death

22

Commemorated at

12, B, 1 Becklingen War Cemetery,
Germany

Ian died during night missions over Germany.

12 Squadron lost 188 aircraft and 1,129 aircrew.



Name HINCHLIFFE, Fred

Date of birth 14 September, 1922

Place of birth Rockhampton, QLD

Parents Frederick & Edith (Brophy)

Occupation Labourer

Date of enlistment

4 June, 1940

Place of enlistment

Miowera (Proserpine) QLD

Service No

QX1671

Rank

Private

Unit

2/15th Battalion

Place of Death

England

Date of Death

24 October, 1944

Age at Death

32

Commemorated at

4. O.13. Brookwood Military
Cemetery, England

RAT OF TOBRUK

PRISONER OF WAR

Fred was captured in Libya by the Italian Army and held a prisoner of war for three years in Stalag 7a, Hungary. He was repatriated to England on 15 September 1944 and admitted to Chester Military Hospital, London.



Name	HOWARD, Albert William (Alby)
Date of birth	9 September, 1912
Place of birth	Bundaberg, QLD
Parents	Albert A & Charlotte J (Thiele)
Wife	Jean (Wagner)
Occupation	School Teacher, Cannon Valley

Date of enlistment	2 March, 1941
Place of enlistment	Brisbane, QLD
Service No	405273
Rank	Sergeant/Navigator/Observer
Unit	RAAF 460 Squadron
Place of Death	At sea, near Brittany, France
Date of Death	4 August, 1942
Age at Death	29
Commemorated at	Panel 112. Runnymede Memorial, England

Albert was on board the aircraft that took off in the night on a mine laying operation in enemy waters. From the time of leaving base nothing further was heard of the aircraft. It was his first operational mission.

460 Squadron flew the most bombing missions and dropped the highest bomb load of 24,856 tons. It also had the highest casualty rate, losing 181 aircraft and 589 Australian aircrew.



Name	HOWARD, Vivian Arthur
Date of birth	30 January, 1916
Place of birth	Bundaberg, QLD
Parents	Albert A & Charlotte J (Thiele)
Wife	Irene Lydia (Sommer)
Occupation	Teacher

Date of enlistment	16 August, 1941
Place of enlistment	Brisbane, QLD
Service No	414138
Rank	Pilot Officer
Unit	RAAF 10 Elementary Flying School
Place of Death	Temora, NSW
Date of Death	29 October, 1943
Age at Death	27
Commemorated at	A. D. 7. Temora Cemetery, NSW

Pilot Officer Howard was an instructor. He was killed in an air crash in New South Wales.



Name	HUGHES, Ronald Eldred (Ron)
Date of birth	10 June, 1911
Place of birth	Burketown, QLD
Parents	Alfred & Dinah M (Woodhouse)
Occupation	Labourer

Date of enlistment	1 June, 1940
Place of enlistment	Proserpine, QLD
Service No	QX2499
Rank	Sapper
Unit	2/7 Field Company
Place of Death	El Alamein, Egypt
Date of Death	22 July, 1942
Age at Death	31
Commemorated at	A. IV. F. 12. El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt

RAT OF TOBRUK

“At 5 a.m. July 22 we were into it – a bayonet attack on a ridge about 2,000 yards off through air thick with lead. The objective gained, but "Mulga" and his badly depleted party were ordered to clear a gap in the minefield to let our truck clear the wounded.

Two of his mates were badly shocked and temporary hopeless as a useful force, so he aided them to the comparative safety of a nearby shell hole, placing more work on his shoulders.

With these men safe, "Mulga" turned to his job in the face of heavy mortar fire. They got him.” *Sgt A. Campbell*



Name	ISBEL, Cecil Ernest
Date of birth	4 July, 1918
Place of birth	Proserpine, QLD
Parents	George H & Kathleen (Waye)
Occupation	Labourer

Date of enlistment	24 July, 1940
Place of enlistment	Townsville, QLD
Service No	QX11408
Rank	Private
Unit	2/26 th Battalion
Place of Death	Borneo
Date of Death	25 March, 1945
Age at Death	26
Commemorated at	Panel 15, Labuan Memorial, Malaysia

Prisoner of War B Force

Cecil died from malaria during the first Sandakan death march in Borneo.



