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CRICKET CLUB

ROLL  
OF  
HONOUR

1939-1945

*Lest we forget.*

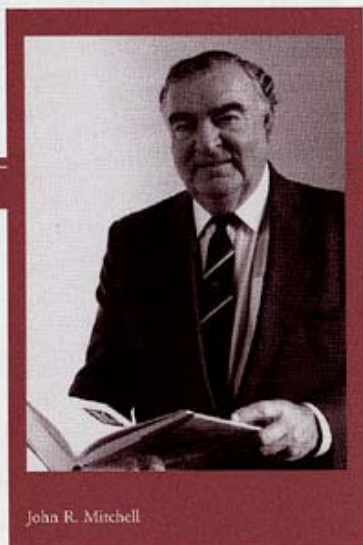


*They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn;  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
we will remember them.*



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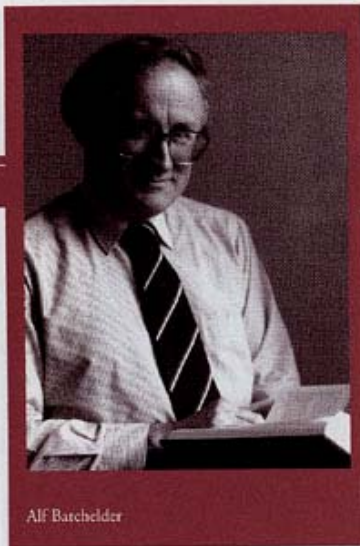
More than 100 members of the club served in the armed forces during World War II. Some of the names of those who served are listed in the book. The club has a long history of supporting the armed forces and has been a major contributor to the Anzac legend in the Great War (1914-1918) and World War II (1939-45).

The Melbourne Cricket Club has been represented nobly in two world wars by members who contributed to the Anzac legend in the Great War (1914-1918) and World War II (1939-45).

As a contribution to the "Australia Remembers" program, marking the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War, we proudly present this booklet as an acknowledgement to those young men who made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of freedom.

*Lest we forget.*

**John R. Mitchell**  
*President, Melbourne Cricket Club*  
August, 1995.



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#### RESEARCHER'S INTRODUCTION

Most MCC Members are aware that the Board honouring those who gave their lives in World War II contains the names of a Victoria Cross winner and a man who has lived for five decades with the highly exaggerated report of his death. In their own distinct and unique ways, the stories of Bill Newton VC and the much-alive Charles Butler are inspiring and wonderful, but they have tended to distract us from the deeds and sacrifices of the other 140 individuals. Consequently, it seemed fitting in this year of 'Australia Remembers' to lift the veil a little on the stories of all those whose names appear on our Roll of Honour.

The task was simplified by the correspondence between MCC Secretary Vernon Ransford and some of the bereaved families. Even after half a century, the combination of sad pride, grief and terrible pain contained in these letters still makes distressing reading. The private schools, along with the various squadron and battalion associations, were valuable sources of additional information, and I thank all concerned for their patience and assistance. Melbourne Grammar School's Liber Melburniensis and the personal notices placed in *The Age* and *The Argus* between 1940 and 1946 in remembrance of loved ones clarified many points of detail, as did the thoroughness and generosity of Tony Roe at Victoria Barracks and Jock Smith at RAAF Williams.

Nevertheless, there are instances where it has not been possible to establish some points with complete confidence, as much of the evidence at hand is vague or confusing. Sadly, in a few cases, long hours of research produced only the barest information. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided by the many sources used in this research project is correct. Any additional information would be most welcome.

Special thanks are due to my colleagues in the MCC Library for their patience and support, and to the many families who kindly loaned materials or answered my queries. Also, Ivan Collins of Haileybury College, Michael Collins Perse of Geelong Grammar School and Keith Chamberlain, formerly of 460 Squadron, were most generous with their efforts. It was simply inspirational to listen to Audrey Sides, David Jarrett and Bob Christie as they shared their memories with me.

I hope that my research has given some truth to the lines of Dame Mary Gilmore:

*They are not dead; not even broken;  
Only their dust has gone back home to the earth;  
For they, the essential they, shall have rebirth  
Whenever a word of them is spoken.*

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**1. DAVID ABBOTT**

A sixteen year old deck boy in the Merchant Navy. He was one of 268 killed when the hospital ship Centaur was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine off Brisbane on May 14, 1943. The son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Abbott of Camberwell. Attended Scotch College.

**2. FLYING OFFICER SYDNEY B. ABBOTT, DFC**

A member of 464 Squadron. Awarded the DFC for his role in the Dieppe raid and in bombing Eindhoven after his aircraft had been damaged. He was killed on August 9, 1943, when his aircraft crashed at Larchwood in Norfolk. Brother of David Abbott. Had completed his diploma course at Dookie Agricultural College. He was 22.

**3. SERGEANT JAMES LINCOLN ANDERSON**

He was 31 when he died of illness in a Prisoner of War camp in Thailand on October 6, 1944. Attended Scotch College 1924-1927. Vice-Captain of Brighton Sub-District First XI. Played football with Old Scotch and Sandringham Amateurs. Employed by McIlwraith, McEachern Limited before going to Singapore with the 8th Division AIF. His brother Bob was a Prisoner of War in Germany.



Pilot Officer Donald Gordon Campbell

**4. PRIVATE WILLIAM FAN COURT GIFFORD ARMIT**

Educated at Melbourne Grammar School 1928-1932. Managed the family

property 'Bindi' in East Gippsland. Enlisted in 1941 and served at Singapore with 2/10 Ordnance Workshops. Captured after the fall of Singapore and sent to work on the Burma - Thailand railway. Died in a Prisoner of War camp in Burma on October 4, 1943. He was 28.

**5. FLYING OFFICER ALEXANDER KENN ARNOLD**

Originally from Malvern, he was educated at Melbourne Grammar School 1923-1932 and became a grazier at 'Grange Muir', Tocumwal, NSW. Enlisted in 1939 in the 5th Battalion VSR and transferred to the RAAF in 1940. Served in Australia and the SW Pacific, piloting transport aircraft. He was killed in an aircraft accident at Brisbane on March 27, 1943.

**6. ABLE SEAMAN ERNEST JOHN ATKINS**

Played four games for Melbourne FC in 1940. A ruckman, he was winner of the Woodrow Cup for Best and Fairest Player in VAFA A Section in 1939. Competed for Old Melburnians Athletic Club and was Navy quarter-mile Champion. Attended Melbourne Grammar School 1925-1932. Died in the sinking of HMAS Perth in the Battle of Sunda Strait on March 1, 1942.

**7. PILOT OFFICER LEONARD ANTHONY LASSETER BEAUCHAMP**

Attended Brighton and Melbourne Grammar Schools. A skilled yachtsman and a member of Royal Brighton Yacht Club. An auctioneer, he enlisted in 1940, and served with 113 Squadron RAF. He was killed in action on an operational flight over Burma on June 19, 1942.

**8. LANCE CORPORAL JOHN STANTON BELL**

Born 1923, and lived in Brighton. He was educated at Melbourne Grammar School 1932-1941: First VIII 1941. Enlisted in 1941, served in the SW Pacific Area as a member of 2/4 Independent Company Commando Squadron. He was killed at Tarakan, Borneo, on May 9, 1945, one of 225 Australians lost in that operation.

**9. PILOT OFFICER R. E. BERKLEY**

Son of Mr. J. T. Berkley, 25 Esplanade, Elwood. Lost his life while serving with the Royal Air Force. He was listed as 'Reported Missing, Now Presumed Dead' in The Argus, on February 10, 1945.

**10. FLYING OFFICER HUGH GEOFFREY BICKERTON**

The only son of Geoffrey and Isabel Bickerton of Toorak, he attended Melbourne Grammar School 1926-1930. Enlisted in 1939, and served in Northern Australia and the SW Pacific Area. Served in Signals. Died of illness at the RAAF Hospital, Heidelberg, on August 27, 1944. He was 30.

