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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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ROSTER OF THE 531st RAAF SQUADRON

The format of each entry is as follows:

Last Name, First Name, Initial(s), ASN | Designation as Flight Crew or Ground Staff, Duty Assignment, (MOS/SSN Code Number) | Aircraft Commander's Name, (Air Crew Number) | Airplane Name When Claimed | Date and Title of Order Joining Group, Entering Rank | Date and Title of Order or Cause When Leaving Group, Highest Rank Attained | Notes

Notes, Glossary, and Rank Table can be found at the end of this Roster Listing.

A

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

Adams, P. B., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Asst Radio Opr, Gunner (757) | / | Stutt's Crew (89) | SAD SACK | , Mar 44, F/Sgt | , May 44, F/Sgt |

Alcock, N. L(ance), 2118312 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Asst Radio Opr, Gunner (757) | / | Halliday's Crew (88) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, W/O | /, /, W/O |

Alderton, R. A., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radio Opr (757) | / | Bowman's Crew (96) | / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Alford, John S., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / | Brown's Crew (92) | SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

Allen, D. W., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | / | Law's Crew (93) | MILADY | FM, Jan 45, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Armstrong, Lance C., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / | Swanson's Crew (94) | / | FM, Jan 45, P/O | /, /, P/O |

B

Baldwin, Douglas (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | / | Bowman's Crew (96) | / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Barrett, W. H., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radio Opr (757) | / | Moore's Crew (91) | / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Bell, J. N. R., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunnery Ldr (612) | / | Stutt's Crew (89) | SAD SACK | , Mar 44, P/O | , May 44, P/O |

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

Berrell, Donald G., 61622 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Nose Gunner (612) | / | Halliday's Crew (88) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt | Alternate spelling: Barrell

Bowman, Kenneth G., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Acft Cmdr (1092) | / | Bowman's Crew (96) | / | FM, Aug 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

Boyd, H. J., 427775 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | / | Straus' Crew (89) | / | FM, Jun 44, F/S | MIA, 23 Mar 45, F/S |

Bracken, J. (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Asst Radio Opr, Gunner (757) | / | Parker's Crew (82) | / | FM, Jun 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

Broad, M. J., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748) | / / | Parker's Crew (82) | / / | FM, Jun 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Bromwell, F. S., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / / | Law's Crew (93) | MILADY | FM, Jan 45, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Brophy, Desmond G., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Navigator (1034) | / / | Gillespie's Crew (94) | MILADY | FM, Jun 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

Brown, George L., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Acft Cmdr (1092) | / / | Brown's Crew (92) | SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, F/Lt | /, /, S/Ldr |

Brownley, L. (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / / | Bowman's Crew (96) | / / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Burns, K. J., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Navigator (1034) | / / | Bowman's Crew (96) | / / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

C

Carroll, L. W., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | / / | Straus' Crew (89) | / / | FM, Jun 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

Carter, Peter G., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Navigator (1034) | / / | Brown's Crew (92) | SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Ciddor, H. H., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / / | Stutt's Crew (89) | SAD SACK | , Mar 44, F/Sgt | , May 44, F/Sgt |

Clarke, N. M., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748) | / / | Law's Crew (93) | MILADY | FM, Jun 45, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

Clemeau, R. F(red), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / / | Gillespie's Crew (94) | MILADY | FM, Jun 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

Cordingly, William F., 415233 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / / | Halliday's Crew (88) | / / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

Couldrey, A. E., 205800 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / / | Swain's Crew (89) | / / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

Craig, Keith J. A., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / / | Finlayson's Crew (82) | / / | FM, Aug 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

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

Crow, John M. (Mac), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunnery Ldr and Nose Gunner (612) | / / | Brown's Crew (92) | MILADY | FM, Oct 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

Cunningham, A. J(ames), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / | Eriksen's Crew (77) | BAIL-OUT BELLE | Mar 44, , F/O | , May 44, F/O |