Name JAMIESON, Arthur

Date of birth 9 September, 1920

Place of birth Barcaldine, QLD

Parents Thomas W & Pretoria

Occupation Saw Bench Operator

Date of enlistment

29 April, 1941

Place of enlistment

Proserpine, QLD

Service No

QX11728

Rank

Lance Corporal

Unit

2/26th Battalion

Place of Death

Changi, Singapore

Date of Death

21 January, 1944

Age at Death

23

Commemorated at

2. A. 18. Kranji War Cemetery,
Singapore

Prisoner of War F FORCE

Arthur died in Changi from malaria and pneumonia.



Name	JOHNSTON, Allen Maxwell (Mick)
Date of birth	7 June, 1913
Place of birth	Bowen, QLD
Parents	John Maxwell Allen & Jessie
Occupation	Loco Driver

Date of enlistment	12 July, 1940
Place of enlistment	Townsville, QLD
Service No	QX11334
Rank	Private
Unit	22 nd Aust Company
Place of Death	Thailand
Date of Death	31 October, 1943
Age at Death	30
Commemorated at	1. O. 74. Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand

Prisoner of War D Force

Allen died of illness while a Prisoner of War.



Name JOHNSTONE, Charles William

Date of birth 29 October, 1919

Place of birth Proserpine, QLD

Parents William G (WW1) & Dorothy (Atkinson)

School Proserpine State School

Occupation Stockman

Date of enlistment 2 May, 1940

Place of enlistment Proserpine, QLD

Service No QX2408

Rank Private

Unit 2/15th Battalion

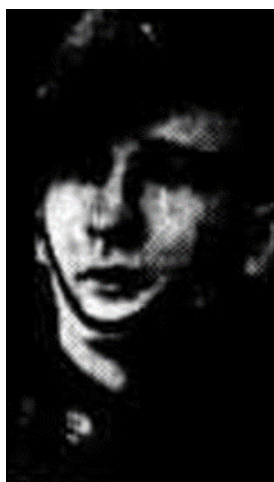
Place of Death Finschhafen, Papua New Guinea

Date of Death 8 October, 1943

Age at Death 23

Commemorated at JJ. B. 15. Lae War Cemetery, PNG

Charles died from a gunshot wound to his chest while on sentry duty.



R. G. Lamb

Name	LAMB, Robert George
Date of birth	22 September, 1919
Place of birth	Mt Isa, QLD
Parents	George W & Mabel E (Dempster)
Wife	Jean Margaret
Occupation	Labourer

Date of enlistment	29 April, 1941
Place of enlistment	Townsville, QLD
Service No	QX11761
Rank	Private
Unit	4 Base Supply Depot
Place of Death	Brisbane, QLD
Date of Death	7 August, 1945
Age at Death	23
Commemorated at	Sec. 73, Grave 36. Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery, QLD

Robert served in the Middle East and New Guinea before returning to Brisbane.

He died as the result of a motor accident in Brisbane while on duty.



Name LARCHER, Edward
Norman (Ted)

Date of birth 6 June, 1920

Place of birth Mackay, QLD

Parents Alphonse & Clara (Sloan)

Occupation Labourer

Date of enlistment 8 January, 1942

Place of enlistment Mackay, QLD

Service No QX25926

Rank Corporal

Unit 49th Battalion

Place of Death Gona Beachhead, PNG

Date of Death 7 December, 1942

Age at Death 22

Commemorated at Panel 5. Port Moresby Memorial,
Papua New Guinea

Ted died during the Battle of Buna-Gona on Papua New Guinea's north coast. In the five-hour battle the 49th Battalion lost 60% of their attack force and the attack failed.



