

# WE WENT TO WAR

## *Part III: OUR BROTHERS-AT-ARMS*

### *Members of the RAAF Liberator Squadrons of Australia Who Served Directly With the 380th Bomb Group*



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## *FLIGHT CREWS OF THE 531<sup>st</sup> RAAF SQUADRON*

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Last Name	First Name	Initial(s)	Flight Duty Post	Air Crew	Crew No.	Airplane Name
Bowman	Kenneth	G.	Acft Cmdr	Bowman's Crew	96	
Brown	George	L.	Acft Cmdr	Brown's Crew	92	SAD SACK
Eriksen	T.	S.	Acft Cmdr	Eriksen's Crew	77	BAIL-OUT BELLE
Finlayson	John	W.	Acft Cmdr	Finlayson's Crew	82	
Gillespie	Adam	F.	Acft Cmdr	Gillespie's Crew	94	MILADY
Halliday	Lex	(NMI)	Pilot, Acft Cmdr	Halliday's Crew	88	
Law	M.	S.	Acft Cmdr	Law's Crew	93	MILADY
Moore	Eldin	(NMI)	Acft Cmdr	Moore's Crew	91	
Parker	P.	(NMI)	Acft Cmdr	Parker's Crew	82	
Parsons	Cecil	E.R.	Acft Cmdr	Parsons' Crew	82	
Straus	N.	I.	Acft Cmdr	Straus' Crew	89	
Stutt	William	J.	Acft Cmdr	Stutt's Crew	89	SAD SACK
Swain	Jock	F.	Acft Cmdr	Swain's Crew	89	
Swanson	Augustus	Y. (Gus)	Acft Cmdr	Swanson's Crew	94	

**BOWMAN (96) (RAAF)**

**Acft Cmdr:** **Bowman, Kenneth G.**, (RAAF) | Bowman's Crew (96), / | FM, Aug 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

**Pilot:** **Baldwin, Douglas (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Bowman's Crew (96), / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Navigator:** **Burns, K. J.**, (RAAF) | Bowman's Crew (96), / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Bombardier:** **Mocrae, Alec W.**, (RAAF) | Bowman's Crew (96), / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Flt Eng:** **McRae, Howard J.**, (RAAF) | Bowman's Crew (96), / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Radio Opr:** **Alderton, R. A.**, (RAAF) | Bowman's Crew (96), / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Asst Flt Eng, Gunner:**  
**Leslie, R. R.**, (RAAF) | Bowman's Crew (96), / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Asst Radio Opr, Gunner:**  
**Thomas, C. E.**, (RAAF) | Bowman's Crew (96), / | FM, Aug 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**Gunner:** **Brownley, L. (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Bowman's Crew (96), / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Gunner:** **Wentworth, L. C.**, (RAAF) | Bowman's Crew (96), / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**BROWN (92) (RAAF)**

**Acft Cmdr:** **Brown, George L.**, (RAAF) | Brown's Crew (92), SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, F/Lt | /, /, S/Ldr |

**Pilot:** **Dunn, Stanley D.**, (RAAF) | Brown's Crew (92), SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Navigator:** **Carter, Peter G.**, (RAAF) | Brown's Crew (92), SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Bombardier:** **Alford, John S.**, (RAAF) | Brown's Crew (92), SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

**Flt Eng:** **Peacock, Roger H.**, (RAAF) | Brown's Crew (92), SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

**Radio Opr:** **Ross, G. R.**, (RAAF) | Brown's Crew (92), SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**Asst Flt Eng, Gunner:**  
**Humrich, Stanley R.**, (RAAF) | Brown's Crew (92), SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Asst Radio Opr, Gunner:**  
**McDonell, John (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Brown's Crew (92), SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, W/O | /, /, W/O |

**Gunnery Ldr:** **Crow, John M. (Mac)**, (RAAF) | Brown's Crew (92), MILADY | FM, Oct 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**Gunner:** **Jervois, W. D. (Tom)**, (RAAF) | Brown's Crew (92), SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Gunner:** **Jones, Edward R. (Ted)**, (RAAF) | Brown's Crew (92), SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