**11. DR. FRANCIS MICHAEL BLACKALL**

A 1918 graduate of Melbourne University and a South Melbourne physician, he died at Randwick Military Hospital on October 28, 1941.

**12. SERGEANT ALLAN MARTIN BLACKBURN**

Son of Moses and Catherine Blackburn of St.Kilda. A member of 457 Squadron, he died on September 29, 1942, as the result of an aircraft accident at Richmond, NSW. He was 22.

**13. LIEUTENANT JACK STEPHENSON BOWEN**

A farmer at Tooradin, educated at Melbourne Grammar School 1926-1929. Enlisted in 1939, with the rank of Private, and served with 2/6 Battalion. Volunteered for special work at Bardia. Mentioned In Despatches. On January 3, 1941, he died of wounds received in the Middle East.

**14. SERGEANT IAN GEORGE BRODIE**

The elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Brodie of Canterbury. Attended Scotch College 1929-1930. A Junior Member of MCC from 1934-35. An air gunner with 460 Squadron, he was killed in operations over Germany on January 27, 1943, and was buried at Muenchen, North Gladbeck.

**15. ORDINARY SEAMAN WILLIAM GRAEME BROWN**

From Edward Street, Kew. A promising player at Hawthorn-East Melbourne CC. Enlisted at 18 while still a student at Scotch College. Killed in a kamikaze attack on the heavy cruiser HMAS Australia during the Luzon operations on January 5, 1945. He was 19.

**16. PILOT OFFICER ALAN GLADSTONE BURT**

Educated at Melbourne Grammar School 1926-1935: First XVIII 1934-1935. Attended Queen's College, Melbourne University and was articled to his father's firm, Oswald Burt and Co., Solicitors. Enlisted in 1940 and was a Navigator in a RAF Manchester bomber squadron. Presumed dead when his aircraft was lost in the Scilly Isles on January 31, 1942.

**17. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT FRANCIS JOHN BUTCHER**

Lived in St.Kilda, Glenhurnty, South Yarra and Armadale. Lost his life on April 7, 1945, when his Anson aircraft crashed near Crescent Head, New South Wales. He was attached to an Air Training School.

**18. CAPTAIN CHARLES GAMBLE DORIA BUTLER**

Educated at Wesley College. Joined the Butler Brick Works, the family business in Brunswick. Charles enlisted in 1940, serving with the Seventh Division, 2/14th Australian Infantry Battalion, in Syria, the Owen Stanleys and at Kokoda. He was severely wounded, losing an eye in the attack on Gona in 1942, and was retired from the AIF in 1943. President of the Naval and

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Military Club 1973-74. MCC Member since 1936 and a fanatical Demons supporter. President and Life Member of Toorak RSL, "The Heroes". His name appears on the Honour Board in error.

**19. PILOT OFFICER DONALD GORDON CAMPBELL**

From Toorak. Educated at Geelong Grammar 1934-1941: Prefect, First VIII. Member of the Junior School teaching staff during Term 1, 1942. Enjoyed Gilbert & Sullivan. Trained at Sale, Somers and 1 WAGS Ballarat and passed out in August 1943 as Sergeant Wireless Navigator. Killed on February 17, 1945, when his aircraft crashed in the Torricelli Mountains of New Guinea during a supply-dropping mission. The aircraft, from 36 Squadron, was operating from a base near Aitape.

**20. PILOT OFFICER KENNETH CHARLES CARLSSON**

Lost his life in the Middle East on September 30, 1942, while serving with 230 Squadron Royal Air Force as a wireless operator-air gunner in a Sunderland flying-boat. He was the eldest son of Charles and Nellie Carlsson of Canterbury.

**21. FLYING OFFICER WILFRED CARROLL, DFC**

From Fern Tree Gully. Worked for the London Assurance Company in Launceston and Melbourne. He was a Navigator with 460 Squadron, and was killed while in a raid on Friedrichshafen on April 28, 1944.

**22. MAJOR JOHN FERGUSON CHAMBERS**

*... as we who are left grow old:*

A doctor, from Toorak. He was among the 35 hospital staff and patients killed when the hospital at Tobruk was hit in a dive-bombing attack on April 10, 1941.

**23. FLYING OFFICER SYDNEY NOEL CHESTERMAN**

Served with 8 Squadron. On the night of January 24-25, 1942, his aircraft was shot down by Zeros about 20 miles east of Kuantan, Malaya. With the pilot, P/L Spurgeon, Chesterman escaped from the sinking aircraft, and the pair drifted on lifejackets for some hours. During the night, he was unable to endure any longer and drowned.

**24. LIEUTENANT NEIL ALEXANDER COSSAR**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cossar, of Hawthorn. Attended Scotch College 1925-1931. Died at 6th Australian General Hospital, Gaza Ridge, Palestine, on May 26, 1942.

**25. SERGEANT PILOT ALAN VINCENT COUTIE**

The son of Vincent and Florence Coutie of Sandringham. He was one of two pilots killed on January 30, 1942, when three Hurricanes of 232 Squadron were attacked by Zeros south of Singapore. The surviving pilot was the flight leader, John Grey Gorton, Prime Minister of Australia 1968-1971.

**26. PILOT OFFICER ALAN DOUGLAS CRAWLEY**

From Elwood. Educated at Scotch College 1929-1933. Killed in action over Holland on May 15, 1940.

**27. FLYING OFFICER THOMAS JAMES RUSSELL CROW**

Son of James and Agnes Crow of Canterbury. Attended Scotch College 1935-1936. Member of Riversdale Golf Club. Killed in an aircraft accident whilst on manoeuvres on November 26, 1943.

**28. PRIVATE JOHN CULROSS CURRIE**

A pastoralist at 'Gala', Lismore. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School 1933-1940: First VIII 1940. Enlisted in 1940 and

served in Malaya with 4 Reserve MT Company. Captured after the fall of Singapore. Died in a Prisoner of War camp in Thailand on October 15, 1943.

**29. FLYING OFFICER PETER BUCK DENNETT**

The only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dennett of Toorak. Attended Brighton Grammar School, Maiden Erlegh (England) and Melbourne Grammar School. Jackeroo on Boonoke Station. Junior member of Peninsula Country Club. Director of Henry Buck Pty. Ltd., and grandson of the company founder. Killed on July 18, 1944, when his Lancaster of 630 Squadron RAF crashed in France while returning from a bombing mission. F/O Dennett was able to keep control of the aircraft while several of his crew parachuted to safety. He was 21.

**30. MAJOR GENERAL RUPERT M. DOWNES, CMG, VD.**

Born in 1885 in Adelaide. Educated at Haileybury College and Ormond College. Lieutenant Colonel in World War I. A noted Melbourne surgeon. Director General of Army Medical Services 1934-1941. One of eleven killed on March 5, 1945, when a RAAF Hudson carrying General Vasey crashed near Cairns.

**31. LIEUTENANT WILLIAM DRYSDALE**

Born in Edinburgh in 1921. Educated at Geelong Grammar School. Served with 2/5 Independent Company. While raiding the Japanese camp at Mubo,

near Wau, on October 1, 1942, he was killed by a booby trap.

**32. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT CHARLES OSWALD DUFFY**

The only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Duffy of Park Street, South Yarra. Was employed as a chemist in Melbourne. A gold medallist of the Melbourne Pharmacy Club. Enlisted 1940. Believed drowned at Port Moresby on June 21, 1942.

**33. PILOT OFFICER KENNETH WINSTON EVANS**

Son of Mr and Mrs. W. N. Evans of Elwood. Educated at Brighton and Geelong Grammar Schools. Enlisted in 1941. Shot down over Germany on March 22, 1944. Buried at Badtoelz Cemetery, Germany. He was 20.

