

NORDIC RAF CASUALTY REGISTER 1941 -1945

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Introduction:

It is my hope that this list will be in the end a complete Casualty Register regarding pilots and crewmembers with a Nordic origin in Allied services during World war 2. At the same time it should also be a listing of all the aircraft types that was destroyed (red) or damaged (blue) involving these personnel.

As you can see below nearly 300 Nordic pilots and crewmembers gave their lives in the struggle for the freedom. Sadly most of them are completely forgotten to day. Therefore this Register is opened and regularly updated by me with helps from many historians and enthusiasts to honour these brave young pilots and crewmembers. Some of this fighting "Warriors" died due to just unluck, some as an act of sheer stupidity or cowardice, but most of them just lost their lives on duty fighting for their countries.

The Danes are marked with (dk), the Swedes with (sw), the Icelanders with (ic) and the Nordic/Canadians with (ca) behind the names with no marks for the Norwegians. British and other Allied pilots and crewmembers are added in frames when known.

Additionally to the Royal Air Force (RAF), the Royal Norwegian Air Force (RNoAF), the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), the South African Air Force (SAAF), the British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) and the Air Transport Auxillary (ATA) are also included in the lists.

In this latest update I have studied war diaries of several Luftwaffe fighter units and nightfighter units to find out who could have been responsible for bringing the Nordic pilots and crewmembers down during air combats. Not surprisingly many were involved in combat and brought down by some of wellknown leading German fighter aces. However from 1943 onwards the worst enemy was the deadly German groundfire units. It is still difficult to find the correct names involved in accidents with pilot errors. However my aim is to find the names of all involved. This Register is not yet necessary accurate and may be wrong about Dates, Places, Names, Fates, Units, Serials etc. etc.

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LIST A CASUALTIES DAY BY DAY FROM ALLIED FIGHTER AND FIGHTERBOMBER UNITS

Aircraft	Date	Unit	Reason	Place down	Id	Pilot or with/ Crewmember	Fate
HURRICANE I V 7666 AK-N	19th Mar 1941 Cat E 1.	RAF 213 SQN Castletown Training	Accident Error? ?	BRITAIN Cra/ near airfield Castletown Highland	?	Ltn. John Ø. K. Schou	(+)

Stalled and spun into the ground during preparation to land at airfield Castletown. He was buried 24th March 1941 with full military honours at East Orlig Cemetery in Caitness, Britain. His grave after the war not moved back to Norway as he is still buried there. Ltn. Schou was the first Norwegian pilot to be killed outside Norway during the 2nd World War.

HURRICANE II	28th Sep 1941	RAF 245 SQN	Accident	BRITAIN	?	Fnr. Elwood Norman Erichsen	(+)
Z 3490 DX-X	Cat E 2.	Chibolton Training	Collision ?	Cra/ Clatford near Stockbrigde			

Collided during night training due to unknown reason with another unknown British plane. Fnr. Erichsen was born in USA by Norwegian parents, but grew up in Norway from 1922. He was first buried at the Shooters Hill Cemetery near London in Britain. After the war on 23rd February 1947 he was reburied at Grorud Churchyard in Oslo, Norway.

HURRICANE II	23rd Nov 1941	RAF 229 SQN	GERMAN/ITALIAN AC	NORTH-AFRICA	?	Fnr. Hans Ravn	safe
Z 5269 ?	FTR 3.	? ?	I./JG27 153GrCT 07:30s	Fla/ area Sidi Rezegh			

RAF 229 SQN and 238 SQN led by W/C M.J.Louden attacked with 23 Hurricane planes 18 Ju 87 of I./StG1, 15 Ju 87 of II./StG2 escorted by 20 Bf 109 of JG27 and G.50 of 155GrGC. The British lost 7 Hurricanes and claimed 6 Ju 87 destroyed, 3 probables and 8 damaged. Against the escorte they claimed 1 G.50 destroyed and 1 Bf109 damaged. Fnr Ravn was brought down in this air combat but was immediately reported back unwounded. He was allowed 1 Ju 87 destroyed and 1 Ju 87 damaged in ths dramatic air battle.

HURRICANE II	12th Dec 1941	RAF 253 SQN	Accident	BRITAIN	?	Ltn. Jan Erik Løken	(+)
Z 3670 SW-J	FTR 4.	Hibaldstow Dusk Patrol	Engine 17:15	Cra/s 8 mls E of Spurn Head Humberside			

During a Dusk Patrol over the North Sea the pilot got an engine failure after 40 minutes of flying. The Norwegian pilot Fnr. Werner Christie who was flying behind Ltn. Løken, saw that he jumped out of the aircraft wih his parachute. Ltn. Løken was later seen in his dinghy. However he was never found by the rescue launches alarmed and out looking for him. Jan Erik Løken has probably no known grave.

SPITFIRE V	2nd Jan 1942	RAF 602 SQN	GERMAN AC	FRANCE	?	Kapt. Jens Schjelderup Hertzberg	(+)
P 8722 ?	FTR 5.	Kenley 13:20 Rhubarb	BoGr 196 13:20-14:00	Dit/s in the British Channel off Tréport			

4 Spitfires took off for a Rhubarb mission over France, however suddenly sighted 2 German float planes over the Channel. They all turned against the Germans and started to attack. Kapt. Hertzberg however was probably hit by return fire and was just able to inform over the radio that he was hit. He then got a engine cut before he was seen ditching into the sea. He was not seen again and probably went down with the aircraft unable to escape from it. . 602 SQN was credited with 2 German He 114 float planes destroyed, but in fact they met Ar 196 float planes from BoGr 196. Jens Schjelderup Hertzberg has no known grave. His loss was sad for the Norwegian because he had been picked out to lead the new Norwegian 332 SQN later this month.

WHIRLWIND I	12th Feb 1942	RAF 137 SQN	GERMAN AC	FRANCE	?	P/O Ralph Häggberg (sw)	(+)
P 7093 ?	FTR 6.	Matlaske Escort	III./JG2 13:10	Cra/s in the British Channel			

Brought down in air combat by German fighter planes during the wellknown German Channel break out, named "Unternehmen Donnerkeil". Ralph Häggberg was never found and has no known grave.

HURRICANE II	12th Feb 1942	RAF 274 SQN	GERMAN AC	NORTH-AFRICA	?	P/O Sven Erik van der Aa Kühle (dk)	(+)
? ?	FTR 7.	El Adem? ?	I./JG 27 ?	Cra/s off area Tobruk			

Last seen in an air combat with a German Bf 109 fighter plane and then diving inverted into the sea. Sven Erik van der Aa Kühle is buried at Tobruk War Cemetery in Tobruk, Libya

BEAUFIGHTER I	17th Apr 1942	RAF 604 SQN	Accident	BRITAIN	?	Ltn. Johan Råd	safe
R 2136 ?	Cat E 8.	Colerne? Training	Error ?	Lan/ on airfield Colerne Wiltshire		with/ Ltn. Leif Løvestad	safe

Overshot and crashed during landing on an airfield Colerne. The crewmember had to drag the pilot out of the burning aircraft.