D

Dadman, Lance C., 416147 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radio Opr (757) | / | Halliday's Crew (88) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Daniel, Edward J. (Ted), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunnery Ldr (612) | / | Gillespie's Crew (94) | MILADY | FM, Jun 44, F/O | /, /, F/O | Alternate spelling: Daniels

Davey, Edward (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Asst Radio Opr, Waist Gunner (757) | / | Eriksen's Crew (77) | BAIL-OUT BELLE | , Mar 44, F/Sgt | , May 44, F/Sgt | Alternate spelling: Davies

Dunn, Stanley D., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | / | Brown's Crew (92) | SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Dunne, H. C., 43102 (RAAF) | Ground Staff, / | / | / | PAR3, SO240, 380BG, 27 Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

E

Eriksen, T. S., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Acft Cmdr (1092) | / | Eriksen's Crew (77) | BAIL-OUT BELLE | , Mar 44, F/Lt | , May 44, F/Lt |

Essex, K. (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / | Moore's Crew (91) | / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

F

Farrel, B. W., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Navigator (1034) | / | Stutt's Crew (89) | SAD SACK | , Mar 44, F/O | May 44, , F/O |

Finlayson, John W. (Mick), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Acft Cmdr (1092) | / | Finlayson's Crew (82) | / | FM, Aug 44, S/Ldr | /, /, S/Ldr |

Fishwick, Ronald W., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748) | / | Parsons' Crew (82) | / | , Mar 44, Sgt | May 44, , Sgt |

Fitzgerald, Desmond M., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Navigator (1034) | / | Moore's Crew (91) | / | FM, Aug 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

Fitzgerald, Leonard (NMI) (Leo), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Swanson's Crew (94) | / | FM, Jan 45, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

Flanagan, W. R., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Asst Radio Opr, Gunner (757) | / | Straus' Crew (89) | / | FM, Jun 44, W/O | /, /, W/O |

G

Gates, N. P. (Steve), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | / | Gillespie's Crew (94) | MILADY | FM, Jun 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Gawlor, Allan H., 408988 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Navigator (1034) | / | Halliday's Crew (88) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt | Alternate spelling: Gawler

Geddes, E. (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radio Opr (757) | / | Stutt's Crew (89) | SAD SACK | , Mar 44, F/Sgt | , May 44, F/Sgt |

Gilbert, W. D(ouglas), 409911 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / | Swain's Crew (89) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

Gilbert, D. W., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / | Parsons' Crew (82) | / | , Mar 44, F/Sgt | , May 44, F/Sgt |

Gilbert, S. G., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Swanson's Crew (94) | / | FM, Jan 45, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Gillespie, Adam Forsyth, (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Acft Cmdr (1092) | / | Gillespie's Crew (94) | MILADY | FM, Jun 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

Gillmore, Geoffrey J., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | / | Swanson's Crew (94) | / | FM, Jan 45, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Griffiths, T. (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Parker's Crew (82) | / | FM, Jun 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

Grimm, Lindsay C., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748) | / | Eriksen's Crew (77) | BAIL-OUT BELLE | , Mar 44, Sgt | , May 44, Sgt | Alternate spelling: Grimes

Grosvenor, G. H. V(ictor), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Front Gunner (612) | / | Eriksen's Crew (77) | BAIL-OUT BELLE | , Mar 44, F/Sgt | , May 44, F/Sgt |

H

Hagan, Alexander P., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radio Opr (757) | / | Parsons' Crew (82) | / | , Mar 44, F/Sgt | , May 44, F/Sgt |

Halliday, Lex (NMI), 406480 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot, Acft Cmdr (1092) | / | Halliday's Crew (88) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

Harley, John H., 428697 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Navigator (1034) | / | Swain's Crew (89) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Hayter, F. C. S., 439980 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Swain's Crew (89) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

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

Hewat, Richard (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunnery Ldr (612) | / | Parsons' Crew (82) | / | , Mar 44, F/Sgt | , May 44, F/Sgt |

Hinter, John J(oseph) (Joe), 28634 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Ball Gunner (612) | / | Halliday's Crew (88) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Hiscock, K. G(eoffrey), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / | Gillespie's Crew (94) | MILADY | FM, Jun 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