**34. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT THOMAS GUY EVANS**

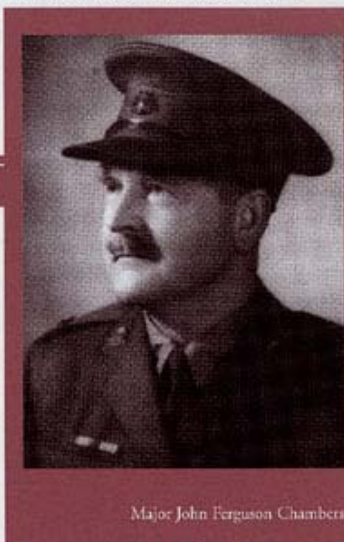
Son of Ivor Evans, designer of the Australian flag. Educated at Brighton Grammar 1929-1936. Represented Brighton Old Grammarians Hockey Club and Harlequin Rugby Football Club. Before enlisting in 1941, he worked for the Commercial Bank. Served with 113 Squadron RAE. Was one of eleven killed when a Liberator bomber of 24 Squadron RAAF was downed by anti-aircraft fire over Cape Chater, Timor, on January 23, 1945. They were the first crew to be lost in combat by the fledgling RAAF Liberator force.

**35. PILOT OFFICER RANDOLPH LORING FAIRFAX**

Educated at Wesley College, leaving in 1925. Lost his life while serving with 32 Squadron.

**36. FLYING OFFICER JOHN ALEXANDER FALKINER**

Born 1920, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Otway Rothwell Falkiner of Boonoke North, Widgawa, NSW. Educated at



Major John Ferguson Chambers

Geelong Grammar School 1932-1937 and Trinity College, Melbourne University. Enlisted in 1940, completing his training in Canada and England. Participated in almost forty raids over Germany. Killed on a training flight in a Halifax bomber at Casterton, England, on September 22, 1942, while serving with 460 Squadron.

**37. CAPTAIN JOHN BOYD FERGUSON**

From Toorak, brother-in-law of 'Weary' Dunlop. Educated at Geelong College and Melbourne University. Enlisted in 1940, served in England and the Middle East. One of 59 killed and 92 wounded when a US Liberator, carrying four 500-pound bombs and 2800 gallons of fuel, crashed into five trucks containing members of 2/33 Battalion and 158 General Transport Company at Jackson Strip, New Guinea, on September 7, 1943.

**38. PILOT OFFICER KEITH McDOWELL FERGUSON**

The eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ferguson of Echuca. Killed on July 26, 1942, when Z1483, a Wellington bomber of 460 Squadron, was lost in a raid on Hamburg. He was buried at Becklingen War Cemetery at Saltau. He was 26.



Major General Rupert Downes, CMG, VD

**39. WARRANT OFFICER NORMAN STEWART FERGUSON**

Born in 1915. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School 1926-1933. Worked for BHP. Joined RAAF in 1940, serving in the Middle East. Flew as a Navigator with 45 and 603 Squadrons. Lost at sea on November 13, 1943,

when his RAF Beaufighter ditched in the Aegean.

**40. SERGEANT PATRICK FIELD**

Son of Dr. and Mrs. E. Field, Carnegie. Born 1912. Attended Melbourne Grammar School 1923-1929; XI and Rifle Team 1929. Jackeroo at 'Uardry', Hay, NSW, then overseer on Barraboogie Station. Held 'A' class pilot's licence. Enlisted in 1939 and served in UK and Middle East. Flew Wellington bombers. Killed in May 1941 over Crete, while serving with the Royal Air Force.

**41. ACTING CORPORAL BRABAZON LANGDON FLECKER**

A student at Melbourne Grammar School in 1928-1929. Enlisted in 1939. A member of the Corps of Signals, he served in the Middle East and New Guinea. He transferred to the Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit, and died at Buna on January 3, 1943. Aged 25.

**42. SQUADRON LEADER JOHN SIMON FRASER, DFC**

Elder son of noted oarsman Simon Fraser of Toorak. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School 1925-1933. BA, Captain of Swimming at Pembroke College, Cambridge. Member of Melbourne Stock Exchange. Enlisted as an AC2 in 1939. Served in SW Pacific Area. Accidentally killed at Darwin on October 11, 1942, while serving with 2 Squadron. He was 28.

**43. WARRANT OFFICER BERRY SAMUEL FRIEZE**

Son of Joseph and Ann Frieze of St.Kilda. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School 1933-1936. Associate director of Frieze Brothers Pty.Ltd., men's clothing manufacturers. Joined RAAF in 1941. One of eleven killed on March 5, 1945, when a RAAF Hudson carrying General Vasey crashed near Cairns. Also on board were MCC Members Major General R. M. Downes and Lt. W. Riggall.

**44. FLIGHT SERGEANT GEOFFREY RUSSELL GAHAN**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gahan, Ivanhoe. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School and Ivanhoe Grammar School. Enlisted

in 1940 and served in the United Kingdom as an Air Gunner with 15 and 7 Squadrons. He is presumed to have been lost over Stuttgart on May 6, 1942. RAAF records state that "nothing more has been heard" of his Stirling bomber since it took off from Longstanton, Cambs. He was 27.

**45. GUNNER WILLIAM BOWMAN GATIS**

From Sandringham, he was 22 when he died at Heidelberg Military Hospital on April 14, 1946, as a result of war service. One of his legs was amputated shortly before his death.

**46. LIEUTENANT CHARLES ARTHUR GEYTON**

Born in England and educated at Wesley College, leaving in 1935. A physical culturist and masseur. Served with 2/16 Battalion. Accidentally killed in New Guinea on November 9, 1944. He was 24.

**47. PILOT OFFICER WILLIAM GOLDMAN**

Son of Mrs. Millie Goldman of Caulfield, and the late Mr. Harry Goldman. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1920-1930. Member of Youth Hostel Association and foundation member of Apex. Enlisted 1940 and served in the UK as an Observer with a Wellington bomber squadron. Killed in action over Germany on November 15, 1941, while serving with 458 Squadron. Aged 29.

**48. SERGEANT WILLIAM JULIUS HENDERSON GOVE**

Son of Squadron Leader and Mrs. R. V. Gove of Toorak. Educated at Geelong Grammar School 1932-1939. Studied chemical engineering before enlisting in March 1941. A navigator with 2 Squadron, he was killed on April 20, 1943, two days before his 22nd birthday, when serving as a navigator on a mission to bomb Timoeoka in Dutch New Guinea. His aircraft, A16-197, collided with another Hudson over Rapuma Island. Gove airfield, near Melville Bay in the Northern Territory, was named in his honour, and the entire peninsula has come to bear his name.

**49. SERGEANT PILOT KENNETH GEORGE GRAHAM**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Graham of Camberwell. A pilot, he lost his life when his Wirraway, A20-341, crashed into the sea near Newcastle during gunnery training exercises on April 1, 1943. He was 20.

**50. ACTING LIEUTENANT PETER OGILVIE GRAHAM**

Born 1909. Attended Melbourne Grammar School 1921-1927: Prefect; member of the Athletic Team, First XI and Captain of XVIII. Employed by Gibbs, Bright & Co., Brisbane. Enlisted 1939 and served in New Guinea with an artillery regiment of the 5th Division. Killed on October 1, 1944.

**51. PILOT OFFICER GERALD ROSS GREGORY**

Test cricketer, played in the 1936-37 series against England, scoring 80 in the Adelaide Test. Born in Murchison in 1916. Attended Gardenvale State School and Wesley College. Played for St.Kilda Cricket Club. Enlisted in 1940 and trained in Canada. Took part in raids over Germany, occupied Europe and Burma. Served as an Air Observer aboard a Wellington Mk1C of 215 Squadron, operating from RAF Pandaveswar, India Command. He was killed at 06.07 on June 10 1942, four miles South East of Ghalavagoon, possibly as a result of enemy action. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Singapore War Memorial.