SPITFIRE V	24th Apr 1942	RAF 234 SQN	GERMAN AC	FRANCE	?	P/O Axel A. Svendsen (dk)	(+)
BL 924 ?	FTR 9.	? Circus 132	II./JG 26 pm	Cra/s probably off Calais			

Lost together with 3 more Spitfires from 234 SQN in air combat against the German expert pilots of Jagdgruppe II./JG 26, who had none aircraft lost. The Spitfire was a Danish presentation aircraft and named "Valdemar Atterdag". It is unknown to me where this pilot is buried

TOMAHAWK II	25th Apr 1942	4 SAAF SQN	GERMAN AC	NORTH-AFRICA	?	Ltn. Christian Knut Langaard	wdb
AK 555 OX-?	FTR 10.	Gasr El Arid Scramble	II./JG 27 ?	Cra/s off Ain-el-Gazala			

This day 12 Tomahawks were scrambled to intercept a formation of enemy aircraft and 10 miles NW of Tobruk they ran into the German formation. During this air combat 4 SAAF SQN claimed 3 German planes as destroyed, but losing two of their own aircraft. However both pilots were seen to bale out. Ltn. Langgaard, on his first combat sortie, was brought down in this violent acombat by German Bf 109 planes. The pilot, althought wounded, baled out successfully over the sea. He was able to claim onboard his rudder dinghy and reached the shore, albeit badly burnt. First he was sent to a hospital near Tobruk, but soon after it was decided to move him with a hospital ship to Alexandria, Egypt. Onboard the hospital ship he was killed when it was bombed by Italian planes. See also date 10th May 1942 in list I regarding this pilot.

SPITFIRE V	17th Jun 1942	RAF 602 SQN	Accident	BRITAIN	?	Sjt. Ole Kornelius Årebrot	(+)
BM 521 LO-K	Cat E 11.	Redhill Training	Oxygen ?	Cra/ Pilstye Farm, Cuckfield SE of Horsham, Sussex			

The Spitfire spun from 23.000 ft into the ground with probably oxygen problems. Sjt. Årebrot and another Norwegian pilot, Sjt. Erik Rolfsson Malm had just joined this wellknown British fighter unit on 2nd Jun 1942. 15 days later the Squadron took of on what was a formation training flight first and then an Army excersise with a "beat up". Further investigations show that apparently the pilot had instructed his rigger to shut off the oxygen and thus probably being himself to blame. The rigger, Methinks, forgot to turn it on during preflight inspection and that the pilot then afterwards failed to check oxygen availability before take off. Initially the pilot was buried at Shooters Hill Cemetery, Greenwich, Britain. After the war he was reburied at Rossebø cemetery, Haugesund, Norway

SPITFIRE V	29th Jun 1942	RAF 122 SQN	Accident	BRITAIN	?	Sjt. Karl-Gustav Silsand	safe
BM 483 ?	Cat E 12.	Martlesham Heat? ?	Error ?	Lan/ on airfield Martlesham Heath			

When returning from probably an escorte mission to France the pilot put down his Spitfire to long inside the runway at airfield Martlesham Head. The aircraft then run out of the runway and hit a brick wall but the pilot was miraculously hardly not injured. The aircraft was however a total loss and had to be classified as Category E. See also date 27th Aug 1942 in this list regarding this pilot.

SPITFIRE V	23rd Jul 1942	RAF 234 SQN	GERMAN AC	FRANCE	?	P/O Jørgen Thalbitzer (dk)	pow
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AB 864	FTR	?	?	Cra/ unknown place	
?	13.	Rhubarb	afternoon		

Brought down in air combat by German fighter planes over France. This Danish pilot was later able to escape from the German camp Stalag Luft III. He would however later tragically die of exposure while attempting to cross the Baltic Sea in a small boat trying to reach neutral Sweden. See list L regarding this.

SPITFIRE V	30th Jul 1942	RAF 122 SQN	GERMAN AC	FRANCE	?	Sjt. Tore Skjeseth	(+)
BM 244	FTR	?	?	Cra/s mid into the British			
?	14.	ASR Patrol	?	Channel.			

Brought down by German planes when this pilot was circling a fellow pilot in the water in the Channel. It is unknown to me where the pilot is buried.

TYPHOON I	30th Jul 1942	RAF 56 SQN	BRITISH AC	BRITAIN	?	Ltn. Erik Haabjörn	safe
R 7853	FTR	West Malling	?	Cra/s near Dungness			
?	15.	Sweep	?				

Brought down due to a misunderstanding by unknown British Spitfire planes. The pilot baled out and was rescued the same afternoon off France. See also dates 1st Jun 1943, 9th May 1944 and 22nd May 1944 in this list regarding this wellknown skilled pilot and leader.

SPITFIRE V	18th Aug 1942	RAF 129 SQN	GERMAN AC	BRITAIN	?	V/Sjt. Sigurd Gerhard Jensen	(+)
BL 934?	Cat E	Hornchurch	III./JG2	Lan/Dam/ on airfield Hornchurch?			
?	16.	Dieppe Raid	?				

129 SQN was launched 09:30 to investigate enemy aircrafts off Cherbourg, France. They encountered two He 59 flatplanes escorted by six Fw 190 fighters. The Fw 190 was from Jagdgruppe III./ JG2 an led by the skilled Oblt Egon Mayer (Kpt 7./JG) with 49 Abschüsse. 129 SQN, led by S/L R-H-Thomas, turned their attention to the two seaplanes and claimed 1 He 115 destroyed by F/L E.S.Hall and 1 He 115 probably destroyed shared by all 12 pilots. However they were then subsequently outmanoeuvred by III./JG2 who claimed 4 Spitfires without own loss. 129 SQN in fact lost three Spitfires, one pilot killed and one taken prisoner of war. A third Spitfire, piloted by Norwegian V/Sjt. Jensen, was badly damaged. With most of one aileron shot off he was able to nurse the Spitfire home and crash land in bad weather. This effort was however in vain as he was injured and already the next day he died. The German floatplanes involved were 2 He 59 from Seenotstaffel 2 based at Cherbourg See. One of them was a total loss 100% but the other was only classified with 10% damage, a bad day as result for 129 SQN. Unknown where this pilot are buried.

SPITFIRE V	27th Aug 1942	RAF 122 SQN	GERMAN AC	FRANCE	?	Sjt. Karl-Gustav Silsand	(+)
AR 402	FTR	Hornchurch	III./JG26	Cra/s off Gris Nez			
MT-V	17.	ASR	?				

This morning it had been some heavy air combat over the Channel and among pilots brought down this morning was the Norwegian Sjt. Halvor Espelid (pow) of 331 SQN. Later in the afternoon RAF sent out 122 SQN, 91 SQN and 154 SQN on an Air Sea Rescue (ASR) mission to look for pilots in the sea. During this search they met the German elite unit Jagdgruppe III./JG26 under the leadership of Hptm. Josef "Pips" Priller. The RAF units took some heavy beatings with 3 pilots killed and 5 Spitfires lost and they were only awarded 2 Fw 190 damaged. Sjt. Silsand was able to bale out after his aircraft was hit but probably he was too low. He was observed floating in the sea with a life waist. A fellow pilot dropped down a rubber dinghy, but he was not able to reach it and probably he drowned. See also date 29th Jun 1942 in this list regarding this pilot. The body of Karl-Gustav Silsand was sadly never found afterwards.

SPITFIRE V	11th Oct 1942	RAF 64 SQN	GERMAN AC	BE-NE-LX	?	Ltn. Eiliv Schjelderup Strømme	(+)
BR 596	FTR	Hornchurch	I./JG26	Cra/ near Noordpeene/			
?	18.	Rodeo 101	?	Zuytpeene			

No further details. It is unknown to me where this pilot is buried.