Hogan, D. J., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunnery Ldr (612) | / | Eriksen's Crew (77) | BAIL-OUT BELLE | , Mar 44, F/Sgt | , May 44, F/Sgt |

Hollis, P. G., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Gillespie's Crew (94) | MILADY | FM, Jun 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Holloway, Allan E. (Stan), 417189 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | / | Halliday's Crew (88) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

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 |

Humrich, Stanley R., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Asst Flt Eng, Gunner (748) | / | Brown's Crew (92) | SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Hursthouse, J. W., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radio Opr (757) | / | Straus' Crew (89) | / | FM, Jun 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

Hussey, J. L., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Stutt's Crew (89) | SAD SACK | , Mar 44, Sgt | , May 44, Sgt |

I

J

Jackman, J. (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / | Parker's Crew (82) | / | FM, Jun 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

Jervois, W. D. (Tom), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Ball Turret Gunner (612) | / | Brown's Crew (92) | SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Jones, David S., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Navigator (1034) | / | Parsons' Crew (82) | / | , Mar 44, F/O | , May 44, F/O |

Jones, Dudley D., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Parsons' Crew (82) | / | , Mar 44, Sgt | , May 44, Sgt |

Jones, Edward R. (Ted), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Tail Gunner (612) | / | Brown's Crew (92) | SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

K

Kearney, Frank (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Finlayson's Crew (82) | / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Kelly, Clarence J. H. (Clarrie), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radio Opr (757) | / | Gillespie's Crew (94) | MILADY | FM, Jun 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

Kemp, H. K., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Navigator (1034) | / | Parker's Crew (82) | / | FM, Jun 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

Kynaston, G. (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748) | / | Moore's Crew (91) | / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

L

Lapage, G. K., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Law's Crew (93) | MILADY | FM, Jan 45, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Law, M. S., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Acft Cmdr (1092) | / | Law's Crew (93) | MILADY | FM, Jan 45, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

Lawrensen, William A., 15638 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Swain's Crew (89) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt | Alternate spelling: Laurenson

Leeds, John N. (Jack), 77861 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748) | / | Swain's Crew (89) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Leslie, R. R., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Asst Flt Eng, Gunner (748) | / | Bowman's Crew (96) | / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Liefman, C. E(dward) (Ted), 400694 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunnery Ldr (612) | / | Halliday's Crew (88) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/O | /, /, F/O | Alternate spelling: Leifman

Lutton, Hector G., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748) | / | Gillespie's Crew (94) | MILADY | FM, Jun 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Luvfold, Magnus H., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Asst Flt Eng, Gunner (748) | / | Swanson's Crew (94) | / | FM, Jan 45, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt | Alternate spelling: Lovfold

M

Madden, J. M., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Law's Crew (93) | MILADY | FM, Jan 45, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Malcolm, W. A., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radio Opr (757) | / | Law's Crew (93) | MILADY | FM, Jan 45, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Mathias, Francis Jeffrey Douglas (Frank), 120746 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748) | / | Halliday's Crew (88) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Matthews, A. K., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Tail Gunner (612) | / | Eriksen's Crew (77) | BAIL-OUT BELLE | , Mar 44, Sgt | , May 44, Sgt |

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

McDonell, John (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Asst Radio Opr, Gunner (757) | / | Brown's Crew (92) | SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, W/O | /, /, W/O |

McDowell, Edward J., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radio Opr (757) | / | Finlayson's Crew (82) | / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

McLaine, H. D., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radio Opr (757) | / | Parker's Crew (82) | / | FM, Jun 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

McRae, Howard J., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748) | / | Bowman's Crew (96) | / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Michael, S. H., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | / | Eriksen's Crew (77) | BAIL-OUT BELLE | , Mar 44, F/Lt | , May 44, F/Lt |

Mocrae, Alec W., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / | Bowman's Crew (96) | / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Moore, Eldin (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Acft Cmdr (1092) | / | Moore's Crew (91) | / | FM, Aug 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