Captain John Boyd Ferguson

**52. SURGEON COMMANDER JOHN REID HASKER**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hasker of 'Lautra', Officer, Gippsland. He was one of the 645 Australian sailors who lost their lives when the cruiser HMAS Sydney disappeared after its encounter with the German raider Kormoran off the coast of Western Australia on November 19, 1941.

**53. SERGEANT GEOFFREY T. HASTIE**

From Canterbury. Educated at Scotch College. Member of 2/21 Battalion AIF. Died of illness while a Prisoner of War on Ambon on July 20, 1945. One of three MCC Members to die there in that month. Of the 528 Australians who remained on Ambon from 1943 onwards, 405 died in captivity.

**54. FLIGHT SERGEANT JOHN ALEXANDER HAY**

Attended Hamilton High School and Brighton Grammar School, where he was School Captain in 1939. An excellent cricketer, footballer and swimmer. Joined the Commonwealth Bank, working in NSW at Manilla and Tamworth. Enlisted in 1942, and was killed in a plane crash near Oxford on December 10, 1944 while returning from night bombing exercises.

**55. LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN M. HAYES**

Was squash rackets Champion at Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club when he enlisted. Staff member of ES&A Bank. Member of Banks Rowing Club. Left Australia in 1940 with the 2/3rd Field Regiment. Served in England, the Middle East, returning to

*Age shall not weary them ...*

Australia in 1942. Killed in action on Bougainville on June 14, 1945.

**56. FLYING OFFICER ROBERT JARVIS HEFFERNAN**

From Heidelberg. A student at Scotch College 1923-1934. Killed in a raid on Germany on June 22, 1943, while serving with 460 Squadron.

**57. CAPTAIN W. M. 'BILL' HENTY**

Born in Armadale in 1916. An accountant. Enlisted in 1939, and served in the Middle East. A member of the 2/12 Battalion. While attached to the 2/23 Battalion as an artillery observer, he was killed at Lae by a 75-mm shell on September 13, 1943.

**58. LIEUTENANT TREGARTHEN CHARLES GLANVILLE HICKS**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Glanville Hicks of Upper Hawthorn. Educated at Wesley. An architect, he designed buildings in London and Manchester, and did design and structural work for the Brussels Exposition. Returned to Melbourne in 1938, and became a partner in Godfrey & Spowers, Architects. Served with Royal Australian Engineers. He was drowned in the Murrumbidgee River while engaged in experimental exercises with his unit at Wagga on February 27, 1943. He was 31.

**59. CAPTAIN BOYNES HEDLEY HOCKING**

Husband of Mrs. Florence Hocking of Hawthorn. His son Jack was serving in the RAAF and daughter Jean in the AWAS. A dentist by profession, he was District Commissioner of Hawthorn Boy Scouts and a member of the Phonograph Society of Victoria. He was killed on February 19, 1942, aboard 2nd/1st Australian Hospital Ship Manunda, when the vessel suffered a direct hit during the Japanese attack on Darwin.

**60. FLYING OFFICER HERMAN PATRICK HOPPE**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hoppe of Kew. Educated at Xavier College 1922-1930: First XI and First XVIII. Represented Victoria in amateur football. Member of Grace Park Tennis Club and a keen golfer. Joined importing firm of Van Cooth and

Co. Served with 7 Squadron. Presumed to have lost his life on January 15, 1944, during an anti-submarine patrol over a convoy in the Coral Sea. Left a widow and two infant daughters.

**61. LIEUTENANT ALAN GARDINER COPE IBBOTT**

Born at Benalla in 1906 and attended Wesley College, leaving in 1919. A farmer at Cootamundra, NSW. Member of 2/19 Battalion. Killed in an attack on Japanese trenches during the withdrawal from Bakri to Parit Sulong, Malaya, on January 20, 1942.

**62. LANCE SERGEANT RICHARD ARTHUR 'BOY' INCE**

Died at Tobruk on May 15th, 1941. Husband of Mrs. Mary Ince of Brunswick.

**63. FLYING OFFICER LEONARD JACK INGHAM**

From Glen Iris. Attended Scotch College. Pennant tennis player. Killed in an aircraft accident at Charters Towers, Queensland, on April 25, 1943, while serving with 2nd Air Ambulance Unit.

**64. ACTING SQUADRON LEADER GEOFFREY FRANCIS JACKSON**

Son of Mr. Francis Jackson and the late Mrs. Jackson, of East Malvern. Attended Hampton High School, then Scotch College 1931-1933. A useful batsman, he represented MCC in mid-week matches. Enlisted in 1940. Pilot of

a Wellington bomber, he saw service in England, the Middle East and Malta. A member of 458 Squadron, he was presumed to have died on January 23, 1943, when his aircraft disappeared without known cause in the vicinity of Sicily.

**65. PRIVATE PETER JARRETT**

Born 1917. Attended St. Leonard's College 1922-1926 and Haileybury College 1927-1934. Trainee draftsman and clerk. Represented MCC in midweek and holiday matches during the 1938-39 season. Enlisted in July 1940. Member of 8th Division AIF. Disembarked at Singapore in August 1941, and was posted missing on February 16, 1942. Peter was a Prisoner of War in Changi, and was later one of about 2500 Prisoners lost in the nightmare that was Sandakan, where only six survived. He is believed to have died on April 20, 1945, a date which suggests that he might have survived the forced march from Sandakan to Ranau.

**66. RIFLEMAN LINEKER JOHNSTON**

Born 1913. Educated at Rochester and at Trinity Grammar School, and worked for the Bank of NSW. Joined New Guinea Volunteer Rifles. He was one of 1050 Prisoners of War aboard the Montevideo Maru when it was torpedoed off Luzon by USS Sturgeon, on July 1, 1942. There were no survivors.

**67. PILOT OFFICER HAROLD KEITH WISHART JOLLY**

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jolly of Elwood. Attended Wesley College, leaving in 1926. Lost his life as the result of an aircraft accident on May 11, 1942. At the time, he was attached to the RAAF's Air Training Schools.

**68. CAPTAIN JOHN COLIN RAMSAY JOYCE**

Born 1900, and educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1912-1919: Captain of XVIII 1918-1919; Prefect 1917-1919, Cadet



Private Peter Jarrett

Lieutenant 1918-1919; member of Athletics team and First XI. MBBS 1926. Established his medical practice in Bentleigh. Enlisted 1941. While a member of Sea Ambulance Transport, he was attached to the Queen Mary. He was accidentally killed in Tel Aviv on May 12, 1941.

**69. LANCE CORPORAL MONTAGUE WILLIAM KEMP**

An outstanding distance runner, he was educated between 1908 and 1914 at Haileybury College, where one of his trophies is displayed. Served in World War I, and was involved in transport, stationed at Amiens. Employed by SEC. Enlisted in Second AIF, and was sent to Borneo after the fall of Singapore. Died while a Prisoner of War at Sandakan, North Borneo, on April 4, 1945. The names of Peter Jarrett (q.v.) and 'Monty' Kemp appear on the Sandakan monument unveiled at Bendigo in 1995.

**70. LANCE-CORPORAL KENNETH JOHN KENNEDY**

Educated at Scotch College, 1918-1921. Presumed to have been lost at sea while a Prisoner of War. He was one of 1050 lost aboard the Montevideo Maru when it was torpedoed off Luzon on July 1, 1942, by the USS Sturgeon.



Flying Officer Stuart Patrick King

**71. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT WILLIAM ROBERT KILPATRICK**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kilpatrick, 'Allanvale', Great Western. Educated at Geelong Grammar School and was studying at Trinity College when he enlisted in October 1940. Lost his life in an attack on enemy shipping near

Boulogne on the night of July 31, 1943, while serving with the Royal Air Force. He was 22 years of age

**72. FLYING OFFICER STUART PATRICK KING**

Born 1906. Educated at Xavier College. A wicketkeeper and right-hand batsman, he played 12 games for Victoria between 1926 and 1933, Captain in his last two matches. Captain of St.Kilda CC for eight years, and had the rare distinction of captaining St.Kilda FC and CC simultaneously. Member of Riversdale Golf Club. Represented MCC in mid-week cricket matches. A solicitor. Enlisted in 1940. Presumed killed on an anti-submarine patrol, Coral Sea, February 28, 1943.