Name	LEE, Edward George
Date of birth	14 July, 1902
Place of birth	London, England
Parents	Edward R & Martha A (Holderness)
Occupation	Labourer

Date of enlistment	2 July, 1940
Place of enlistment	Proserpine, QLD
Service No	QX11385
Rank	Sapper
Unit	2/11 Field Company
Place of Death	Ambon, Indonesia
Date of Death	13 June, 1945
Age at Death	42
Commemorated at	16. B.13. Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia

Prisoner of War

Edward was listed as a P.O.W. at the Tan Toey Camp and died of beriberi.



Name McHENRY, William

Date of birth 1 September, 1905

Place of birth Nowra, NSW

Parents John T & Harriett M (Biggs)

Wife Ethel Louisa (Wagner)

Occupation Miner

Date of enlistment 21 May, 1940

Place of enlistment Townsville, QLD

Service No QX1906

Rank Private

Unit 2/2 Machine Gun Battalion

Place of Death Egypt

Date of Death 28 July, 1942

Age at Death 36

Commemorated at 3. D. 8. Hadra War Memorial, Egypt

William served in Palestine, Egypt and Syria. He died from a gunshot wound to the chest.

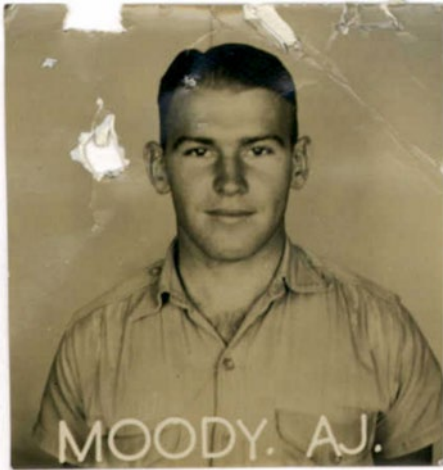


Name	MICHAEL, Norman Errington
Date of birth	26 February, 1922
Place of birth	Proserpine, QLD
Parents	Norman & Adelaide M (Cleland)
Occupation	Clerk

Date of enlistment	23 December, 1941
Place of enlistment	Proserpine, QLD
Service No	QX36479
Rank	Lance Corporal
Unit	15 th Battalion
Place of Death	Tavera River, Bougainville
Date of Death	31 December, 1944
Age at Death	22
Commemorated at	A4. C. 20. Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, PNG

Norman was buried in the field. On 3 March 1945, he was reburied in Torokina Cemetery, Bougainville, then reburied on the 26 October 1946 at the Bomana Cemetery, Port Moresby.

Norman's three brothers also served, two in the RAAF and one in the Navy.



Name MOODY, Albert James
(Bonny)

Date of birth 28 September, 1920

Place of birth Cairns, Qld

Parents Albert H & Agnes D (Littleford)

Occupation School Teacher - Strathdickie

Date of enlistment 6 December, 1940

Place of enlistment Brisbane, QLD

Service No 404896

Rank Flight Lieutenant/Pilot

Unit 30 Squadron RAAF

Place of Death Bougainville

Date of Death 25 January, 1945

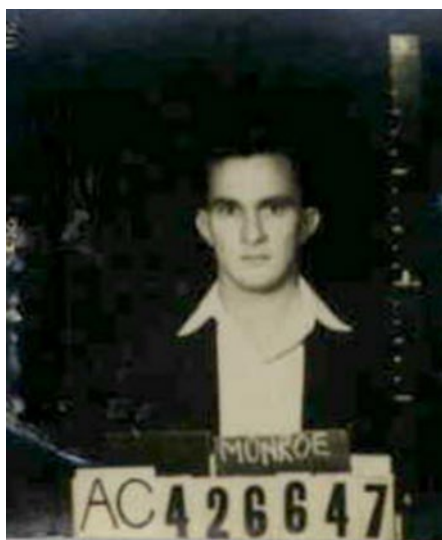
Age at Death 24

Commemorated at C8. A. 7. Port Moresby (Bomana)
War Cemetery, PNG

Prisoner of War Dutch New Guinea

During the Battle of the Bismarck Sea, 30 Squadron (Beaufighters) and U.S. aircraft attacked a Japanese convoy of eight transport ships and four destroyers, carrying 6,900 troops. Only 1,200 troops made it to Lae (2,700 were rescued at sea).