Morris, R. M., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748) | / | Straus' Crew (89) | / | FM, Jun 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Munro, Errol W., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Parsons' Crew (82) | / | , Mar 44, P/O | , May 44, P/O |

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

N

Nicholson, Roy H., 405696 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Asst Radio Opr, Gunner (757) | / | Swain's Crew (89) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, W/O | /, /, W/O |

Norich, F. (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Law's Crew (93) | MILADY | FM, Jan 45, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

O

Oakney, C. F., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Law's Crew (93) | MILADY | FM, Jan 45, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

O'Donnell, J. D., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Moore's Crew (91) | / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Oldham, B. (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Parker's Crew (82) | / | FM, Jun 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

O'Shaughnessy, E. H., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Navigator (1034) | / | Eriksen's Crew (77) | BAIL-OUT BELLE | , Mar 44, F/O | , May 44, F/O |

O'Shea, J. J., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Moore's Crew (91) | / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

P

Parker, H. G., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunnery Ldr (612) | / | Straus' Crew (89) | / | FM, Jun 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

Parker, P. (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Acft Cmdr (1092) | / | Parker's Crew (82) | / | FM, Jun 44, W/C | /, /, W/C |

Parry-Okeden, C. D., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / | Straus' Crew (89) | / | FM, Jun 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

Parsons, Cecil E.R., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Acft Cmdr (1092) | / | Parsons' Crew (82) | / | , Mar 44, F/Lt | , May 44, F/Lt |

Peacock, Roger H., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748) | / | Brown's Crew (92) | SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

Piggott, John F., 69660 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Tail Gunner (612) | / | Halliday's Crew (88) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Pike, Kenneth H., 417113 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radar Countermeasures (7888) | / | Finlayson's Crew (82) | / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Powell, E. W. (Sandy), 406953 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radio Opr (757) | / | Swain's Crew (89) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, W/O | /, /, W/O |

Pryor, D. B., 34993 (RAAF) | Ground Staff, / | / | / | PAR3, SO240, 380BG, 27 Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Q

R

Reynolds, Arthur N., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Asst Radio Opr, Gunner (757) | / | Parsons' Crew (82) | / | /, Mar 44, F/Sgt | /, May 44, F/Sgt |

Robey, Keith T., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | / | Moore's Crew (91) | / | FM, Aug 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

Robinson, Ray (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Law's Crew (93) | MILADY | FM, Jan 45, Sgt | RHEW, RU, Cpl |

Rodgers, A. J., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Straus' Crew (89) | / | FM, Jun 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Ross, G. R., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radio Opr (757) | / | Brown's Crew (92) | SAD SACK | FM, Oct 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

Ruff, Victor C., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Asst Radio Opr, Gunner (757) | / | Moore's Crew (91) | / | FM, Aug 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

Ryan, J. R., 422716 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Straus' Crew (89) | / | /, /, | MIA, 23 Mar 45, F/S |

S

Scott, John M., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Navigator (1034) | / | Swanson's Crew (94) | / | FM, Jun 45, P/O | /, /, P/O |

Shackell, J. (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | / | Parker's Crew (82) | / | FM, Jun 44, S/L | /, /, S/L |

Sharpe, J. (NMI), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Parker's Crew (82) | / | FM, Jun 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

Sieber, A. D(ave), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Finlayson's Crew (82) | / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Simcock, Gerald C. (Gerry), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radio Opr (757) | / | Swanson's Crew (94) | / | FM, Jan 45, W/O | /, /, W/O |

Smith, Donald Fraser, (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Wireless Air Gunner/Gunnery Ldr (612) | / | Moore's Crew (91) | / | FM, Aug 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

Smith, J. F., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Radio Opr (757) | / | Hamilton's Crew (80) | PAPPY'S PASSION II | /, /, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

Sperring, Eric L., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Navigator (1034) | / | Finlayson's Crew (82) | / | FM, Aug 44, W/O | /, /, W/O |

Straus, N. I., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Acft Cmdr (1092) | / | Straus' Crew (89) | / | FM, Jun 44, S/L | /, /, S/L |