SPITFIRE V	11th Apr 1943	RAF 232 SQN	GERMAN AC	NORTH-AFRICA	?	P/O Colin Frank Sørensen (dk)	pow
ER 723	FTR	Souk-el-Khemis	I./JG53	Cra/ near El Aouina, Tunis			
?	19.	Sweep	09:00-10:00				

This day W/C Berry of RAF 322 Wing led 34 Spitfires from 81 SQN, 154 SQN and 232 Sqn on a sweep over the bay of Tunis at 23000 feet. Over El Aouina German Junkers Ju 52 transport planes were seen taking off. 232 SQN was ordered to dive down and attack. However doing so German Bf 109 fighters appeared and attacked during the dive and on the way back. F/L Lynes set one Ju 52 partly on fire when PO Sørensen nipped in and finished it off, but was himself then jumped by a Bf 109 and shot down. However he was able to crash land his Spitfire and was taken pow by the Germans. He was since then reported missing by the RAF and sent by the Germans to Stalag Luft 3 in Germany. In Stalag Luft III he took part in the "Great Escape" in March 1944. He was No 81, however No 76 was in the tunnel when the German guards discovered the escape. Of the 76 who escaped, only 3 reached freedom. Of the 73 captured, 50 were shot by the direct order of Hitler.

SPITFIRE IX	30th May 1943	RAF 611 SQN	GERMAN AC	FRANCE	?	Ltn. Rolf Thorbjørn Tradin	(+)
EN 562	FTR	?	?	Cra/s off coast of France			
?	20.	Ramrod	pm				

It is unknown to me where he is buried. Rolf Thorbjørn Tradin was a former Norwegian Army Air Force pilot before the war and met the Germans in the air on 9th Apr 1940 flying a Gladiator plane up from airfield Fornebu, near Oslo.

TYPHOON I	1st Jun 1943	RAF 609 SQN	GERMAN G/f	BRITAIN	?	Kapt. Erik Haabjörn	safe
DN 380	FTR	Manston	?	Cra/s into the British Channel			
?	21.	Roadstead	early am				

No further details. See also dates 30th Jul 1942, 9th May 1944 and 22nd May 1944 in this list regarding this pilot.

SPITFIRE V	6th Jul 1943	RAF 118 SQN	Accident	BRITAIN	?	Fnr. Søren Kjell Liby	safe
EP 124	Cat E	Coltishall	Engine	Bla/ 2 mls E of airfield			
?	22	?	?	Coltishall			

Engine cut shortly after start and became a complete write-off. The pilot was surprisingly uninjured. See also dates 29th Apr 1942 and 16th Aug 1943 in list H for this pilot.

SPITFIRE V	27th Jul 1943	RAF 611 SQN	GERMAN AC	BRITAIN	?	Ltn. Kjell L`Abbè-Lund	safe
?	Cat B/C	Matlaske?	III./JG 54	Lan/Sda/ on airfield			
?	x	Ramrod 12G 20	20:15	Matlaske?			

Hit in air combat with German Bf 109 planes, but the pilot was able to return back. This aircraft was damaged in both wings, ailerons, rudder and tail. The pilot claimed 1 Bf 109 damaged in this combat.

SPITFIRE V	16th Aug 1943	RAF 118 SQN	GERMAN G/f	FRANCE	?	Fnr. Søren Kjell Liby	evad
EP 126	1943	Merston	?	Cra/ area Crecy			
?	23.	Ramrod	pm				

The Spitfire was brought down by German ground fire, but the pilot was unharmed. Unknown to me if the pilot baled out or he had a successfully force landing. See also date 29th April 1942 and 6th Jul

1943 regarding this pilot. The pilot evaded safe back to Britain in October 1943

SPITFIRE V	23rd Aug 1943	RAF 611 SQN	GERMAN S/f	BE-NE-LX	?	P/O Jens Henning Gielstrup (dk)	(+)
P 8545	FTR	Coltishall	Armed Trawlers	Cra/s 10 km W of Den Helder			
?	24.	Distill	10:41				

8 Spitfire planes were on a mission and had crossed the North Sea at low level. Then the formation turned north near Egmond towards Den Helder off the Dutch coast. Here they observed 8-10 armed German trawlers and the leader of the formation, S/L Davies, ordered a low level attack. However not surprisingly they were met by accurate German defence fire and S/L Davis was shot down straight away and shortly after also P/O Gielstrup crashed into the water. The body of this Danish pilot has never been found and he has no known grave.

MUSTANG I	29th Aug 1943	RAF 2 SQN	Unknown	FRANCE	?	Kapt. Christian Fredrik Jean-Hansen	(+)
AM 109	FTR	?	?	Cra/ probably near St. Andre			
?	25.	Popular	10:00				

The pilot just disappeared, the aircraft was last seen over area St.Andre. The pilot has probably no known grave.

BEAUFIGHTER VI	7th Oct 1943	RAF 604 SQN	Accident	BRITAIN	107285	F/L Ole Bechgaard (dk)	(+)
V 8557	Cat E	Catterick	?	Cra/ 500yards S of		(with/ RAF crew +)	
?	26	Test	14:50s	airfield Catterick			

Was on an air test when it stalled due to unknown reason and spun into the ground. The pilot was then killed. Ole Bechgaard were probably born in Denmark by Danish parents, but some references note that his parents were Swedish. He volunteers for the Royal Air Force at some time around 1942. Ole Bechgaard was buried at Catterick cemetery, Catterick in Britain

MOSQUITO XII	9th Oct 1943	RAF 85 SQN	BRITISH G/f	BRITAIN	?	Ltn. Per Adolf Thorén	(+)
HK 120	FTR	West Malling	?	Cra/s off Dover		(with/ P/O Bengé +)	
?	27.	Night Patrol	?				

The Mosquito was on a night patrol, which was the pilots first combat sortie. The crew got a radar contact with a German plane and followed it and prepared to attack. At that moment was their own aircraft brought down and crashed into the water just off Dover. Later when the wreck was raised, it was found tracers of cannon fire that led to the conclusion that it was shot down by own Dover A.A. units. The pilot has probably no known grave.

SPITFIRE IX	20th Jan 1944	RAF 165 SQN	Accident	BRITAIN	?	F/Sgt Ingvar Håkansson (sw)	wd
MH 822	Cat B	Culmhead	Collision	Lan/Sda/ on airfield			
Y	x	Scramble	pm	Culmhead			

Collided due to unknown reason during landing with another Spitfire plane from 165 SQN. However the pilot was able to do a successfully force landing. The other involved pilot F/O Eric Hamilton Francis was unfortunately killed in this accident with Spitfire IX MH796. See also date 9th Jul 1944 in this list regarding this Swedish pilot.

MOSQUITO XIII	8th Feb 1944	RAF 85 SQN	Accident	BRITAIN	?	(F/L Woods +)	(+)
HK 374	FTR	West Malling	Collision	Cra/ Lumley, Emsworthe		with/ Ltn. Jan Otto Richard Bugge (sw?)	
?	28.	Patrol	late pm	Hamshire			

The Mosquito collided with a British Wellington plane (LN186) in the air whilst on "Bullseye" exercise and then broke up. See also date 9th Oct 1943 in this list regarding this elite units. Unknown to me where Ltn. Bugge was buried.

TYPHOON I	16th Mar 1944	RAF 247 SQN	Accident	BRITAIN	?	Sjt. Sinjo Reidar Ryen	safe
?	Cat B?	Milfeld?	Engine	Bla/ near Arundel			
?	x	Training	?				

Had to belly land due to engine problems, but the pilot was unharmed. See also dates 26th Apr 1944 and 18th Jul 1944 in this list regarding this pilot.

TYPHOON I	26th Apr 1944	RAF 247 SQN	Accident	BRITAIN	?	Sjt. Sinjo Reidar Ryen	safe
?	Cat E?	Milfeld?	Engine	Bla/ along a railway line			
?	29.	Training	?	place unknown			

Got an engine cut and the pilot first tried to bale out, but was not able to open the cockpit hood. The pilot was then thrown out of the aircraft but escaped unhurt during a rough belly landing. See also dates 16th Mar 1944 and 18th Jul 1944 in this list regarding this pilot.