**73. LIEUTENANT ROBERT KNOX KNIGHT**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Knight, of Brighton Beach. Educated at Haileybury College 1924-1932, and Scotch College 1934. Enlisted in April 1940. Served with the 2/4 Field Regiment in Africa. Mentioned In Despatches in Syria. Commissioned on his return to Australia, then served in New Guinea. Killed in July 1945, while serving with the 2/14 Infantry Battalion, soon after the landing at Balikpapan.

**74. LIEUTENANT JOHN ALEXANDER LAING**

Born in 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Laing, Hollingsworth Avenue, Hawthorn. Educated at Scotch College, 1925-1937. Member of 2/5 Battalion. Killed in the fighting at Wadi Scemmas, near Bardia, on January 3, 1941.

**75. LIEUTENANT JOHN NOEL LEARMONTH**

Eldest son of Noel and Edith Learmonth, of Tyrendarra. Educated at Ivanhoe Grammar School and Geelong Grammar School.

On the staff of Australian Estates Company. Member of MCC Shooting Section. Enlisted in September 1939, and served in England, Middle East, Greece and Crete. Captured at Retimo, Crete in 1941. Died suddenly on May 10, 1944, in Prisoner of War camp, Germany. Aged 28 years.

**76. FLYING OFFICER ALAN JAMES DURHAM 'JIM' LESLIE**

Son of Mr and Mrs W. C. Leslie, MacArthur Street, Sale. Educated at Sale HS and Scotch College, where he was a house prefect. On clerical staff of General Motors. Required only one subject to complete part-time Commerce course at Melbourne University. Pilot and captain of a Lancaster bomber, he failed to return from operations over Berlin with the RAF on January 27, 1944. Aged 26.

**77. ACTING LANCE BOMBARDIER ROSS ANTHONY LEWIN**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Lewin, Brighton. Died of wounds at Tobruk on June 2, 1941. His family's card to MCC bore the words: 'They did not despair, they did not fear, but laid down their lives gladly, knowing that Justice must prevail.'

**78. CORPORAL WARRAND LIDDLE**

Born 1904. Son of Dr. and Mrs. Percy Herbert Liddle of Croydon. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1920-1923. On the staff of Howard Smith Limited, 1924-1928. Jackeroo at Murtoa, grazier at Glenloth and Wallan East. Stock Agent at Rochester. Enlisted 1940. Served in Malaya, 2/29 Battalion, where he was killed on January 19, 1942. He was survived by a widow and baby son.

**79. PILOT OFFICER JAMES LOVE**

Younger son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Love of Hunter's Hill, Sydney. A Country Member. Club records show his address as the Bank of Australasia in Brisbane and Rockhampton. Died on November 20, 1942. He is buried at Fradley (St. Stephens) Parish Churchyard, Alrewas, in the United Kingdom.

**80. GUNNER COLIN FREDERICK MACK**

Husband of Mrs. C. F. Mack of Glen Iris. Employee of AMP Society, Warrnambool, when nominated for MCC Membership in 1932. Died in New Guinea on March 21, 1943.

**81. CAPTAIN ALASTAIR NORMAN MACKENZIE**

Born 1917. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1928-1935. Articled law clerk. Enlisted in 1939, joining 2/5 Battalion. Served in the Middle East, Greece, New Guinea. He was with an Australian War Crimes Investigation Unit when he was killed by Japanese-led 'extremists' in an ambush near Buitenzorg, Java, on April 17, 1946.

**82. ORDINARY SEAMAN PATRICK WALKER MAJOR**

Born 1922, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Major, of Balwyn. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1931-1939; also attended Camberwell Grammar School. Employed by New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co Ltd. Killed in an air raid while Prisoner of War in Japan, July 13, 1945, after surviving the sinking of HMAS Perth, the Burma - Thailand railway, and the sinking of the Rakuyo Maru by USS Queenfish and USS Pampanito when en route to Japan.

**83. LIEUTENANT JAMES GILBERT MANN**

Victoria's 1935 Rhodes Scholar. Son of Sir Frederick Mann, Chief Justice and Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria. Dux of Geelong Grammar School 1929 and 1931; Prefect. Outstanding Classics scholar. A Melbourne barrister, enjoyed tennis and riding. Drowned during the evacuation from Heraklion, Crete, on May 29, 1941, after HMS Hereward had been attacked by German dive bombers. He ensured that others had something to keep them afloat, and was among the last to leave the ship, but by then all floating material had been used.



84. SERGEANT REGINALD DALEY MOHR, DFM

Born 1917. From Hampton, the son of Mr. Reginald Harry Mohr, a police magistrate. Attended Melbourne Grammar School, 1934. Enlisted 1940. Observer with 39 and 211 Squadrons, Royal Air Force. Killed in air operations over Java, March 1, 1942

85. WARRANT OFFICER HENRY RICHARDSON 'DICK' MOLONY

From Kew. Attended Xavier College 1934-1939. While serving with the RAF, he was killed in 1944 when his aircraft crashed in England. Buried in the Regional Cemetery, Cambridge. He was 23.

86. SQUADRON LEADER KAY MOORE, DFC

The eldest son of Mr. G. K. and Mrs. Violet E. Moore of East St.Kilda. While serving with 460 Squadron, he lost his life during a raid on Kiel on April 4, 1943. He was reported to be buried in the Garrison Cemetery, Kiel.

87. TROOPER WILLIAM EGAN MOULTON

Admitted to MCC in 1933-1934, he died in New Guinea on December 19, 1942.



Lance Corporal Montague William Kemp

88. LIEUTENANT SAMUEL MICHAEL McCaughey

Son of Mr. S. McCaughey, 'Coree', Jerilderie, NSW. Born in Melbourne 1921.

A jackeroo. Killed in action with the 2/26 Battalion on December 29, 1943, on Shaggy Ridge, New Guinea.

89. FLYING OFFICER REGINALD ALEXANDER McFARLANE

Only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. McFarlane of Toorak. Educated at Wesley College: Prefect and an outstanding oarsman. Member of Emerald Country Golf Club. A director of Beau Monde (Aust.) Ltd. Private in Melbourne University Rifles; resigned to join Empire Air Training Scheme. Commissioned in Rhodesia. Killed on March 12, 1943, while serving with 459 Squadron in air operations in the Middle East.

90. STAFF SERGEANT ALEXANDER HECTOR McKENZIE

The son of Mrs. Gertrude McKenzie of Glen Iris, he died in New Britain on February 26, 1942.

91. SERGEANT DUNCAN JOHN McKENZIE

Educated at Xavier College, 1926-1933, and went on the land near Deniliquin, NSW. After enlisting in the RAAF, he trained in Canada. While serving with the RAF, was shot down in an air raid over Hamburg on September 30, 1941. Buried in Hamburg.

92. FLYING OFFICER HECTOR CAIRNS 'BILL' McKENZIE

Son of Hector and Mary McKenzie of Echuca. Brother of Sgr. D. J. McKenzie (q.v.). Educated at Xavier College 1924-1932. An auctioneer in Echuca. While serving with the RAF, he died on March 13, 1943, after an aircraft accident at Ismailia, on the Suez Canal. Buried at Moascar, on the outskirts of Ismailia.

93. SAPPER ALAN ROSS McPHAIL

From 'Tragowel Estate', Kerang. Attended Geelong Grammar School 1932-1937. Won Whittingham Scholarship to Trinity

College and began studies in Engineering Science. A member of 2/10 Field Company, Royal Australian Engineers. Captured after the fall of Singapore and died of cholera on June 15, 1943, in a Prisoner of War camp in Thailand. Aged 22.

94. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT WILLIAM ELLIS NEWTON, VC

Received the only Victoria Cross awarded to a RAAF airman in the Pacific War. Shot down over the target at Salamaua, he landed his blazing Boston aircraft on the sea, and was captured and executed by the Japanese in 1943 - the VC was awarded posthumously for a series of daring low-level attacks on Japanese targets during the Battle of the Bismarck Sea, and for nursing a crippled aircraft back to base on March 16, 1943. He was 23. Born at St.Kilda in 1919. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School 1929-1937: Prefect 1937; First XI 1935-1937; First XVIII 1936-1937; Sergeant, Cadet Corps. Played for VCA Colts in 1938, St.Kilda CC in 1939-40 and selected in the Victorian Second XI. Played for Old Melburnians FC, gaining State selection in 1938. Junior Member of Victoria Golf Club. Employed by Makower, McBeath and Company Pty.Ltd. Enlisted on the first day of the war, and was called up in 1940. After completing his training, he spent more than a year as an instructor. Posted in May 1942 to 22 Attack Squadron in New Guinea, where he flew 52 operational sorties up to March 1943. He was buried in the Salamaua War Cemetery. There are memorials at St.Kilda CC, Victoria Golf Club and St.Kilda Presbyterian Church and posthumous portraits in the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, and RAAF College, Point Cook.

95. PILOT OFFICER JAMES ANDREW HAROLD NIMMO

Son of Major-General Robert Harold Nimmo. Born 1922. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1931-1940. Cadet Lieutenant 1940; XVIII 1938-1940; XI 1939-1940; Boxing Open Champion 1939. Enlisted as an AC2 in 1941. Pilot and captain of a Lancaster with 103 Squadron Royal Air Force. Killed in action over Europe on April 10, 1944.

96. FLYING OFFICER ANDREW FREDERICK O'KEEFE

Educated at Xavier College, 1921-1926. From Albury. Served in the Middle East and North Africa with AIF. Returned to Australia after a severe illness and transferred to RAAF. Completed an Administrators' Course and served at Los Negros. Killed on March 23, 1944, when attempting to defuse a bomb at Momote, in the Admiralty Islands. Mentioned In Despatches (posthumous).

97. LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN CONSIDINE O'NEILL, ED

Born March 21st, 1900. Admitted to Naval and Military Club in May 1928. Commanding Officer of 2/15 Field Regiment, RAA, 8th Division AIF, from October 17, 1940 until he was fatally injured in a car accident on November 2, 1941 at Tampin, Malaya.

98. FLYING OFFICER RICHARD STUART PATTERSON

Educated at Geelong Grammar School 1922-1928: First XVIII 1927-1928. With his brother, William Stuart Patterson (q.v.), he was co-manager of 'Caupaul', an old family station near Casterton. Enlisted in 1941. Lost his life when serving as an observer on an operational training flight over the sea off the Victorian coast on January 11, 1943. Aged 33.

99. STAFF SERGEANT WILLIAM STUART PATTERSON

Educated at Geelong Grammar School 1922-1928. Enlisted in April 1940. An original member of the 1st Independent Company. Left Melbourne in July 1941 for Kavieng, New Ireland. Captured at sea between New Ireland and New Britain in



Flight Lieutenant William Ellis Newton, VC

February 1942. With three other MCC Members, was among the 1050 Prisoners of War who lost their lives when the Montevideo Maru was torpedoed off Luzon on July 1, 1942, by the USS Sturgeon. He was 31.

**100. LIEUTENANT JOHN NORMAN PEARSON, MC**

Killed in action on July 1, 1945, at Balikpapan, Borneo, in the biggest amphibious operation in Australian military history. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie T. Pearson of Richmond, NSW. Born 1920. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1936-1937; Tennis Team 1936-1937; XI, XVIII and Boxing Champion 1937. MCC First XI in 1938-1939. Employed in Insurance before enlisting in 1940. Also served in Middle East and New Guinea and Borneo. From 1948 until recently, the John Pearson Memorial Cup was a trophy at the Servicemen's Tournament conducted by Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club.

**101. LIEUTENANT LESLIE PHILP**

Husband of Mrs Grace Philp of West Brunswick, and father of a baby son, John. Died at Heidelberg Military Hospital on November 6, 1943.



Lieutenant James Gilbert Mann

**102. COLONEL DOUGLAS CLELLAND FIGDON**

Born 1892. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School and Melbourne University. Medical practitioner at Heidelberg, Mentone, Collins Street. FRCS (England) 1925; Council of BMA. Served in AIF, 1914-1917; AAMC, Egypt and France. Commanding Officer, Balcombe Camp. Colonel in command, 2/13th Australian

*At the going down of the sun ...*

General Hospital in Malaya. In a party of senior officers from Changi and Palembang who were taken to Formosa, Japan and Manchuria. Died in a Prisoner of War camp at Mukden, Manchuria, on July 7, 1945.

**103. FLYING OFFICER JOHN McPHERSON PITT**

From Toorak, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pitt. An air gunner, serving on his second tour of operations, he was killed on February 2, 1945, when A72-88, a Liberator of 24 Squadron, ran out of fuel and crashed about midnight while flying back to Fenton, near Katherine. He was buried at Adelaide River cemetery. He was survived by a widow and 14-month son.

**104. SERGEANT GEOFFREY CLEMENT PRAAGST**

A wireless operator-air gunner, he was killed on May 31, 1942, while serving with the Royal Air Force in a raid on Cologne. He was a Member of MCC for over two decades. Son of Dr.G. D. Praagst and the late Mrs. Annie Praagst of Surrey Hills.

**105. LIEUTENANT HUGH CHARLES PURSE**

Son of Mr and Mrs Hugh L. Purse, of Brighton. His father played for Melbourne FC between 1904 and 1915. Educated at Brighton Grammar School, 1925-1934: Prefect, winner of the Rhodes Prize. Won colours for Football, Cricket and Athletics. Enlisted in July, 1940. On July 15, 1941, he died of head wounds received sixteen days earlier in the explosion of a landmine on the Tobruk perimeter. Buried at Tobruk Cemetery. He was 24.

**106. PRIVATE CHARLES RANKIN**

Educated at St.Paul's Cathedral School. Employee of the Myer Emporium. Keenly interested in music. A member of the 2/29 Battalion, he participated in the fighting at Muar, when the Battalion was decimated. Imprisoned at Changi and on the Burma-Thailand Railway, where he suffered dysentery, malaria and dengue fever. Died on December 10, 1943.

**107. FLIGHT SERGEANT JAMES JARMAN RICHARDS**

Born 1923. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1930-1940. Metallurgy Student at RMIT. Enlisted in 1942. Served in New Guinea. A pilot with 21 Squadron, he was killed when his Vultee Vengeance, A27-82, made a forced landing on the water near Midang after a bombing mission on March 5, 1944.

**108. LIEUTENANT WILLIAM RIGGALL**

Killed when the RAAF Hudson carrying General Vasey and others crashed near Cairns on March 5, 1945. His body was not recovered. The only son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Harold Riggall, with whom Vasey served in World War I. Educated at Gedlong Grammar School and Melbourne University. A solicitor. Served in New Guinea. ADC to General Vasey. Aged 32, left a widow and two infants.

**109. ABLE SEAMAN LEONARD LLOYD RIGHETTI**

Died in sinking of HMAS Perth in the Sunda Strait on March 1, 1942. Eldest son of Councillor and Mrs. L. A. Righetti of Toorak. Born 1912. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1926-1927. An outstanding rifleman. Former Secretary of MCC Rifle Club. Staff member of the Commercial Bank of Australasia. Member of Brighton Yacht Club. Enlisted in 1940, RANVR. Served in Mediterranean and SW Pacific. Left a widow and daughter.