Stutt, William J., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Acft Cmdr (1092) | / | Stutt's Crew (89) | SAD SACK | , Mar 44, F/O | , May 44, F/O |

Swain, Jock F., 400607 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Acft Cmdr (1092) | / | Swain's Crew (89) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

Swanson, Augustus Y. (Gus), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Acft Cmdr (1092) | / | Swanson's Crew (94) | / | FM, Jun 45, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

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Taafe, C. L., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Navigator (1034) | / | Law's Crew (93) | MILADY | FM, Jan 45, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

Thomas, C. E. (Ken), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Asst Radio Opr, Gunner (757) | / | Bowman's Crew (96) | / | FM, Aug 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

Thompson, Thomas K. (Tommy), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748) | / | Swanson's Crew (94) | / | FM, Jan 45, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Tietxel, Donald K., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunnery Ldr (612) | / | Swanson's Crew (94) | / | FM, Jan 45, F/O | /, /, F/O | Alternate spelling: Tietzel

Trewin, Sydney W., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | / | Parsons' Crew (82) | / | , Mar 44, P/O | , May 44, P/O |

U

Underwood, Allan J., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunnery Ldr (612) | / | Finlayson's Crew (82) | / | FM, Aug 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

V

Vaughn, W. L., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Gillespie's Crew (94) | MILADY | FM, Jun 44, P/O | /, /, P/O |

Vine, R. (NMI) (Bill), (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | / | Finlayson's Crew (82) | / | FM, Aug 44, F/Lt | /, /, F/Lt |

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

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Walter, B. E., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748) | / | Stutt's Crew (89) | SAD SACK |, Mar 44, Sgt |, May 44, Sgt |

Ward, E. K., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748) | / | Finlayson's Crew (82) | / | FM, Aug 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

Weeks, William Leslie Arnold, (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Bombardier (1035) | / | Law's Crew (93) | MILADY | FM, Jan 45, P/O | /, /, P/O |

Welsh, Fred L., 410769 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Pilot (1092) | / | Swain's Crew (89) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/Sgt | /, /, F/Sgt |

Wentworth, L. C., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Bowman's Crew (96) | / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

West, E. H., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Asst Flt Eng, Gunner (748) | / | Finlayson's Crew (82) | / | FM, Aug 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

West, Ezra L., 18052715 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Moore's Crew (91) | / | FM, Aug 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Whitehead, A. D., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunner (612) | / | Straus' Crew (89) | / | FM, Jun 44, Sgt | /, /, Sgt |

Whiting, R. A., (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Navigator (1034) | / | Straus' Crew (89) | / | FM, Jun 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

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

Willers, S. V., 400185 (RAAF) | Flight Crew, Gunnery Ldr (612) | / | Swain's Crew (89) | / | PAR1, SO271, 380BG, 27 Sep 44, F/O | /, /, F/O |

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NOTES CONCERNING EACH LISTING

The format used in presenting the data concerning each individual member of the 380th Bomb Group is as follows:

Data Presented:

Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial(s), if present; **ASN** | Designation as **Flight Crew**, if Applicable, **Duty Assignment Title(s) (MOS/SSN Code Number(s))** | Designation as **Ground Staff**, if Applicable; **Duty Assignment Title(s) (MOS/SSN Code Number(s))** | **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:

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| Block 4 | Block 5 | Block 6 | Block 7 |
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| Block 1 | Block 2 | Block 3 | |
| Personal Data | Flight Crew Duties | Ground Staff Duties | |
| | | | |
| Block 4 | Block 5 | Block 6 | Block 7 |
| 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 in either Air Crew or Ground Staff or both; all which are known are presented.