TYPHOON I	9th May 1944	RAF 124 WING	Accident	FRANCE	?	Oberstlt. Erik Haabjörn	safe
MN 405	FTR	Hurn	Engine	Cra/s into the Channel			
?	30.	Fighter Sweep	?	appx 20 miles N of Dunkirk			

The pilot, leading 23 Typhoon planes from his wing, was on a long range fighter sweeps on a outbound mission. Suddenly the pilot gave his callsignal and said "My engines stopping" and zoomed up from sea level with a dead propeller. At 500ft or so, when the aircraft was nearly stalling, he baled out quickly and cleanly, and almost at once his parachute began to stream and opens. The pilot fell into the water and was 55 minutes later picked up dreadfully cold by a British Walrus rescue flying boat. See also dates 30th Jul 1942, 1st Jun 1943 and 22nd May 1944 in this list for this pilot.

SPITFIRE IX	21st May 1944	RAF 132 SQN	GERMAN G/f	BRITAIN	?	Kapt. Arnt Augestad Hvinden	safe
?	Cat E?	Ford	?	Lan/Dam/ airfield Ford			
?	31.	Rhubarb	noon				

Hit by German ground fire, but the pilot was able to return back. See also dates 27th Jan 1944 in List C and 14th Jul 1944 in this list regarding this pilot

SPITFIRE IX	22nd May 1944	RAF 1 SQN	GERMAN G/f	FRANCE	?	F/Sgt Erik Flohr Jacobsen (dk)	(+)
MK 890	FTR	Predannack	?	Cra/ unknown place			
?	32.	Rhubarb	pm				

Brought down by German groundfire and the Danish pilot was then killed. Erik Flohr Jacobsen is buried in the St. Eloy Cemetery in France.

TYPHOON I	22nd May 1944	RAF 124 WING	GERMAN G/f	FRANCE	?	Oberstlt. Erik Haabjörn	safe
MN 543	FTR	Hurn	?	Cra/s 2 mls off Dieppe			
?	33.	?	?				

Hit by German ground fire shortly after an attack on a radar station at Vaudricourt in North-France when leading in 24 Typhoon planes from his ground attack wing. When hit, he was flying very low, as he crossed out over the coast just north of the harbour at Dieppe. As he passed over it his engine stopped. He pulled hard on the stick, came up to about 700ft and baled out in his practised manner. This was in fact the third time he had done it. Shortly afterwards he was in the sea with his dinghy, easily in sight of the harbour wall. Friendly aircrafts gathered over him since he was so close to the

shore. Eventually also Spitfire planes turned up to relieve the Typhoon planes. However in due course a Walrus flying boat pilot landed 2miles off Dieppe, in reputed minefields, and picked him up. See also dates 30th July 1942, 1st Jun 1943 and 9th May 1944 in this list regarding this lucky pilot.

SPITFIRE XIV	9th Jul 1944	RAF 610 SQN	Accident	BRITAIN	?	F/Sgt Ingvar F. Håkansson (sw)	(+)
RB 153	FTR	Westhampnett?	Engine	Cra/s off Dungeness			
?	34	Diver	?				

Had an engine cut while attacking a V-1 rocket and crashed into the sea off Britain. The Swedish pilot then baled out, but was never found. See also date 20th January 1944 in this list regarding this pilot. Ingvar F. Håkansson is commemorated in the Runnymede Memorial as he has no known grave.

SPITFIRE IX	14th Jul 1944	RAF 132 SQN	GERMAN G/f	FRANCE	?	Kapt. Arnt Augestad Hvinden	safe
?	Cat B?	B11 Longues	?	Fla/ unknown place			
?	x	?	?				

See also dates 27th Jan 1944 in List C and 21st May 1944 in this list regarding this pilot.

TYPHOON I	18th Jul 1944	RAF 247 SQN	Accident	FRANCE	?	Sjt. Sinjo Reidar Ryen	(+)
MN 597	FTR	B6 Coulombes	Engine	Cra/ near airfield B14 Amblie			
?	35.	Armed Reece	?				

The Typhoon hit a hump during landing and then caught fire. The pilot was pulled out of the wreck, but sadly died after a few minutes. See also dates 16th Mar 1944 and 26th Apr 1944 in this list regarding this pilot. Sinjo Reidar Ryen was the first Norwegian to be killed while flying the Typhoon in RAF. The pilot earlier obtained a DFC decoration. Unknown where this pilot is buried.

SPITFIRE IX	1st Aug 1944	RAF 602 SQN	GERMAN G/f	FRANCE	?	Kapt. Thorvald Johnsen	(+)
MK 614	FTR	B11 Longues	?	Cra/ 5 mls NE of Condé			
?	36.	Armed Reece	18:00				

Brought down by German ground fire and the pilot was at this time a very successful Norwegian flight leader in 602 SQN. Unknown to me where he is buried.

TYPHOON I	24th Sep 1944	RAF 137 SQN	GERMAN AC	GERMANY	?	Major Gunnar Piltingsrud	(+)
MN 955	FTR	B78 Eindhoven	II./JG26	Cra/ Labbeck			
?	37.	?	afternoon	SW of Arnhem			

Brought down in air combat by German planes. The Norwegian pilot was at that time the leader of 137 SQN. Gunnar Piltingsrud was one of two brothers fighting in the RAF, the other was Arvid Piltingsrud. .It is still not known where the pilot now rest, but he war probably first buried at the Reichwald War Cemetery, Kleve in Germany

SPITFIRE IX	13th Oct 1944	RAF 222 SQN	GERMAN G/f	BE-NE-LX	143462	F/O Niels Juul Rysensten Buchwald (dk)	(+)
PT 718	FTR	B35 Godelmesnil	?	Cra/ near Schoondijke			
?	38.	Bombing & Strafe	12:55-13:15				

Led by S/L H.C. Rigby, D.F.C., the Squadron carried out a bombing attack on houses of a village at Schoondijke where German soldiers were taking cover, achieving 11 direct hits. Red section also strafed a number of Met entering the village making two attacks and Red 4 was suddennly nowhere to be seen after the second despite the section searched for him. F/O Buchwald was the pilot and he was killed. He is initially buried in Holland, but after the war in 1946 a Danish relief worker in Holland discovers the grave. On 4th November 1946, he is repatriated in a ceremony in the Cathedral in Viborg, Denmark. He is now buried at Bislev Cemetery, Denmark. 222 Sqn ORB records the his aircraft as as MK 774 this day, but the aircraft in question is for sure PT 718. He was born on 1st October 1915 in Denmark. He is trained as pilot three times. In Britain before the war as a civilian pilot, in Denmark as a Royal Danish Naval pilot and then in Britain again during the war as a Spitfire pilot. He He was discharged from the Naval Air Service in 1940 following an incident of reckless flying in a civilian aircraft. He returns university studies. In August 1942, he manages to escape from occupied Denmark paddling the Sound between Denmark and Sweden in a kayak. He was credited with 19 operational sorties in RAF 234 SQN and RAF 222 SQN

SPITFIRE IX	30th Oct 1944	RAF 127 SQN	GERMAN G/f	BE-NE-LX	?	Kapt. Gunnar Fosse	(+)
NH 479	FTR	B60 Grimbergen	?	Cra/ Nieuw-en-Sint Joosland			
?	39.	Armed Reece.	08:45				

No further details. It is unknown to me where this pilot was buried.

TEMPEST V	17th Dec 1944	RAF 80 SQN	GERMAN G/f	GERMANY	?	Ltn. Johan Bernhard Gilhuus	(+)
EJ 746	FTR	B80 Volkel	?	Cra/ near Raesfeld			
?	40.	?	?				