**ERIKSEN (77) (RAAF)**

- Acft Cmdr:** **Eriksen, T. S.**, (RAAF) | Eriksen's Crew (77), BAIL-OUT BELLE | /, Mar 44, F/Lt | /, May 44, F/Lt |
- Pilot:** **Michael, S. H.**, (RAAF) | Eriksen's Crew (77), BAIL-OUT BELLE | /, Mar 44, F/Lt | /, May 44, F/Lt |
- Navigator:** **O'Shaughnessy, E. H.**, (RAAF) | Eriksen's Crew (77), BAIL-OUT BELLE | /, Mar 44, F/O | /, May 44, F/O |
- Bombardier:** **Cunningham, A. J(ames)**, (RAAF) | Eriksen's Crew (77), BAIL-OUT BELLE | Mar 44, /, F/O | /, May 44, F/O |
- Flt Eng:** **Grimm, Lindsay C.**, (RAAF) | Eriksen's Crew (77), BAIL-OUT BELLE | /, Mar 44, Sgt | /, May 44, Sgt |
- Asst Radio Opr, Gunner:** **Davey, Edward (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Eriksen's Crew (77), BAIL-OUT BELLE | /, Mar 44, F/Sgt | /, May 44, F/Sgt |
- Gunnery Ldr:** **Hogan, D. J.**, (RAAF) | Eriksen's Crew (77), BAIL-OUT BELLE | /, Mar 44, F/Sgt | /, May 44, F/Sgt |
- Gunner:** **Grosvenor, G. H. V(ictor)**, (RAAF) | Eriksen's Crew (77), BAIL-OUT BELLE | /, Mar 44, F/Sgt | /, May 44, F/Sgt |
- Gunner:** **Matthews, A. K.**, (RAAF) | Eriksen's Crew (77), BAIL-OUT BELLE | /, Mar 44, Sgt | /, May 44, Sgt |

**FINLAYSON (NL) (RAAF)**

**Acft Cmdr:** **Finlayson, John W. (Mick)**, (RAAF) | Finlayson's Crew (82), / | FM, Aug 44, S/Ldr | /, /, S/Ldr |

**Pilot:** **Vine, R. (NMI) (Bill)**, (RAAF) | Finlayson's Crew (NL), / | FM, Aug 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

**Navigator:** **Sperring, Eric L.**, (RAAF) | Finlayson's Crew (82), / | FM, Aug 44, W/O | /, /, W/O |

**Bombardier:** **Craig, Keith J. A.**, (RAAF) | Finlayson's Crew (82), / | FM, Aug 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

**Flt Eng:** **Ward, E. K.**, (RAAF) | Finlayson's Crew (82), / | FM, Aug 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

**Radio Opr:** **McDowell, Edward J.**, (RAAF) | Finlayson's Crew (82), / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Radar Countermeasures:**  
**Pike, Kenneth H.**, 417113 (RAAF) | Finlayson's Crew (82), / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Asst Flt Eng, Gunner:**  
**West, E. H.**, (RAAF) | Finlayson's Crew (82), / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Gunnery Ldr:** **Underwood, Allan J.**, (RAAF) | Finlayson's Crew (82), / | FM, Aug 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

**Gunner:** **Kearney, Frank (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Finlayson's Crew (82), / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Gunner:** **Sieber, A. D(ave)**, (RAAF) | Finlayson's Crew (82), / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**GILLESPIE (94) (RAAF)**

**Acft Cmdr:** **Gillespie, Adam Forsyth** (RAAF) | Gillespie's Crew (94), MILADY | FM, Jun 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

**Pilot:** **Gates, N. P. (Steve)**, (RAAF) | Gillespie's Crew (94), MILADY | FM, Jun 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Navigator:** **Brophy, Desmond G.**, (RAAF) | Gillespie's Crew (94), MILADY | FM, Jun 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

**Bombardier:** **Clemeau, R. F(red)**, (RAAF) | Gillespie's Crew (94), MILADY | FM, Jun 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

**Bombardier:** **Hiscock, K. G(eoffrey)**, (RAAF) | Gillespie's Crew (94), MILADY | FM, Jun 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

**Flt Eng:** **Lutton, Hector G.**, (RAAF) | Gillespie's Crew (94), MILADY | FM, Jun 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Radio Opr:** **Kelly, Clarence J. H. (Clarrie)**, (RAAF) | Gillespie's Crew (94), MILADY | FM, Jun 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

**Gunnery Ldr:** **Daniel, Edward J. (Ted)**, (RAAF) | Gillespie's Crew (94), MILADY | FM, Jun 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Gunner:** **Hollis, P. G.**, (RAAF) | Gillespie's Crew (94), MILADY | FM, Jun 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Gunner:** **Vaughn, W. L.**, (RAAF) | Gillespie's Crew (94), MILADY | FM, Jun 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**HALLIDAY (88) (RAAF)**