**110. PILOT OFFICER NEIL FARQUHAR ROBERTSON**

Youngest son of Mrs. Marjorie Robertson and the late Hugh Robertson of Gisborne. Born 1921. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School. Farmer at Gisborne. Enlisted 1941. Trained in Rhodesia. Served in United Kingdom. Was Captain of a Halifax with 58 Squadron Royal Air Force Coastal Command. Killed on May 7, 1943, in air operations over the Bay of Biscay.

**111. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT JOHN ROBERTSON ROSS**

Born 1916. Son of Hugh Macdonald Zouch Ross. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1927-1935: Prefect 1934-1935; XI 1933-1934, Captain 1935; XVIII 1934-1935. Lived at Goondiwindi, Queensland. Enlisted in 1939, starting as AC2. Served in United Kingdom and Australia. Pilot with 457 and 452 Squadrons. Killed in an aircraft accident in NSW, October 20, 1942.

**112. PRIVATE ALBERT ROYSTON ROWLANDS**

Son of Mr.A. E. Rowlands of Oakleigh. A Bank officer. Killed in New Guinea on February 26, 1944.

**113. CAPTAIN DONALD McRAE RUSSELL**

A clerk from Malvern. Born in Adelaide in 1919. Educated at Scotch College 1925-1937: Prefect; Captain of Littlejohn House; member of cricket and rugby teams; keenly interested in cadet corps. Gained a commission in the Victorian Scottish Regiment. Enlisted in 1940. Killed in action while serving with 2/3 Independent Company near Wau on February 2, 1943.

**114. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT CLIFF A. SATCHWELL**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Satchwell of Balwyn. Educated at Mont Albert Central School and Scotch College. Member of staff of ICIANZ. Served with 456 and 30 Squadrons. Shot down on July 13, 1944, while attacking a Japanese barge near Muschu Island, New Guinea. His Beaufighter was seen to crash into the sea in flames. He was 24.

**115. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT DENIS SAUNDERS**

A pilot from South Yarra, he was killed on May 20, 1943, when W3986, a Sunderland flying boat of 10 Squadron, crashed four miles northwest of Eddystone Lighthouse, shortly after taking off from RAF Mount Batten in England. No known grave. He was survived by a widow and daughter.

116. PILOT OFFICER EDWARD CHARLES SHERWOOD SELLER

From Toorak. Born 1919. Educated at Malvern Grammar School; Geelong Grammar School 1931-1936. Member of Kingston Heath Golf Club, and of various tennis clubs. Also played cricket. Interested in Toc H. Before joining RAAF, he was with 6th Royal Melbourne Regiment. Lost his life on February 8, 1943, while serving with 9 Walrus Squadron. Buried at Bowen, Queensland.

117. GUNNER REGINALD D. SHANDS

Son of Mr. George Shands of Northcote. Presumed to have been lost at sea while a Prisoner of War aboard the Montevideo Maru. None of the 1050 prisoners survived when the ship was torpedoed off Luzon on July 1, 1942, by the USS Sturgeon.

118. PILOT OFFICER FREDERICK GORDON SIDES

Aged 21, he was Wireless Operator-Navigator of UB-V, NV196, a Beaufighter aircraft of 455 Squadron. He was killed on December 5, 1944, by enemy fire while the aircraft was attacking shipping in Orsta Fjord, Norway. Son of Mr and Mrs E. C. Sides, of Middle Brighton and Canberra. Educated at Brighton Grammar School. A wicketkeeper, Fred played for MCC Second XI in the seasons 1939-1941. His father wrote to MCC Secretary Vernon Ransford, stating that Fred was "so proud" to belong to "the great Club ... on whose famous ground he had spent many of his happiest days." In 1947, a memorial stone was unveiled at Orsten. Each year on May 17, Norway's National Day, residents gather there to pay tribute to Fred Sides and his pilot, Flying Officer Austin Hakewell.

119. PRIVATE JOSEPH MCKENZIE SKELLY

*and in the morning ...*

Son of Mr. J. F. Skelly, of Moama, NSW, and the late Mrs. Skelly. Attended Xavier College in 1937. Until he joined the AIF in 1941, he worked on his father's property and for Younghusbands Ltd. A paratrooper, he died in North Queensland in an accident during a refresher course in hand-grenade throwing on September 11, 1944.

120. PILOT OFFICER LESLIE STEWART

Born 1922. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1931-1940: Prefect 1940; First XI 1938-1939, Captain 1940. Joined his father in shoe manufacturing business in Melbourne. Enlisted 1941. A Navigator, he served in New Guinea, and was killed on April 5, 1944, in the forced landing of A27-82, the Vulture Vengeance piloted by Flight Sergeant J. J. Richards, his schoolmate and fellow MCC Member.

121. PRIVATE GORDON MURRAY STRACHAN

Husband of Ruby Galbraith Strachan of South Yarra. Born 1920. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School and Geelong Grammar School. Enlisted 1941. Served at Darwin and Ambon with 2/21 Battalion. Died in a Prisoner of War camp, Ambon, July 27, 1945.

122. SQUADRON LEADER GEORGE RICHARD TAYLOR, DFC

Son of Mr. George W. Taylor, Editor of The Sun News-Pictorial. Educated at Carey Grammar School, 1924-27; Brighton Grammar School, 1928-32; Melbourne Grammar School, 1933-34. Keen member of Royal Brighton Yacht Club. Represented Victoria in Australian Dinghy Championships, Adelaide. Air Cadet, Point Cook in 1937, where he won his wings at 19 years of age. Transferred to the Royal Air Force in 1938 as a Pilot Officer. In September 1940, he was promoted to Squadron Leader. At 22, he was one of the youngest Squadron Leaders in the RAF. Awarded the DFC in 1940 after 32 operational flights over Germany. The citation mentioned that he showed praiseworthy devotion to duty and determination in pressing home attacks and that he always showed high courage and set an excellent example to his squadron. His Avro Manchester bomber of 207 Squadron, L7377, was hit by flak and crashed at Grossbergen, south-east of Teltow, on August 13, 1941, while engaged in a raid on Berlin. He was buried in the British Air Force Cemetery, Berlin. Aged 23.

123. CORPORAL LEN THOMAS

VFL Footballer: 186 games for South Melbourne FC 1927-1938; among the best players in South's 1933 Premiership; Best and Fairest 1931 and 1938; Captain-coach of Hawthorn FC 1939; Captain-coach of North Melbourne FC for 6 matches in 1940. Husband of Mrs. L. Thomas of South Melbourne. He was one of five members of A Platoon of 2/3 Independent Company killed near Salamaua, New Guinea, in a Japanese counter-attack at dusk on August 17, 1943. He was 35.

124. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL THOMPSON

From Malvern. Born 1918. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1927-1935: First XI 1934; First XVIII and Tennis Team 1935. Studied Law at Melbourne University. Enlisted 1940. Served as a pilot and an instructor. Posted to 31 Beaufighter Squadron. Killed in aircraft accident at Pell, Northern Territory, on July 21, 1944.

125. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT STUART THOMSON

Son of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Thomson of South Yarra and the late Murray Thomson. Medical officer with 10 Squadron RAAF, he was killed near The Skerries in the United Kingdom when Sunderland T9072 crashed into the sea during a transit flight from Oban to Pembroke Dock on December 5, 1941. No known grave.

126. PILOT OFFICER WILLIAM LESLIE TOPP

Only son of Mr and Mrs L. E. Topp, of Windsor. Educated at Toorak Central School, Melbourne High School (1936-1938) and Melbourne University. Officer of State Savings Bank. Enlisted in October 1941. Trained at Somers and Benalla, in Canada and England. Captain of BB435, a Halifax bomber, he was presumed to have lost his life in RAF operations over Greece on September 8, 1943. Aged 20.

127. CAPTAIN GEOFFREY BANNISTER TRAVIS, MC

From South Yarra. Born 1906. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1921-1923, and Dookie Agricultural College. Stud Manager at S. Milliar Stud Park, Deniliquin, NSW. Enlisted 1940, as a Private. 2/24 Battalion, 9th Division. Served in Middle East, New Guinea, Borneo. Promoted to Lieutenant at Tobruk.