Ltn. Gilhuus was the first and only Norwegian to be killed while flying Tempest plane in the RAF. See also date 5th Jan 1944 in list ? regarding this pilot. Unknown to me where the pilot is buried.

TYPHOON I	31st Dec 1944	RAF 181 SQN	GERMAN G/f ?	BE-NE-LX	?	Kapt. Hans Ragnar Isachsen	pow
MN 690	FTR	B78 Eindhoven	?	Cra/ near Vielsalm			
?	41.	?	?				

The Spitfire was probably brought down by German ground fire. The pilot broke one of his arm when he baled out of the aircraft. He however tried to escape but later the same day he was caught by a German patrol in a nearby wood and put into prison.

SPITFIRE IX	3rd Feb 1945	RNoAF 132 WING	GERMAN G/f	BE-NE-LX	?	Oberstltn. Rolf Arne Berg	(+)
PV 181	FTR	B79 Woensdr.	?	Cra/ farmhouse, near			
RAB	42.	Armed Reece	15:25 - 16:20	the center of village Eelde			

The Spitfire, piloted by Oberstltn. Berg, led 12 more aircraft from 332 SQN to strafe airfield Eelde although no enemy planes were observed. Led by him they attacked hangars and surrounding buildings and suddenly the whole sky was filled with explosives and coloured traces from German ground fire but the attack never the less continued. Then his Spitfire aircraft was seen hit in the port wing near the the fuselage and the wing broke off immediately. The Spitfire turned over several times before crashing into a farm house near the village Eelde The Spitfire had landed upside down in the farmhouse and the canopy came down nearby, so Oberstltn. Berg may have attempted to bale out but had run out of time. The farmhouse was wrecked and German soldiers then arrived removed the body and wrapped it in the parachute. Rolf Arne Berg was buried three days later at Eelde Cemetery. The pilot was one of the leading Norwegian fighter leaders and his aircraft was marked with his personal code

TEMPEST V	2nd Mar 1945	RAF 80 SQN	GERMAN AC	GERMANY	?	Kapt. Olav Ullestad	evad
EJ 691	FTR	B80 Volkel	?	Cra/ SW of Rheine			
?	43.	?	08:50				

Brought down in air combat with German Bf 109 planes over Rheine. However the pilot was able to bale out successfully and then was able to evade capture, returning later.

SPITFIRE XIV	26th Mar 1945	RAF 41 SQN	Accident	BE-NE-LX	?	Fnr. Carl Sejersted Bødtker	wd
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MV 255 ?	Cat E 44.	B78 Eindhoven Patrol	Engine am	Lan/Dam/ on airfield B80 Volkel	
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Got engine problems, despite this the pilot was able to land safe back back at an airfield. Fnr. Sejersted Bødtker was one of the few Norwegian to fly a a Spitfire XIV on combat missions.

MUSTANG IV KH 795 WHC	18th Apr 1945 FTR 45.	RAF HUNS WING ? Ramrod	Accident Technical 13:45	GERMANY Cra/ near Handorf	?	Oberstltm. Werner Hosewinkel Christie	pow
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rashed due to a fire started in the hydraulics below the cockpit floor, around or just in front of the the rudder pedals. The pilot was able to bale out successfully and was then taken pow. Werner Hosewinkl Christie was one of the leading Norwegian fighter pilots and fighter leaders. The aircraft was marked with his personal code WHC.

MUSTANG III KH 478 ?	4th May 1945 FTR 46.	RAF 126 SQN Bentwaters Ramrod 1559	GERMAN S/f ? ?	GERMANY Cra/s prob.off peninsula Als 20-30 km NE of Sønderborg	?	Major Arne Austeen	(+)
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The Mustang was hit by German shipsfire when attacking naval vessels in area Flensburger Förde, Germany. Major Austeen was the Commanding Officer of 126 SQN. Arne Austeen was one of the few Norwegian to lead a pure British RAF Squadron during the war. Sadly he was killed just before the end of the war in Europe. It is unknown to me where this pilot was buried.

LIST B CASUALTIES DAY BY DAY FROM ALLIED BOMBER AND COASTAL UNITS

Aircraft	Date	Unit	Reason	Place down	Id	Pilot or with/ Crewmember	Fate
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BLenheim IV T 2255 ?	28th Mar 1941 FTR 1.	RAF 203 SQN Khormaksar Reece	ITALIAN G/f ? 07:05 start	ETHIOPIA Cra/ near Awash	?	F/O Peter Møller (dk) (with/ Sgt Salisbury +) (with/ Sgt Davidson +)	(+)
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On a recce mission over the area Awash-Adama in Ethiopia when it were hit over the taget and had to force land.

BLenheim IV T 2128 QY-J	20th Sep 1941 Cat E 2.	RAF 254 SQN Aldergrove Training	Accident Error? ?	BRITAIN Cra/s Lough Neagh 4 mls SE of Randalstown, North-Ireland	?	Sgt Knud Flemming van der Aa Kühle (dk) (with/ Sgt R.Steel +) (with/ AC2 T.W.Vickers +)	(+)
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During a training flight apparently hit the sea. The crew practised attack on ships this day.

BEAUFORT I AW 197 MW-E	11th Oct 1941 FTR 3.	RAF 217 SQN St. Eval Minelaying	Unknown ? 18:41 start	FRANCE Cra/s off Brest	?	(Sgt Perry +) with/ Sgt Carl Thomsen (dk) (with/ Sgt. F.Gornall pow) (with/ Sgt. C.Earl +)	(+)
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Lost due to unknown reason off Brest. France. Later the whole crew of four was commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial.

HUDSON I ? ?	9th Feb 1942 FTR 4.	RAF 48 SQN Wick ?	GERMAN S/f ? ?	NORWAY Cra/s off Egersund, Rogaland	?	Fnr. Gunnar Krogsbøl (with/ unk RAF crew +) (with/ unk RAF crew +) (with/ unk RAF crew +)	(+)
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Brought down by German shipsfire during an attack on a German convoy off the Norwegian coast.

WELLINGTON I HX 369 Q	30th May 1942 FTR 5.	RAF 1 OADU Gibraltar Delivery Flight	ITALIAN/GERMAN G/f island (Pantelleria ? ?	ITALY Fla/ near Licata, southern part of island Sicily	?	F/L Gustav H. Lønneberg (sw) (with/ Sgt F.A.Rawlings pow) (with/ Sgt A.J.P.Palmer pow) (with/ Sgt W.J.McCullogh pow) (with/ Sgt R.Blythe pow) (with/ Sgt E.H.Engledow pow)	pow evad
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Was on the way to Malta from Gibraltar but lost direction and came in over the Italian island Pantelleria. Here the aircraft was hit by enemy ground fire. The crew sought, but did not receive call signs for a bearing from Malta. The damaged aircraft then had to force land land at island Sicily. The crew first evaded the enemy but was however captured after several days. F/L Lønneberg however was later able to escape and return to Britain. From the autumn of 1943 to February 1946 he served in RAF Transport Command.

BEAUFIGHTER I T 4761 ?	26th Jun 1942 FTR 6.	RAF 235 SQN ? ASR Patrol	Accident Engine ?	BE-NE-LX Fla/s 25km N of Terschelling	?	P/O Arne O. Arnesen (dk) (with/ Sgt Walker pow)	pow
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Due to engine problems had to ditch and the crew then went into a rubber dinghy. Later rescued by the Germans and taken pow.