Bonny's Beaufighter crashed off the coast of New Guinea on 29 September 1944, and he and his navigator were captured. Their graves were discovered on 25 January 1945. Not a single member of 30 Squadron captured by the Japanese survived the war.



Name MUNROE, Albert Henry

Date of birth 6 October, 1923

Place of birth Proserpine, QLD

Parents Joseph R & Catherine (Crisp)

Occupation Clerk

Date of enlistment

18 July, 1942

Place of enlistment

Brisbane, QLD

Service No

426647

Rank

Aircrew Pilot

Unit

102 Squadron RAF

Place of Death

Germany

Date of Death

15 October, 1944

Age at Death

21

Commemorated at

3. C. 14. Sage War Cemetery,
Oldenburg, Germany

Flying Officer Munroe (pilot) and crew members of Halifax MZ299, on an operation to destroy targets at Wilhelmshaven, went down near Wittmund, Germany on 15 October 1944. All crew members were killed except for Sgt Kemp who was taken prisoner of war. The crew who died were originally buried in Wittmund Military Cemetery before being re-buried in 1947 in the Sage War Cemetery.

(Albert also served in 466 Squadron which lost 81 aircraft and 184 RAAF personnel killed.)



Name NEWTON, Leslie Darcy

Date of birth 19 February, 1919

Place of birth Proserpine, QLD

Parents Herbert G & Mary M (Johnston)

Occupation

Date of enlistment 30 May, 1940

Place of enlistment Rockhampton, QLD

Service No QX8131

Rank Private

Unit 2/15th Battalion

Place of Death Tobruk, Libya

Date of Death 31 August, 1941

Age at Death 23

Commemorated at Column 92. El Alamein War Memorial, Egypt

Rat of Tobruk

Leslie died during the siege of Tobruk.



Name PHILIPSON, Hector
Jenkin

Date of birth 17 May, 1917

Place of birth Proserpine, QLD

Parents Nicholas G & Ethel (Tabor)

School Proserpine Rural School

Occupation Farmer

Date of enlistment 8 July, 1940

Place of enlistment Townsville, QLD

Service No QX11301

Rank Private

Unit 2/26th Battalion

Place of Death Thai-Burma Railway

Date of Death 8 November, 1943

Age at Death 26

Commemorated at A13. A. 7. Thanbyuzayat War
Cemetery, Thailand

Prisoner of War F Force

Hector died from malaria and dysentery.



Name PRUSSENSKI, John
William Alexander

Date of birth 6 November, 1920

Place of birth Proserpine, QLD

Parents Francis & Helen V (Garman)

Occupation Farm Labourer

Date of enlistment

20 July, 1943

Place of enlistment

Townsville, QLD

Service No

QX56218

Rank

Private

Unit

31st/51st Battalion

Place of Death

Bougainville

Date of Death

6 February, 1945

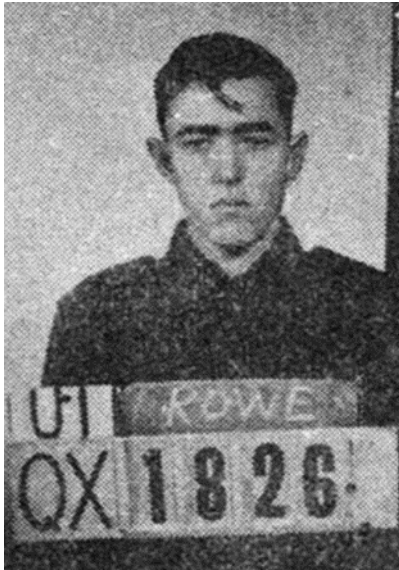
Age at Death

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Commemorated at

A4. C. 6. Port Moresby (Bomana)
War Cemetery, PNG

The Battle of Tsimba Ridge took place over twenty-one days of continuous fighting against heavily fortified positions on Tsimba Ridge, Bougainville.