Abbreviations Used:

Block 1, Name and Serial Numbers

| | |
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| NMI | No <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 |
| O-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, Air Crew Assignments

| | |
|-----------|---|
| Acft Cmdr | Aircraft Commander |
| AIF | Australian Imperial Force (Australian Army) |
| Asst | Assistant |
| Cmdg | Commanding |
| Dpty | Deputy |
| Eng | Engineer |
| Flt Eng | Flight Engineer |
| Gp Cmdr | Group Commander |
| Insp | Inspector |
| Ldr | Leader |
| Off | Officer |
| Opns | Operations |
| Opns Off | Operations Officer |
| Radio Opr | Radio Operator |
| RCM Opr | Radar Countermeasures Operator |
| Sqdn Cmdr | Squadron Commander |

Block 3, Ground Staff Assignments

| | |
|------|--|
| Adm | Administration |
| AM | Ammunition worker |
| CNS | The radio net connecting the many far-flung units in the SW Pacific area |
| Cntl | Control |

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|-------|---|
| Eqpt | Equipment |
| Exec | Executive |
| Flt | Flight |
| 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 |
| Insp | Inspector |
| 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 |
| NCO | Non-commissioned officer |
| Opr | Operator |
| Sgt | Sergeant |
| Spec | Specialist |
| Stat | Statistical, Statistician |
| Tech | Technical, Technician |

Block 4, 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 380th 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 380th 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.

Block 5, Entering Orders by Which Assigned

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

| | |
|-----|--|
| ATO | Air Travel Orders |
| BG | Bombardment (Bomb) Group (e.g., 380BG = 380 th Bomb Group) |
| FM | Date of First Mission with 380 th (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 th 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 th 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 6, Orders Transferring Individual Between Units or from the 380th 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 |

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|-------------------|--|
| 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 th 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 5. See [Rank Comparison Table](#) for usual rank abbreviations. Additional abbreviations are given in the [Glossary](#).

Block 7, Special Notes

No abbreviations used.

A GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS USED

| | |
|-----------|---|
| 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 |

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|--------------------|--|
| 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 th (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 th 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 th Bomb Group |
| O-XXX | Serial Number of Commissioned Officer, U.S. |
| 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 th 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) |

AUSTRALIAN DUTY TITLES

In order to keep all data in context, Australian members have been listed with American job titles and comparable American MOSs for direct comparison with their American counterparts. The following table presents a comparison of known Australian job titles with the American ones. No comparable Australian MOS list is known to the compilers of this roster.

GROUND STAFF

| RAAF (Job Title) | USAAF (Assignment Job Title and MOS/SSN) |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Flight Mechanic | Flight Crew, Flt Eng (748), and Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Airplane Mechanic (747) |
| Instrument Mkr (F/Sgt or W/O) | Ground Staff Engineering, Maintenance, Instrument Shop Chief (558) |
| | or |
| (Sgt, Cpl or LAC) | Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Instrument Mechanic Specialist (686) |
| Instrument Rpr (Sgt, Cpl, LAC or AC) | Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Instrument Mechanic Specialist (686) |
| Fitter 2E (Sgt, Cpl, LAC or AC) | Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Engine Mechanic (749) |
| Fitter 2E (F/Sgt or W/O) | Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Airplane Maintenance Specialist (750) |
| | or |
| | Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Airplane Crew Chief (750) |
| Fitter 2A (Sgt, Cpl, LAC, AC) | Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Airplane Mechanic (747) |
| Fitter 2A (F/Sgt or W/O) | Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Airplane Maintenance Specialist (750) |
| | or |
| | Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Airplane Crew Chief (750) |
| | or |
| | Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Line Chief (750) |
| | or |
| | Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Airplane Maintenance Inspector (750) |
| Flight Rigger | Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Airplane Maintenance Specialist (750) |

FLIGHT CREW

| RAAF (Job Title) | USAAF (Assignment Job Title and MOS/SSN) |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Captain | Pilot (WWII) (1092) Acft Cmdr (Modern) |
| Second Officer | Co-Pilot (WWII) (1092) Pilot (Modern) |
| Navigator | Navigator (1034) |
| Bomb Aimer | Bombardier (1035) |
| Flight Engineer, Gunner (FE) | Flt Eng (748) |
| Wireless Operator, Air Gunner (WAG) | Radio Opr (757) |
| Gunnery Leader | No U.S. Equivalent Armorer Gunner (612) |
| Gunner | Armorer Gunner (612) |
| RCM Operator | RCM Operator Officer (7888) Enlisted (852) |
| Radar Observer | Radar Observer Officer (1038) Enlisted (852) |

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