HALIFAX II DT 647 MP-P	17th-18th Jan 1943 FTR 7.	RAF 76 SQN Linton-on-Ouse Bomb Opr	GERMAN AC I./NJG3 16:22 start	BE-NE-LX Cra/s probably off the Dutch coast	N 1120 N 1126	Kapt. Bjørn Håkon Naess with/ Ltn. Bjarne Indseth (with/ Sgt Lamb +) (with/ Sgt Moody +) (with/ Sgt Stinton +) (with/ Sgt Saunders) (+) (with/ Sgt Green +)	(+) (+)
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Had Berlin as target this night and after the start and from then on the aircraft disappeared without trace. However a German report shows that they were in air combat with a German nightfighter plane probably of Nachtjagdgruppe I./NJG 3 and brought down off the the Dutch coast

BLenheim V AZ 961 S	26th Jan 1943 Cat E 8.	RAF 1655 MCU Marham Training	Accident Engine ?	BRITAIN Bla/ Parke Farm, unknown area	N 1770	(F/L E.A.Costaello-Bowen safe) with/ Ltn. Tycho Castberg Moe (with/ unk Allied groundcrew safe)	safe
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(with/ unk Allied groundcrew safe)

An engine cut obliging the crew to force land wheels up. In addition to the two officers the aircraft had three ground crew onboard. Note that Lt, Moe was not a pilot on this training sortie. See also date 26th Feb 1943 in this list regarding this Norwegian pilot.

MOSQUITO IV	26th Feb 1943	RAF 139 SQN	Unknown	FRANCE	N 1770	Ltn. Tycho Castberg Moe	(+)
DZ 481	FTR	Marham	?	Cra/ probably	N 5132	with/ Fnr. Ottar Smedsaas	(+)
XD-L	9.	Bomb Opr	16:50 start	in the British Channel			

The Mosquito aircraft and 19 more of 139 SQN and 105 SQN had as target a naval store depot near Rennes, France. This crew was lost probably on the return trip, however this was not observed from the other crews. Most probably the Mosquito aircraft crashed into the Channel and the crew and aircraft are still not found. A reason for the loss could have been German ground fire around Cherbourg. Attacking German target in broad daylight was a daring type of operation and called for brave crews. In May 1943 these two Mosquito units ceased daylight operations and switched their activities to night bombing. See also the date 26th Jan 1943 in this list regarding this pilot.

LANCASTER I	16th-17th Apr 1943	RAF 156 SQN	GERMAN G/f	FRANCE	?	P/O Harald Roy Andersen (dk)	(+)
W 4854	FTR	Warboys	?	Cra/ Brimont, Marne,		(with/ Sgt Brougham-Faddy +)	
GT-?	10.	Bomb Opr	21:26 start	10 km NNW of Rheims		(with/ P/O Bordycott +)	
						(with/ Sgt Gooding +)	
						(with/ P/O Smith +)	
						(with/ Sgt Stephens +)	
						(with/ F/Sgt Woolnough +)	

Was on a long pathfinder range mission to bomb the Skoda works in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. However on the return this aircraft was brought down by German groundfire over Brimonmt, Marne in France. Harald Roy Andersen was born 16th Oct 1921 in East Challow, near Swindon in Britain by Danish parents.. He volunteers for the Royal Air Force and was trained as a pilot. He had only been with the unit for a month when he was shot down. The crew were all buried in the Brimont Churchyard, Marne in France The pilot was strangely awarded a DFC on 16th Apr 1943 post mortem.

HALIFAX V	23rd-24th May 1943	RAF 76 SQN	GERMAN AC	GERMANY	?	(F/Sgt Bawden +)	
DK 172	FTR	Linton-on-Ouse	III./NJG1	Cra/ Greven,		Ltn. Per Waaler	pow
MF-L	11.	Bomb Opr	22:27 - 01:02	24 km SE Rheine		(with/ *Sgt Knowles pow)	
						(with/ *SgtThick pow)	
						(with/ Sgt Musgrove +)	
						(with/ *Sgt Smith pow)	
						(with/ Sgt Greenhalgh +)	
						(with/ Sgt Hitchcock +)	

Probably brought down in combat with a German plane. Target this night was the city of Dortmund in Germany. Ltn. Waaler as co-pilot was on his first operational mission and was a Gladiator pilot in the Hærens Flyvåpen (Norwegian Army Air Force) when the Germans attacked Norway on 9th Apr 1940. He died in Norway in 2014 as one of the longest living Norwegian wartime pilots.

STIRLING III	21st-22nd Jun 1943	RAF 218 SQN	GERMAN AC	BE-NE-LX	1438341	(P/O P.O.Shillinglaw +)	
BK 712	FTR	Downham Market	II./NJG1	Cra/ Langdorp (Brabant),		with/ F/O Arne Hroar Helvard (dk)	(+)
HA-D	12.	Bomb Opr	00:14 start	4 km NE of Arschot		(with/ Sgt R.P.Goward +)	
						(with/ Sgt P.D.McArdle +)	
						(with/ Sgt T.T. Lunn +)	
						(with/ F/Sgt D.J. Ashby-Peckham +)	
						(with/ Sgt A.E.Gurney +)	
						(with/ Sgt E.D.Hart +)	

The aircraft is part of a 705 aircraft strong force heading for Krefeld in Germany this night . However BK712 never makes it to the target. The aircraft is successfully attacked by a German night fighter. The crew is the 13thLt. victim of Heinz-Wolfgang Schnauffer of II./NJG1. Ltn Schnauffer is later to be the topscoring German nightfighter ace during the war. The crew is buried the same day in a common grave in Langdorp churchyard. Military honours are accorded the deceased by a party of 3-4 German officers and about 6 soldiers. Three rounds are fired over the graves. No civilians are allowed to participate, but a Unions Jack is hung over the grave and a floral tribute is placed as well. The Danish crewmember F/O Helvard had just been attached to 218 SQN from 1651 HCU.

MOSQUITO IV	18th Jul 1943	RAF 1655 MTU	Accident	BRITAIN	N 1014	Kapt. Olav Bakke Stene	(+)
DZ 495	Cat E	Marham	Collision	Cra/ river Ouse opposite Carton	N 1147	with/ Ltn. Kjell Løchen	(+)
?	13.	Training	15:00	10 km NW of Bedford			

The Mosquito aircraft with their Norwegian crew was, in good visibility, training low level flying. They were flying low along the valley of river Ouse towards Harold and must just passed Turvey when, opposite Carlton Churce at a height of roughly 45 feet, the Mosquito struck the high electricity tension cables spanning the river. It then crashed to ground in the riverside

HALIFAX V	29th-30th Jul 1943	RAF 76 SQN	GERMAN AC	GERMANY	N 1581	Sjt. Arne Reidar Bjercke	(+)
ED 244	FTR	Holme-on-Spalding	II./JGr Herrmann	Cra/ near Oberndorf,	?	with/ Sjt. Odd Grønfor Olsen	pow
MF-X	14.	Bomb Opr	22:33 - 01:45?	27 km NW Stade, Niedersachsen		(with/ Sgt Morrison pow)	
						(with/ F/O Daniel +)	
						(with/ Sgt Roberts pow)	
						(with/ Sgt Daniels pow)	
						(with/ Sgt Bates pow)	

Hit by German groundfire near or over the target Hamburg city. The crew consisted of 5 British and 2 Norwegians, the last were the pilot, Sjt Bjercke and the telegraphist Sjt. Grønfor Olsen. The pilot after being hit set course for home but had troubles in keeping up the altitude. However before reaching the coastlne, they became an easy prey for a German nightfighter plane who attacked them. The pilot then ordered the crew to bale out and so they did one by one except for Sjt. Grønfor Olsen who was ordered to take cover in the tailend. The pilot tried to force land but this this was not a success as it turned out to be a heavy impact and the aircraft started afterwards to burn. Sadly the brave Sjt Bjercke was killed immediately but Sjt. Grønfor Olsen by a miracle woke up battered and survived. He set course for Lübeck harbour but was taken pow after 5 days by the Germans.