Name ROWE, Cecil Henry

Date of birth 7 May, 1923

Place of birth Bowen, QLD

Parents Henry & Margaret (Dennis)

School Proserpine Rural School

Occupation Labourer

Date of enlistment 14 June, 1940 (17yrs & 1 month)

Place of enlistment Proserpine, QLD

Service No QX1826

Rank Private

Unit 2/26th Battalion

Place of Death Sandakan-Ramau March

Date of Death 5 June, 1945

Age at Death 22

Commemorated at Panel 15, Labuan Memorial,
Malaysia

Prisoner of War F Force

Cecil died of malaria during the Sandakan-Ramau march. Of 2,500 Australian and British prisoners, only six survived these “death marches”.



Name RUGE, Arthur Robert

Date of birth 5 October, 1918

Place of birth Proserpine, QLD

Parents Robert Jacob & Jane (Dobe)

Occupation

Date of enlistment 29 March, 1941

Place of enlistment Brisbane QLD

Service No 405424

Rank Sergeant/Instructor Pilot

Unit 2 Operation Training Unit RAAF

Place of Death Lake Victoria (80 km west of Mildura)

Date of Death 23 June, 1942

Age at Death 23

Commemorated at Panel 6. Sydney Memorial, NSW

Arthur was posted to RAAF 453 Squadron in Sembawang Airbase in Singapore, then withdrawn to Java and then home as the Japanese invaded Singapore.

During a night training flight, the Wirraway aircraft was seen to stall after a steep turn and crashed into Lake Victoria. The wreck has never been recovered.



Name	SMALL, Francis Charles Luke
Date of birth	18 June, 1918
Place of birth	Charters Towers, QLD
Parents	Luke & Annie I (Bennett)
School	Bloomsbury State School, St Catherines Convent School
Occupation	Labourer

Date of enlistment	12 July, 1940
Place of enlistment	Townsville, QLD
Service No	QX11338
Rank	Private
Unit	2/26 th Battalion
Place of Death	Siam (Thailand)
Date of Death	22 October, 1943
Age at Death	25
Commemorated at	A10. G. 16. Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery, Thailand

Prisoner of War F Force

F Force was sent to Thailand by train, packed into suffocating metal railway trucks. On reaching Ban Pong they were forced to march over 300 kilometres to camps near the Burma border.

Francis died from dysentery and cholera along with 1,437 men from F Force.



Name SMITH, Richard James

Date of birth 5 March, 1919

Place of birth Proserpine, QLD

Parents John & Grace (Redman)

Wife Bernice Eileen (Cooke)

Occupation Clerk

Date of enlistment

6 June, 1940

Place of enlistment

Kelvin Grove, QLD

Service No

QX8663

Rank

Corporal

Unit

2/15th Battalion

Place of Death

El Alamein, Egypt

Date of Death

1 September, 1942

Age at Death

21

Commemorated at

A III. F. 1. El Alamein War
Cemetery, Egypt

RAT OF TOBRUK

On 20 January 1943 a grave was found with no cross. No disc could be found and the paybook was unreadable. On an identification card could be seen "in case of accident or serious illness please notify Mrs R.J. Smith". This was how Richard's body was identified.



Name	TUTTON, George
Date of birth	9 April, 1906
Place of birth	Rockhampton, QLD
Parents	George & Ellen (Hamilton)
Occupation	Labourer

Date of enlistment	5 July, 1940
Place of enlistment	Mackay, QLD
Service No	QX13225
Rank	Private
Unit	2/26 th Battalion
Place of Death	Thai-Burma Railway
Date of Death	18 September, 1943
Age at Death	37
Commemorated at	1. D. 46. Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand

Prisoner of War H Force

Six hundred Australian soldiers were part of H Force's 3,300 men. They worked on a twenty mile stretch between Tonchan and Hintok.

George died from beriberi while excavating Hellfire Pass at Konyu Cutting.