In the face of 20-mm and sniper fire he led a successful assault on Japanese positions at Tarakan on May 3, 1943. He was awarded the Military Cross for his determined leadership and conspicuous gallantry in this action. Killed on May 10, 1945, at Tarakan, Borneo. The unit history says "...The death of Geoff Travis was a shock to all. He had been with the battalion from the start and, apart from being one of its most popular officers, he was a fine leader and, as a company commander in action, he was magnificent. He knew what should be done, and then he went and did it."

128. WARRANT OFFICER IAN TRELOAR

From Canterbury. Educated at Carey Grammar, 1930-1940: in 1940 was School Captain, Dux of the School, Captain of Cricket and Football; a brilliant centre half forward. Received one of MCC's Prize Memberships to Exhibitioners, 1939-1941. Won a major residential scholarship to Ormond College. Left Australia in December 1941. Posted to 112 (Shark) Squadron, RAF, to fly Kittyhawks. Killed as the result of air operations in Sicily on August 8, 1943. Aged 21.



Pilot Officer Frederick Gordon Sides

129. PILOT OFFICER ROBERT NEILL TUCKER

Born 1922, the only child of Mr. C. H. and Mrs. W. E. Tucker of Coburg. Lost his life at the Gunnery Range, Saltash, near Williamtown, New South Wales, on January 31, 1945, while serving with an Operational Training Unit.

130. FLYING OFFICER HENRY HUME TURNBULL

Younger son of Dr. and Mrs. H. Hume Turnbull, of Toorak. Educated at Geelong Grammar School 1934-1940: Prefect, Lieutenant in School Corps, Editor of The Corian. In 1941, studied Medicine at Melbourne University. Entered RAAF. Trained at Somers and Cootamundra and in Canada. Navigator of ML735, a Sunderland flying boat of 461 Squadron, he was killed in air operations on October 1, 1944, off Bergen, Norway. Mentioned In Despatches in January 1945. He was 21.

131. LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM ALFRED TURNER

Husband of Mrs. Doris Turner of Sandringham. Educated at Scotch College, 1908-1910. He served in the Middle East and was killed in New Guinea on February 7, 1943.



Pilot Officer Gerald Ross Gregory

132. MAJOR LAWRENCE FRANKLIN VAILE

Son of Violette Vaile of South Yarra, and the late Guy Vaile. Attended Trinity Grammar School, 1917-1926. Killed in action at Cassino, Italy, on May 17, 1944, while serving with the Royal Irish Fusiliers. Mentioned In Despatches

for "great bravery and courage." He was 33.

133. WARRANT OFFICER PETER VICTOR WADDELL

Educated at Scotch College, 1928-1934. Worked in an advertising agency. Played for Camberwell Second XI. Joined RAAF and trained in Rhodesia. Posted to the Middle East, he sailed from Cape Town aboard the Orcades, which was torpedoed and sunk off South-West Africa. He was picked up by a freighter. Served at Aden, in the UK, North Africa and Malta. A Spitfire pilot, and one of four brothers in the Forces. Reported missing, then presumed killed in air operations over Durazzo, Albania, on March 30, 1944, while serving with 249 Squadron. Buried in War Cemetery in Tirana, Albania. A memorial stone was erected in the Phaleron Cemetery in Greece.

134. BOMBARDIER EDWIN ERNEST MAXWELL WARD

Son of Mr. Thomas Manley Ward of Surrey Hills. Born 1920. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1934-1936. Employed by Orchestrelle Company, Melbourne. Enlisted 1940. Bombardier 2/12 Field Regiment. Served in the Middle East, at Tobruk and El Alamein, and in New Guinea. Died from wounds received at Finschhafen, October 24, 1943.

135. CORPORAL GEOFFREY ALEXANDER WARING

Husband of Mrs. L. M. Waring of North Brighton. Educated at Brighton Grammar School, 1923-34. Captain of the School in 1934. A top sportsman, playing cricket, tennis, football, athletics. Gained VFAA State selection in 1939. In 1940, enlisted in the 2/21st Battalion. Prisoner of War on Ambon. Developed beri-beri, and died on July 13, 1945. Buried on Ambon. He was 30.

136. PILOT OFFICER FRANK EDWIN WATKIN

Son of Stanley and Alice Watkin of Kew. Killed in RAF operations against Cologne on March 2, 1945.

137. CAPTAIN STUART IRVINE WEIR

A doctor, he was the son of Dr. A. A. Weir of Terang. Educated at Geelong Grammar School. RMO of the 6th Divisional Engineers, he was mortally wounded on April 20, 1941 in an attack by German dive bombers at the foot of Brallos Pass in Greece and died in the 27th Field Ambulance Dressing Station.

138. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT LLEWELLYN WETTENHALL

Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1923-1932. Old Melburnians Hockey Club. Attended Melbourne University. Hockey Blue and Victorian Hockey Team, 1934. Articled law clerk with Parkinson and Wettenthal. Admitted as a solicitor 1938. Enlisted 1940. Served in Northern Australia and New Britain. A pilot, he flew Australian-designed Boomerang aircraft with 85 Squadron. Killed in Spitfire A58-145 in operations over New Britain on December 31, 1943, when serving with 79 Squadron. He was 28 and married for two years.

139. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT CURTIS WARREN WHELOCK

From East Melbourne. Educated at Trinity Grammar School 1928-1939. Received a Prize Membership to Exhibitioners from MCC in 1939-1941. Member of MCC First XI 1940-41 and 1941-42. Killed in an aircraft accident in Scotland on May 16, 1945 while serving with the Royal Air Force. He was 23.

... we will remember them.

140. GUNNER JAMES NORTHCOTE ROWDEN WHITE

Born 1921. Educated at Geelong Grammar School. He died on active service in the AIF at Alice Springs on March 6, 1942. His father was Colonel Edward R. White, in charge of 10th Australian General Hospital, Malaya, and a Prisoner of War sent to Japan in 1942.

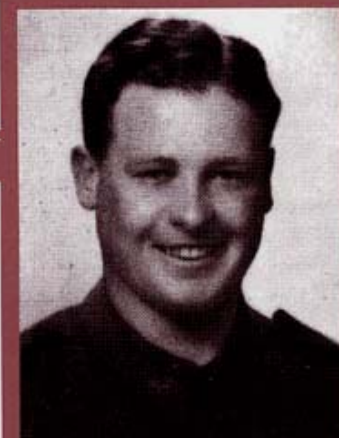
141. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER PHILIP STEPTOE WOOD

Educated at Geelong Grammar School 1928-1936: Senior Prefect; Captain of Boats 1935-1936; in winning Head of River crews 1934-1935; Athletics team; Cadet Lieutenant. Read Agricultural Science at Jesus College, Cambridge. Outstanding polo player, representing Cambridge in 1937-1938. Elected to Melbourne Stock Exchange in 1939, a partner in the firm of Eric J. Morgan. Volunteered for RAAF in 1939. Trained in Australia and Canada, and served in England, India and Burma. Invalided back to Australia in 1943. He was killed in an aircraft accident at Walkan on April 29, 1944. He was 27, and left a widow and six-week old son.

142. SERGEANT PERCY BARNES WOOD

Born 1901. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1911-1920: Prefect 1919-1920; First XI, XVIII 1917-1920; Boxing Champion 1920. Played cricket for MCC from 1921-22 until 1928-29. Toured New Zealand with MCC in 1927, and top-scored with 75 vs. Taranaki, including eight sixes, five in successive scoring hits. Played five games for Melbourne FC in 1928. Represented Western Australia vs South Africa in 1931-32, his only first-class cricket match. Enlisted in RAAF in 1939, transferred to Army in 1940. Served in the Middle East with 2/16 Battalion. Killed in action at Litani River, Syria, on June 9, 1941.

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