- Pilot, Acft Cmdr:** **Halliday, Lex (NMI)**, 406480 (RAAF) | Halliday's Crew (88), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |
- Pilot:** **Holloway, Allan E. (Stan)**, 417189 (RAAF) | Halliday's Crew (88), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |
- Navigator:** **Gawlor, Allan H.**, 408988 (RAAF) | Halliday's Crew (88), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |
- Bombardier:** **Cordingly, William F.**, 415233 (RAAF) | Halliday's Crew (88), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |
- Flt Eng:** **Mathias, Francis Jeffrey Douglas (Frank)**, 120746 (RAAF) | Halliday's Crew (88), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |
- Radio Opr:** **Dadman, Lance C.**, 416147 (RAAF) | Halliday's Crew (88), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |
- Asst Radio Opr, Gunner:** **Alcock, N. L(ance)**, 2118312 (RAAF) | Halliday's Crew (88), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, W/O | /, /, W/O |
- Gunnery Ldr:** **Liefman, C. E(dward) (Ted)**, 400694 (RAAF) | Halliday's Crew (88), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |
- Gunner:** **Berrell, Donald G.**, 61622 (RAAF) | Halliday's Crew (88), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |
- Gunner:** **Hinte, John Joseph (Joe)**, 28634 (RAAF) | Halliday's Crew (88), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |
- Gunner:** **Piggott, John F.**, 69660 (RAAF) | Halliday's Crew (88), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |



**LAW (93) (RAAF)**

**Acft Cmdr:** **Law, M. S.**, (RAAF) | Law's Crew (93), MILADY | FM, Jan 45, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

**Pilot:** **Allen, D. W.**, (RAAF) | Law's Crew (93), MILADY | FM, Jan 45, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Navigator:** **Taafe, C. L.**, (RAAF) | Law's Crew (93), MILADY | FM, Jan 45, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

**Bombardier:** **Weeks, William Leslie Arnold**, (RAAF) | Law's Crew (93), MILADY | FM, Jan 45, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**Flt Eng:** **Clarke, N. M.**, (RAAF) | Law's Crew (93), MILADY | FM, Jun 45, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

**Radio Opr:** **Malcolm, W. A.**, (RAAF) | Law's Crew (93), MILADY | FM, Jan 45, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Gunner:** **Bromwell, F. S.**, (RAAF) | Law's Crew (93), MILADY | FM, Jan 45, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Gunner:** **Lapage, G. K.**, (RAAF) | Law's Crew (93), MILADY | FM, Jan 45, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Gunner:** **Madden, J. M.**, (RAAF) | Law's Crew (93), MILADY | FM, Jan 45, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Gunner:** **Norich, F. (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Law's Crew (93), MILADY | FM, Jan 45, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

**Gunner:** **Oakney, C. F.**, (RAAF) | Law's Crew (93), MILADY | FM, Jan 45, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Gunner:** **Robinson, Ray (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Law's Crew (93), MILADY | FM, Jan 45, Sgt | RHEW, RU, Cpl |

**MOORE (91) (RAAF)**

**Acft Cmdr:** **Moore, Eldin (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Moore's Crew (91), / | FM, Aug 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

**Pilot:** **Robey, Keith T.**, (RAAF) | Moore's Crew (91), / | FM, Aug 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**Navigator:** **Fitzgerald, Desmond M.**, (RAAF) | Moore's Crew (91), / | FM, Aug 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**Bombardier:** **Essex, K. (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Moore's Crew (91), / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Flt Eng:** **Kynaston, G. (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Moore's Crew (91), / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Radio Opr:** **Barrett, W. H.**, (RAAF) | Moore's Crew (91), / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Asst Radio Opr, Gunner:**  
**Ruff, Victor C.**, (RAAF) | Moore's Crew (91), / | FM, Aug 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**Gunnery Ldr:** **Smith, Donald Fraser** (RAAF) | Moore's Crew (91), / | FM, Aug 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**Gunner:** **O'Donnell, J. D.**, (RAAF) | Moore's Crew (91), / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Gunner:** **O'Shea, J. J.**, (RAAF) | Moore's Crew (91), / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Gunner:** **West, Ezra L.**, 18052715 (RAAF) | Moore's Crew (91), / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**PARKER (82) (RAAF)**

**Acft Cmdr:** **Parker, P. (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Parker's Crew (82), / | FM, Jun 44, W/C | /, /, W/C |

**Pilot:** **Shackell, J. (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Parker's Crew (82), / | FM, Jun 44, S/L | /, /, S/L |

**Navigator:** **Kemp, H. K.**, (RAAF) | Parker's Crew (82), / | FM, Jun 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

**Bombardier:** **Jackman, J. (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Parker's Crew (82), / | FM, Jun 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**Flt Eng:** **Broad, M. J.**, (RAAF) | Parker's Crew (82), / | FM, Jun 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Radio Opr:** **McLaine, H. D.**, (RAAF) | Parker's Crew (82), / | FM, Jun 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Asst Radio Opr, Gunner:**  
**Bracken, J. (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Parker's Crew (82), / | FM, Jun 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

**Gunner:** **Griffiths, T. (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Parker's Crew (82), / | FM, Jun 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**Gunner:** **Oldham, B. (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Parker's Crew (82), / | FM, Jun 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Gunner:** **Sharpe, J. (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Parker's Crew (82), / | FM, Jun 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**PARSONS (82) (RAAF)**