Name VALMADRE, Reginald J
(Reg)

Date of birth 17 February, 1919

Place of birth Bowen, QLD

Parents Battista G & Margherita (Cecini)

Occupation Labourer

Date of enlistment

8 July, 1940

Place of enlistment

Townsville, QLD

Service No

QX11305

Rank

Private

Unit

2/26th Battalion

Place of Death

At Sea

Date of Death

12 September, 1944

Age at Death

25

Commemorated at

Panel 15. Labuan Memorial,
Borneo

Prisoner of War A Force

After completing work on the Thai-Burma railway and returning to Changi, Reg was then loaded aboard the Rakuyo Maru (1,318 Australian and British Prisoners of War) which was sunk by an American submarine, USS Sealion II. Four hundred, including Reg, died at sea.



Name WALKER, Harold
Macleay

Date of birth 27 June, 1897
Place of birth Kempsey, NSW
Parents John & Jessie M (Avery)
Wife Mary Lenore (Camden)
Occupation Tailor

Previous Service	WW1 (No:1102 3 rd Batt)
Date of enlistment	18 February, 1916
Place of enlistment	Brisbane, QLD
Service No	QX16163
Rank	Lance Corporal
Unit	3 Reserve Motor Transport Co.
Place of Death	Burma
Date of Death	13 August, 1943
Age at Death	42
Commemorated at	A10. F. 6. Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery, Burma (Mynanmar)

Prisoner of War K & L Force

WW1: Enlisted 29 February 1916 to Light Trench Mortar Battery.
Enlistment No:1102.

On 22 February 1918, while on leave in London, Harold was wounded by a bomb blast. He returned to Australia on 31 May 1919.

WW2: Harold died of dysentery whilst a POW in Burma.



Name	WALKER, Rolfe Devonport
Date of birth	3 March, 1913
Place of birth	Toowoomba, QLD
Parents	James D & Blanche
Occupation	Teacher (Cannon Valley)

Date of enlistment	29 March 1941
Place of enlistment	Brisbane, QLD
Service No	5433
Rank	Flight Sergeant / Observer
Unit	40 Squadron RAAF
Place of Death	North Africa
Date of Death	3 September, 1942
Age at Death	29
Commemorated at	2. E.17. Helipolis War Cemetery, Egypt

Rolfe was killed in action during a flying battle in North Africa.



Name WRIGHT, Wilfred
Leonard

Date of birth 12 October, 1909
Place of birth Proserpine, QLD
Parents George W & Lily (Abell)
Wife Esther Mary (Ehrich)
Occupation Labourer

Date of enlistment 30 April, 1941
Place of enlistment Cairns, QLD
Service No QX15534
Rank Sergeant
Unit 57th/60th Battalion
Place of Death Rau Valley, Papua New Guinea
Date of Death 18 March, 1944
Age at Death 34
Commemorated at IB. D. 7. Lae War Cemetery, PNG

Wilfred died during action in the Rau Valley, Papua New Guinea (inland from Lae).



Name WRIGHT, William
Edward

Date of birth 1 October, 1924

Place of birth Proserpine, QLD

Parents William F & Irene L

Occupation Shed Hand

Date of enlistment 6 July, 1943

Place of enlistment Field

Service No QX54986

Rank Private

Unit 1st Parachute Training Centre

Place of Death Richmond, NSW

Date of Death 30 October, 1944

Age at Death 20

Commemorated at C. D. 6. Richmond War Cemetery,
NSW

William's parachute failed to open during night training.



Name	LOW, Laurence John Bartlett (Larry)
Date of birth	17 July, 1931
Place of birth	Proserpine, QLD
Parents	James & Sydney B (Jurd)
School	Strathdickie & Proserpine SS
Occupation	PMG Linesman

Date of enlistment	14 November, 1950
Place of enlistment	Brisbane, QLD
Service No	11568
Rank	Private
Unit	3 rd Battalion RAR
Place of Death	Korea
Date of Death	8 September, 1951
Age at Death	20
Commemorated at	19. 4.1009. UN Military Cemetery, Tanggok, Korea

Private Low was killed in action. He had been attached to an anti-tank battery three weeks prior to his death. He served 55 days in Korea.