LANCASTER III	15th-16th Sep 1943	RAF 617 SQN	GERMAN G/f	GERMANY	116688	(S/L Holden +)	
EE 144	FTR	Coningsby	?	Cra/ near (Altendorf)?		with/ F/L Torger Harlo Taerum (ca)	(+)
AJ-S	15.	Bomb Opr	23:56 start			(with/ Sgt Powell +)	
						(with/ F/O Spafford +)	
						(with/ F/L Hutchinson +)	
						(with/ P/O Deering +)	
						(with F/O Pringle +)	

					(with P/O Meikle +)
The Lancater aircraft from the famous "Dam Busters" Squadron was on a mission to bomb the Dortmund-Ems canal near Ladbergen. It was however hit by light German groundfire in 300 feet highh and crashed burning near Altendorf in Germany. Four from this crew, including F/L Taerum, had accompanied W/C G.Gibson on the legendary Dams raid in May 1943 when 8 planes of 19 did not return. Torgger "Terry" Harlo Taernum was born 22nd May 1920 at Milo, Alberta in Canada of Norwegian parents, that is to say that his father was born in Norway and his mother born born in USA. He joined the RCAF and was educated as a navigator in Canada. He had in fact a younger brother, Sgt Lorne Clifford Taernum, who was killed as a gunner with 550 SQN, a bomber unit, on 3rd Feb 1945. (See this date below).					
HALIFAX V	22nd-23rd Sep 1943	RAF 76 SQN	GERMAN AC	GERMANY	
EB 253	FTR	Holme-on-Spalding	IV./NJG1	Cra/ Bergfine, 3 km NE of Damme,	N 5369
MP-C	16.	Bomb Opr	18:35 start	NW of lake Dümmer, S Cloppenburg	N 5170
					Sjt. Birger Fjærvoll (+)
					with/ Sjt. Arthur Gustav Olger Osnes (+)
					(with/ Sgt Meredith +)
					(with/ Sgt Old +)
					(with/ Sgt Kerr +)
					(with/ Sgt Stohard +)
					(with/ Sgt Deni pow)

Probably brought down by a German nightfighter plane of the elite unit Nachtjagdgruppe IV./NJG 1. Reference W.R.Chorley state perhaps wrongly that crashsite was near Ströhen, 7km ESE of Wgenfeldt, who lies slightly to the east.

					(W/O S.K.Knott p)
LANCASTER I	27t-28th Sep 1943	RAF 106 SQN	GERMAN AC	GERMANY	
ED 372	FTR	Kirmington	III./JG300	Cra/ Gross-Giesen,	?
AS-?	17.	Bomb Opr	19:21	5 km NNW of Hildesheim	
					with/ Fnr. Finn Bergan pow
					(with/ Sgt J.H.Brewer +)
					(with/ Sgt R.Wild +)
					(with/ Sgt M.Guerin pow)
					(with/ Sgt S.Bunyan pow)
					(with/ Sgt L.H.W.Butler +)
					(with/ Sgt R.J.Franklin pow)
					(with/ F/L J.D.Hill pow)

Probably brought down by a German nightfighter plane. The Norwegian Fnr. Bergan and F/L Hill belonged to a RAF Film unit and was not members of 106 SQN.

					N 253
HALIFAX V	3rd-4th Oct 1943	RAF 76 SQN	GERMAN AC	BE-NR-LX	
DK 203	FTR	Holme-on-Spalding	IV./NJG1	Cra/s 400m E of island	?
MP-A	18.	Bomb Opr	18:30 start	Terschelling	?
					Fnr. Niels Stockfleth Darre Eckhoff (+)
					with/ Sjt. Sigmund Meieran pow
					with/ Sjt. Jens Skjellanger pow
					(*with/ Sgt Hayes +)
					(*with/ Sgt Coupe pow)
					(*with/ Sgt Coster pow)
					(*with/ F/O Sheerman +)

The Halifax aircraft, according to reference Harvey Meieran (nephew), probably had a collision with a German nightfighter outwards during a mission to Kassel in Germany. During a collision in the air or or a hit by a ground fire, the front nose piece of the bomber was sheared off. The pilot then decided to turn back to Britain and doing so it was later attacked by another nightfighter over Holland. The German pilot was the ace Ofw. Heinz Vinke from who claimed his 30tht victory west of island Terschelling. The Norwegian pilot Fnr. Eckhoff baled and so did the rest of the crew, however he did not survive. The other two Norwegians Sjt. Meiran and Sjt Skjelanger both baled out out successfully and were taken prisoners of war the next day. Sigmund. Meiran escaped from German POW- camps 6 times and he was recaptured 6 times. In 2009 he was in good health (for an 89 years old veteran) and has recently been interviewed by NRK (Norwegian Broadcasting Company). He was living in living in Agura Hills, California, USA by 2010.

					N 349
HALIFAX V	22nd-23rd Oct 1943	RAF 76 SQN	GERMAN G/f	GERMANY	
LK 664	FTR	Holme-on-Spalding	?	Cra/ near Bühne, 48 km W of	
MP-U	19.	Bomb Opr	17:31 - late evn	Trendelburg, 34 km NW of Kassel	
					Fnr. Leif Woodrow Hulthin (+)
					(with/ W/O Blackburn +)
					(with/ Sgt Machan +)
					(with/ F/O Murfitt +)
					(with/ P/O Barden +)
					(with/ Sgt Southern +)
					(with/ Sgt Brawn +)
					(with/ P/O Pringle +)

The aircrat was on a bombing mission to Kassel this night. Over the target area they were brought down late probably by German groundfire and crashed NW of Kassel. The crew was first buried in Bühne Civil Cemetery, just outside Kassel in Germany. Reference W.R.Chorley (RAF Bomber Command Losses 1943) wrongly state that the crash site to be Welda, 5km SW Warburg, 31 km NW of Kassel. Ltn. Hulthis was probably after the war reburied in Norway.

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MUSTANG I	31st Oct 1943	RAF 168 SQN	GERMAN G/f ?	FRANCE	
FD 554	FTR	?	?	Cra/ 6 km SW of Dol	
?	20.	Photo Reece	16:15		Fnr. Jan Gert von Tangen (+)

Brought down over France due to unknown reason. However probably hit by German ground fire.

					N 5133
HALIFAX V	25th-26th Nov 1943	RAF 76 SQN	GERMAN G/f	GERMANY	
LK 903	FTR	Holme-on-Spalding	?	Cra/ near Frankfurt	
MP-G	21.	Bomb Opr	23:20 - 04:00		Fnr. Knut Lindaas (+)
					(with/ Sgt Short pow)
					(with/ F/Sgt Melhuish pow)
					(with/ Sgt Guertin pow)
					(with/ Sgt Beer pow)
					(with/Sgt Seatter pow)
					(with/ Sgt Beadle pow)

Probably brought down by German ground fire. The Norwegian pilot ordered the crew to bail out, but was unable to do so himself. He is probably still buried at Durnbachry War Cemetery in Germany and the reason for this is unknown to me.