**Acft Cmdr:** **Parsons, Cecil E.R.**, (RAAF) | Parsons' Crew (82), / | /, Mar 44, F/Lt | /, May 44, F/Lt |

**Pilot:** **Trewin, Sydney W.**, (RAAF) | Parsons' Crew (82), / | /, Mar 44, P/O | /, May 44, P/O |

**Navigator:** **Jones, David S.**, (RAAF) | Parsons' Crew (82), / | /, Mar 44, F/O | /, May 44, F/O |

**Bombardier:** **Gilbert, D. W.**, (RAAF) | Parsons' Crew (82), / | /, Mar 44, F/Sgt | /, May 44, F/Sgt |

**Flt Eng:** **Fishwick, Ronald W.**, (RAAF) | Parsons' Crew (82), / | /, Mar 44, Sgt | May 44, /, Sgt |

**Radio Opr:** **Hagan, Alexander P.**, (RAAF) | Parsons' Crew (82), / | /, Mar 44, F/Sgt | /, May 44, F/Sgt |

**Asst Radio Opr, Gunner:**  
**Reynolds, Arthur N.**, (RAAF) | Parsons' Crew (82), / | /, Mar 44, F/Sgt | /, May 44, F/Sgt |

**Gunnery Ldr:** **Hewat, Richard (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Parsons' Crew (82), / | /, Mar 44, F/Sgt | /, May 44, F/Sgt |

**Gunner:** **Jones, Dudley D.**, (RAAF) | Parsons' Crew (82), / | /, Mar 44, Sgt | /, May 44, Sgt |

**Gunner:** **Munro, Errol W.**, (RAAF) | Parsons' Crew (82), / | /, Mar 44, P/O | /, May 44, P/O |

**STRAUS (89) (RAAF)**

**Acft Cmdr:** **Straus, N. I.**, 250759 (RAAF) | Straus' Crew (89), / | FM, Jun 44, S/L | KIA, 23 Mar 45, S/L |

**Pilot:** **Carroll, L. W.**, (RAAF) | Straus' Crew (89), / | FM, Jun 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

**Pilot:** **Boyd, H. J.**, 427775 (RAAF) | Straus' Crew (89), / | FM, Jun 44, F/S | MIA, 23 Mar 45, F/S |

**Navigator:** **Whiting, R. A.**, 426733 (RAAF) | Straus' Crew (89), / | FM, Jun 44, F/O | MIA, 23 Mar 45, F/O |

**Bombardier:** **Parry-Okeden, C. D.**, 404485 (RAAF) | Straus' Crew (89), / | FM, Jun 44, F/Lt | KIA, 23 Mar 45, F/Lt |

**Flt Eng:** **Morris, R. M.**, 46563 (RAAF) | Straus' Crew (89), / | FM, Jun 44, F/S | MIA, 23 Mar 45, F/S |

**Radio Opr:** **Hursthouse, J. W.**, 416215 (RAAF) | Straus' Crew (89), / | FM, Jun 44, F/O | MIA, 23 Mar 45, F/O |

**Asst Radio Opr, Gunner:**  
**Flanagan, W. R.**, 401748 (RAAF) | Straus' Crew (89), / | FM, Jun 44, W/O | MIA, 23 Mar 45, W/O |

**Gunnery Ldr:** **Parker, H. G.**, 408951 (RAAF) | Straus' Crew (89), / | FM, Jun 44, W/O | MIA, 23 Mar 45, W/O |

**Gunner:** **Ryan, J. R.**, 422716 (RAAF) | Straus' Crew (89), / | /, /, / | MIA, 23 Mar 45, F/S |

**Gunner:** **Rodgers, A. J.**, 436889 (RAAF) | Straus' Crew (89), / | FM, Jun 44, F/S | KIA, 23 Mar 45, F/S |

**Gunner:** **Whitehead, A. D.**, 121592 (RAAF) | Straus' Crew (89), / | FM, Jun 44, Sgt | MIA, 23 Mar 45, Sgt |

**Passenger:** **Madden, D. W.**, 36484 (RAAF) | Straus' Crew (89), / | /, /, / | MIA, 23 Mar 45, Cpl |

**STUTT (89) (RAAF)**

**Acft Cmdr:** **Stutt, William J.**, (RAAF) | Stutt's Crew (89), SAD SACK | /, Mar 44, F/O | /, May 44, F/O |

**Pilot:** **Manley, S. J.**, / | Stutt's Crew (89), SAD SACK | /, Mar 44, F/O | /, May 44, F/O |

**Navigator:** **Farrel, B. W.**, (RAAF) | Stutt's Crew (89), SAD SACK | /, Mar 44, F/O | May 44, /, F/O |

**Bombardier:** **Ciddor, H. H.**, (RAAF) | Stutt's Crew (89), SAD SACK | /, Mar 44, F/Sgt | /, May 44, F/Sgt |

**Flt Eng:** **Walter, B. E.**, (RAAF) | Stutt's Crew (89), SAD SACK | /, Mar 44, Sgt | /, May 44, Sgt |

**Radio Opr:** **Geddes, E. (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Stutt's Crew (89), SAD SACK | /, Mar 44, F/Sgt | /, May 44, F/Sgt |

**Asst Radio Opr, Gunner:**  
**Adams, P. B.**, (RAAF) | Stutt's Crew (89), SAD SACK | /, Mar 44, F/Sgt | /, May 44, F/Sgt |

**Gunnery Ldr:** **Bell, J. N. R.**, (RAAF) | Stutt's Crew (89), SAD SACK | /, Mar 44, P/O | /, May 44, P/O |

**Gunner:** **Hussey, J. L.**, (RAAF) | Stutt's Crew (89), SAD SACK | /, Mar 44, Sgt | /, May 44, Sgt |

**SWAIN (89) (RAAF)**

**Acft Cmdr:** **Swain, Jock F.**, 400607 (RAAF) | Swain's Crew (89), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

**Pilot:** **Welsh, Fred L.**, 410769 (RAAF) | Swain's Crew (89), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

**Navigator:** **Harley, John H.**, 428697 (RAAF) | Swain's Crew (89), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Bombardier:** **Gilbert, W. D(ouglas)**, 409911 (RAAF) | Swain's Crew (89), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**Flt Eng:** **Leeds, John N. (Jack)**, 77861 (RAAF) | Swain's Crew (89), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Radio Opr:** **Powell, E. W. (Sandy)**, 406953 (RAAF) | Swain's Crew (89), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, W/O | /, /, W/O |

**Asst Radio Opr, Gunner:**  
**Nicholson, Roy H.**, 405696 (RAAF) | Swain's Crew (89), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, W/O | /, /, W/O |

**Gunnery Ldr:** **Willers, S. V.**, 400185 (RAAF) | Swain's Crew (89), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Gunner:** **Couldrey, A. E.**, 205800 (RAAF) | Swain's Crew (89), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, W/O | /, /, W/O |

**Gunner:** **Hayter, F. C. S.**, 439980 (RAAF) | Swain's Crew (89), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**Gunner:** **Lawrensen, William A. (Bill)**, 15638 (RAAF) | Swain's Crew (89), / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**SWANSON (94) (RAAF)**

**Acft Cmdr:** **Swanson, Augustus Y. (Gus)**, (RAAF) | Swanson's Crew (94), / | FM, Jun 45, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

**Pilot:** **Gillmore, Geoffrey J.**, (RAAF) | Swanson's Crew (94), / | FM, Jan 45, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Navigator:** **Scott, John M. (Jack)**, (RAAF) | Swanson's Crew (94), / | FM, Jun 45, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**Bombardier:** **Armstrong, Lance C.**, (RAAF) | Swanson's Crew (94), / | FM, Jan 45, P/O | /, /, P/O |

**Flt Eng:** **Thompson, Thomas K. (Tommy)**, (RAAF) | Swanson's Crew (94), / | FM, Jan 45, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

**Radio Opr:** **Simcock, Gerald C. (Gerry)**, (RAAF) | Swanson's Crew (94), / | FM, Jan 45, W/O | /, /, W/O |

**Asst Flt Eng, Gunner:**  
**Luvfold, Magnus H.**, (RAAF) | Swanson's Crew (94), / | FM, Jan 45, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

**Gunnery Ldr:** **Tietxel, Donald K.**, (RAAF) | Swanson's Crew (94), / | FM, Jan 45, F/O | /, /, F/O |

**Gunner:** **Fitzgerald, Leonard (NMI) (Leo)**, (RAAF) | Swanson's Crew (94), / | FM, Jan 45, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

**Gunner:** **Gilbert, S. G.**, (RAAF) | Swanson's Crew (94), / | FM, Jan 45, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |



## PERSONNEL WHO FLEW ON VARIOUS CREWS

**Aberdeen, Donald S.**, 434438 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, RCM Opr (852) | Various Crews (), | PAR3, SO237, 380BG, 24 Aug 44, Sgt | , , F/Sgt |

**Bennett, R. H(arry)**, (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radar Countermeasures (7888) | Various Crews (), | , , P/O | , , P/O |

**Craig, L. A.**, (RAAF) | Flight Crew, RCM Opr (852) | Various Crews (), | , , F/Sgt | , , F/Sgt |

**Holohan, Joseph (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Flight Crew, RCM Opr (852) | Payne's Crew, Various Crews (33), CARE LESS | , , Sgt | KIA (with Dienelt), 11 Jun 43, Sgt |

**May, Geoffrey E.**, 437146 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, RCM Opr (852) | Various Crews (), | VOCO, 13 Mar 44, F/Sgt | , , F/Sgt |

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## UNASSIGNED FLIGHT CREW PERSONNEL

**Muntz, W. M.**, 432626 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | (), | , , P/O | , , P/O |

**Vine, W. (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Flight Crew, () | (), | , , F/Lt | , , F/Lt |

**Wilkin, C. L.**, (RAAF) | Flight Crew, () | (), | , , F/Sgt | , , F/Sgt |

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## FLIGHT CREW PERSONNEL WHO FLEW WITH USAAF CREWS

**Herbert, Donald N.**, 433297 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, RCM Operator (852) | Prest's Crew (77), PATTY'S PIG | , , | KIA, 9 Oct 44, Sgt |

**Holohan, Joseph (NMI)**, (RAAF) | Flight Crew, RCM Opr (852) | Payne's Crew, Various Crews (33), CARE LESS | , , Sgt | KIA (with Dienelt), 11 Jun 43, Sgt |

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**NOTES CONCERNING EACH LISTING**

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The format used in presenting the data concerning each individual flight crew member of the 380<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group is as follows:

Data Presented:

**Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial(s)**, if present; ASN | Aircraft Commander's Name (Air Crew Number); Airplane Name When Claimed | Title of Order Joining Organization, Date of Order, Entering Rank | Title of Order Leaving or Cause When Leaving Organization, Date of Order or Event, Highest Rank Attained While in Organization as Given by Available Data | Special Notes When Applicable

Format Used:

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5
/,/,/,/	/(,)/	/,/,/	/,/,/	/
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5
Personal Data	Air Crew Assignment	Assignment Orders	Transfer Orders	Special Notes

Remarks:

1. When data is missing at any point on the format, the punctuation marks indicated above are used to show this lack of data.
2. Any one individual may have had several assignments; all that are known are presented.

Abbreviations Used:

Block 1, Name and Serial Numbers

NMI	<u>N</u> o <u>M</u> iddle <u>I</u> nitial; used when no middle name or initial was claimed by the individual, or if this information was unavailable
IO	Initial Only; may apply to first or middle name, or both
0-XXX	Serial Number for Commissioned Officer, U.S.
W-XXX	Serial Number for Warrant Officer, U.S.
T-XXX	Serial Number for Flight Officer, U.S.
RAAF	Designates a member of the Royal Australian Air Force

Block 2, Flight Crew Designations

*The Flight Crews were designated by their Aircraft Commander's name and by a numerical listing; both are given here. The crew numbers assigned by the 380<sup>th</sup> changed frequently (at least six times) as additional aircraft and crews were received. The number used for the longest time by each crew was used here. When crews completed their assignments, their existing number was given to the next crew that arrived. Crew numbering ceased abruptly on 15 May 1945. Crews that arrived after that date are designated as (NL) (None Listed).*

*The aircraft listed is that claimed by the individual in his 380<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Association Record, or the plane most often flown by that crew, or one in which they were shot down or crashed. The listing is made only when the aircraft carried a name. No serial numbers are used.*

*Note: Where individuals served for an appreciable time on different crews, then those crews and the corresponding aircraft are all given here, when available.*

Block 3, Entering Orders by Which Assigned

*This includes orders reassigning personnel within the 380<sup>th</sup>, between Squadrons or between Squadrons and Group as well as those assigning personnel initially to the 380<sup>th</sup>.*

ATO	Air Travel Orders
BG	Bombardment (Bomb) Group (e.g., 380BG = 380 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Group)
FM	Date of First Mission with 380 <sup>th</sup> (Month and Year only) to establish period of service; for Australian crews only

Fr	From (e.g., Fr Gp = From Group)
GO	General Orders, usually used for promotions, decorations, etc.
Gp	Group
Initial Deployment	First transfer of 380 <sup>th</sup> personnel by aircraft or ship from the U.S. to the South West Pacific War Theatre
LO	Letter Order, a simplified form of Special Order
Original Cadre	The first group of individuals who initially formed the 380 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Group
PA	Probable Arrival Date (Month and Year only) where records missing and supposition possible from other records
PAR	Paragraph, the section of the overall order dealing with the individual in question
RB	Replacement Battalion (e.g., 91RB)
SO	Special Order, the most common type of order
T.O.	Travel Orders
T.O.-NOL	Travel Orders (symbology used by Replacement Training Center, Charters Towers, Queensland, Australia)
TC	Troop Carrier (e.g., To 375 TC Gp)
VBC	Fifth Bomber Command

*See [Rank Comparison Table](#) for usual rank abbreviations. Additional abbreviations are given in the [Glossary](#).*

*[Block 4, Orders Transferring Individual Between Units or from the 380<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, or Casualty Designation](#)*

ACFH	Air Crew Fly Home (return of combat crew and their aircraft to the U.S. after close of hostilities)
AF	Air Force (e.g., 5AF = Fifth Air Force)
AGPE	Orders used for Red Cross Emergency Family Leave and other related special purposes
Evac Hosp	Evacuation Hospital
FEXE	Orders from a special program to allow ground personnel of long service in the theatre to return to the United States on leave; must return to the war theatre at end of leave
FEXO	Travel Orders for return to the United States as issued by Headquarters USAAFE (U.S. Forces in the Far East)

KFA	Death due to aircraft accident, includes those occurring on a combat mission but where enemy action not involved (killed in flying accident)
KGA	Death due to a ground accident (killed in ground accident)
KIA	Death due to event caused by known or supposed enemy action (killed in action)
LM	Probable Date of Last Mission (Month and Year Only); for Australian Crews only
MIA	Missing in Action, cause unknown
POW	Prisoner of War
PR (Date), RM	Probable Return Date (Month and Year), Records Missing; supposition based on other records
RHEW, RU	Returned Home After End of War, Records Unavailable; all archived records available ceased as of 1 October 1945
RM	Records Missing
RPBN	Replacement Battalion (RB)
RU	Records Unavailable
SW-US-###-AAF	Orders used by the South West Pacific Command to send USAAF personnel back to the United States
TRANS	Transferred from 380 <sup>th</sup> to Other Units within Theatre; records missing
USAFFE	United States Armed Forces in the Far East
USAFP	U.S. Army Forces, Pacific
USASOS	United States Army Services of Supply
VOCO	Vocal Orders of the Commanding Officer
Water Manifest	Collected names of those individuals who were to return to the United States by ship at the end of the hostilities

*Other abbreviations same as Block 3. See [Rank Comparison Table](#) for usual rank abbreviations. Additional abbreviations are given in the [Glossary](#).*

***Block 5, Special Notes***

*No abbreviations used.*

*Note that the terms Aircraft Commander and Pilot, as used in the modern air force, are used in this roster instead of the terms Pilot and Co-Pilot as actually used during the World War II period. This was done at the request of a large number of the personnel involved.*

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***A GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS USED***

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5AF	Fifth Air Force
ABC	Air Base Command
ACFH	Air Crew Fly Home (return of combat crew and their aircraft to the U.S. after close of hostilities)
Acft Cmdr	Aircraft Commander
Adm	Administration
AF	Air Force (e.g., 5AF = Fifth Air Force)
AGPE	Orders used for Red Cross Emergency Family Leave and other related special purposes
AIF	Australian Imperial Force (Australian Army)
AM	Ammunition worker
Asst	Assistant
ATO	Air Travel Orders
BG	Bombardment (Bomb) Group
BS	Bombardment (Bomb) Squadron
Cmdg	Commanding
Cmdr	Commander
CNS	The radio net connecting the many far-flung units in the SW Pacific area
Cntl	Control
CR&TC	Crew Replacement and Training Center
Dpty	Deputy
Eng	Engineer
Eqpt	Equipment
ERC	Enlisted Reserve Corps
Evac Hosp	Evacuation Hospital
Exec	Executive
FEAF	Far East Air Forces
FEXE	Orders from a special program to allow ground personnel of long service in the theatre to return to the United States on leave; must return to the war theatre at end of leave
FEXO	Travel Orders for return to the United States as issued by Headquarters USAAFE (U.S. Forces in the Far East)
Flt	Flight
Flt Eng	Flight Engineer

FM	Date of First Mission with 380 <sup>th</sup> (Month and Year only) to establish period of service; for Australian crews only
Fr	From
GA	Ground Accident
GO	General Orders
GO	General Orders, usually used for promotions, decorations, etc.
Gp	Group
Gp Cmdr	Group Commander
Hqtrs	Headquarters
IFF	<u>I</u> dentification- <u>F</u> riend or <u>F</u> oe (a radio set that responds to a radar challenge with a code response to identify friendly aircraft)
Info	Information
Initial Deployment	First transfer of 380 <sup>th</sup> personnel by aircraft or ship from the U.S. to the South West Pacific War Theatre
Insp	Inspector
IO	Initial Only; may apply to first or middle name, or both
KFA	Death due to aircraft accident, includes those occurring on a combat mission but where enemy action not involved (killed in flying accident)
KGA	Death due to a ground accident (killed in ground accident)
KIA	Death due to event caused by known or supposed enemy action (killed in action)
Ldr	Leader
LM	Probable Date of Last Mission (Month and Year Only); for Australian Crews only
LO	Letter Order, a simplified form of Special Order
LORAN	<u>L</u> ong <u>R</u> ange <u>A</u> ir <u>N</u> avigation (a multi-station radio network for aircraft navigation)
Mech	Mechanical, Mechanic
MIA	Missing in Action, cause unknown
MOS	Military Occupational Specialty
NCO	Non-commissioned officer
NL	None Listed
NMI	<u>N</u> o <u>M</u> iddle <u>I</u> nitial; used when no middle name or initial was claimed by the individual, or if this information was unavailable
Off	Officer
Opns	Operations
Opr	Operator
Original Cadre	The first group of individuals who initially formed the 380 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Group
O-XXX	Serial Number of Commissioned Officer, U.S.

RAAF – 531<sup>st</sup> Squadron

PA	Probable Arrival Date (Month and Year only) where records missing and supposition possible from other records
PAR	Paragraph, the section of the overall order dealing with the individual in question
POW	Prisoner of War
PR (Date), RM	Probable Return Date (Month and Year), Records Missing; supposition based on other records
RAAF	Designates a member of the Royal Australian Air Force
Radio Opr	Radio Operator
RB	Replacement Battalion (e.g., 91RB)
RCM Opr	Radar Countermeasures Operator
RHEW, RU	Returned Home After End of War, Records Unavailable; all archived records available ceased as of 1 October 1945
RM	Records Missing
RPBN	Replacement Battalion (RB)
RU	Records Unavailable
SO	Special Order, the most common type of order
Spec	Specialist
SPL	Specialist
SQDN	Squadron
Sqdn Cmdr	Squadron Commander
SSN	Service Specialty Number
Stat	Statistical, Statistician
SW-US-###- AAF	Orders used by the South West Pacific Command to send USAAF personnel back to the United States
T.O.	Travel Orders
T.O.-NOL	Travel Orders (symbology used by Replacement Training Center, Charters Towers, Queensland, Australia)
TC	Troop Carrier (e.g., To 375 TC Gp)
Tech	Technical, Technician
TRANS	Transferred from 380 <sup>th</sup> to Other Units within Theatre; records missing
T-XXX	Serial Number for Flight Officer, US
UNK	Unknown
USAAF	United States Army Air Forces
USAFFE	United States Armed Forces in the Far East
USAFP	U.S. Army Forces, Pacific
USASOS	United States Army Services of Supply



VBC	Fifth Bomber Command
VHF	Very High Frequency
VOCO	Vocal Orders of the Commanding Officer
Water Manifest	Collected names of those individuals who were to return to the United States by ship at the end of the hostilities
WGA	Wounded in Ground Accident
W-XXX	Serial Number for Warrant Officer, US
X	Special Mission Crew (usually RCM)

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***TABLE OF RELATIVE RANK TITLES AND ABBREVIATIONS***

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<b>USAAF</b>		<b>US NAVY</b>	
Major General	M/G	Rear Admiral	R Adm
Brigadier General	B/G	Commodore	Cmd
Colonel	Col	Captain	Capt
Lt. Colonel	Lt Col	Commander	Cdr
Major	Maj	Lt Commander	Lt Cdr
Captain	Capt	Lieutenant	Lt
First Lieutenant	1/Lt	Lieutenant Jr Grade	LtJG
Second Lieutenant	2/Lt	Ensign	Ens
Warrant Officer/Flight Officer	WO/FO	Warrant Officer	W/O
Master/First Sergeant	M/Sgt, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt	Chief Petty Officer	CPO
Technical Sergeant	T/Sgt	Petty Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	PO/1
Staff Sergeant	S/Sgt	Petty Officer Second Class	PO/2
Sergeant	Sgt	Petty Officer Third Class	PO/3
Corporal	Cpl	Seaman 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	S/1
Private First Class	Pfc	Seaman 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	S/2
Private	Pvt	Seaman 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	S/3

<b>AIR FORCE RAF/RAAF</b>		<b>NAVY RN/RAN/RNZN</b>	
Air Vice Marshal	AVM	Rear Admiral	R Adm
Air Commodore	A Cmd	Commodore	Cmd
Group Captain	G/C	Captain	Capt
Wing Commander	W/C	Commander	Cdr
Squadron Leader	S/L	Lt Commander	Lt Cdr
Flight Lieutenant	F/Lt	Lieutenant	Lt
Flying Officer	F/O	Sub Lieutenant	Sub Lt
Pilot Officer	P/O	Ensign	Ens
Warrant Officer	W/O	Commissional Warrant Officer	W/O
Flight Sergeant	F/Sgt	Chief Petty Officer	CPO
Sergeant	Sgt	Petty Officer	PO
Corporal	Cpl	Leading Rating	LR
Leading Aircraftman	LAC	Able Seaman	A/B
Aircraftman	AC		