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HALIFAX V	26th-27th Nov 1943	RAF 76 SQN	Accident	BRITAIN	
DK 167	Cat E	Holme-on-Spalding	Weather	Cra/ on airfield Holme-on-Spalding	?
MP-A	22.	Bomb Opr	16:54-00:55		Major Jon Magne Stene safe
					with/ Fnr. Jon Magnus Walde safe
					(w/ P/O G.E.A.Hudson safe)
					(w/ F/Sgt R.T.Isaac safe)
					(w/ Sgt J.Clark safe)
					(w/ Sgt W.A.Lindo safe)
					(w/ Sgt S.E.Pursglove safe)

Bellylanded back at base in poor visibility after a bombing sortie to Stuttgart, Germany. The Halifax hit a direction finding hut during landing approache and the undercarriage was thorn off. However there are

no reports of serious injuries. DK167 was the highest scoring Mk. V in 76 SQN, having run up a total of 35 operational sorties.

LANCASTER III
LM 310
AR-H2

2nd-3rd Dec 1943 **RCAF 460 SQN** **GERMAN G/f** **GERMANY**
FTR Binbrook ? Cra/ Neue Hakeburg Schloss,
23. Bomb Opr 16:32 - 20:00 Kleinmachnow, Döbernitz,
W of Berlin

? with/ (F/O A.R. Mitschell +)
Kapt. Johan Nordahl Brun Grieg (+)
(with/ Sgt. G.H.Cooper +)
(with/ F/Sgt R.O.Cole +)
(with/ F/Sgt I.R.Phelan +)
(with/ P/O J.O.Boyd +)
(with/ P/O L.J.Ellis +)
(with/ Sgt K.G.V.Keir +)

Probably brought down by German groundfire over Berlin, Germany just past 20:00. Onboard was also the wellknown Norwegian author and now war correspondent Grieg. He had at last obtain permission from the Norwegian government to participate in a mission in RAF Bomber Command.

HALIFAX II
HK 167
TL-C

2nd-3rd Dec 1943 **RAF 35 SQN** **GERMAN G/f** **GERMANY**
FTR Gravelly ? Cra/ probably area Berlin
24. Bomb Opr 16:53 start

N 5154 **Ltn. Gunnar Høvelstad** (+)
? with/ **V/Sjt. Arne Storm** pow
(with/ F/Sgt McDougall pow)
(with/ Sgt Brazier pow)
(with/ Sgt Brigg pow)
(with/ Sgt Williams pow)
(with/ Sgt Cooke pow)

No further details.

HALIFAX II
BB 378
MF-D

10th-11th Dec 1943 **RAF 138 SQN** **GERMAN AC** **DENMARK**
FTR Tempsford IV./NJG3 Cra/ near Tåstrup Bonderum,
25. SOE Tablejam 18-19 21:50 start 15km S of Holbæk, Vestsjælland
01:54

x (F/L Bartler evad)
with/ **Agent Fleming Muus** (dk) safe
(with/ W/O Turvil pow)
(with/ Sgt Anderson pow)
(with/ F/O Fry evad)
(with/ F/Sgt Atkins pow)
(with/ (F/O Howell evad)
(with/ Sgt Smith pow)
(with/ Sgt Riggs pow)

Engaged by a German Me 110 nightfighter plane, which was shot down by return fire and its crew killed, and obliged to crash land south of Holbæk. Those RAF members who evaded capture reached neutral Sweden after receiving help from the Danish Resistance.

LANCASTER III
JB 532
LE-X

1st-2nd Jan 1944 **RAF 630 SQN** **GERMAN G/f** **GERMANY**
FTR East Kirkby ? Cra/ Grossbeuthen,
26. Bomb Opr 23:55 start 4km NWN of Trebbin

? (F/L MacDonald +)
with/ **F/O Niels E. Westergaard** (dk) (+)
(with/ S/L Vare +)
(with/ Sgt Smale +)
(with/ F/Sgt Turnbull +)
(with/ Sgt Tyrie +)
(with/ F/Sgt Jenkins +)
(with/ F/Sgt Roche +)

Brought down by German ground fire. F/O Westergaard, a navigator aged 21, had earlier been awarded the DFC. Niels E. Westergaard is buried at Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Berlin in Germany. He was probably not a Swede, but more probably a Dane.

HALIFAX V
LK 733
MP-B

21st-22nd Jan 1944 **RAF 76 SQN** **GERMAN G/f** **GERMANY**
FTR Holme-on-Spalding ? Cra/ near Magdeburg
27. Bomb Opr 19:45 start

N 1077 **Ltn. Tor Anundskås** (+)
(with/ Sgt Gorrie +)
(with/ Sgt Jessamy +)
(with/ F/O James +)
(with/ Sgt Driver +)
(with/ Sgt Wyapp +)
(with/ Sgt Rose +)

No further details.

HALIFAX V
LK 667
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15th-16th Mar 1944 **RAF 77 SQN** **GERMAN G/f** **FRANCE**
FTR Elvington ? Cra/ in a marsh, 500 metres
28. Bomb Opr 18:57 start N of the railwaystation at
Longueau, 5 km SE of Amiens

? (F/L P.C.Edwards +)
with/ **P/O John Nørgaard** (dk) (+)
(with/ Sgt R.J.Service +)
(with/ F/O A.E.Guthrie +)
(with/ F/O J.Duncan +)
(with/ Sgt D.W.J.Smith +)
(with/ Sgt E.H.Orchard +)

Probably brought down by German ground fire. The pilot is buried at Longueau British Cemetery and P/O Nørgaard and rest of the crew are buried in St.-Pierre Cemetery, Amiens in France.

LANCASTER III
ND 476
GT-S

30th-31st Mar 1944 **RAF 156 SQN** **GERMAN AC** **GERMANY**
FTR Upwood III./NJG2 Cra/ near Holzweiler
29. Bomb Opr 22:25 start 00:15 ge

N 5255 **Kapt. Finn Johnsen** (+)
N 1492 with/ **Sjt. Rolf Gunnar Karsmann** (+)
(with/ P/O Elmy +)
(with/ Sgt McConnell +)
(with/ F/Sgt Neill +)
(with/ P/O Leatherdale +)
(with/ Sgt Gardiner +)
(with/ Sgt Donnelly +)

Brought down in combat with a German nightfighter plane. It was reported that the two Norwegians could not be identified among the crews.

STIRLING III
LK 382

9th-10th Apr 1944 **RAF 149 SQN** **GERMAN AC** **FRANCE**
FTR Lakenheath III./NJG4 Cra/ Esmerly-Hallon

? (F/L R.V.Sanders +)
with/ **F/L Sten Lindhard** (dk) (+)

OJ-Q	30.	SOE	22:43 start	16km ENE Roye	(with/ Sgt T.Warden +) (with/ P/O J.W.Patrick +) (with/ P/O McGregor +) (with/ Sgt Kemp +) (with Sgt Hardman +)
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Took off for France on a SOE sortie. Near Esmerly-Hallon, Somme, the aircraft falls victim of a German night fighter pilot from Nachtjagdgruppe III./NJG 4. The crew, except Sgt Kemp, is buried at the New British Cemetery near Roye, Somme in France..

STIRLING III	23rd-24th Apr 1944	RAF 75 SQN	GERMAN AC	DENMARK	(F/Sgt Lammas +)
EF 137	FTR	Mepal	?	Cra/ near Vemmenæs, 3 km ESE of	with/ Sjt. Iver Larson Kalvanes (+)
AA-E	31.	Gardening	20:42 start 23:15 ge	Lundby, island Tåsinge, Fyn	(w/ Sgt Thomas +) (w/ F/Sgt Vaughan +) (w/ F/Sgt Bailey +) (w/ Sgt Harrison +) (w/ Sgt Butler +)

Probably brought down by a German nightfighter plane. The whole crew were buried by the Germans in Åbenrå Cemetery in Denmark

LANCASTER III	5th-6th Jun 1944	RAF 97 SQN	GERMAN G/f?	FRANCE	N 1205	Ltn. Finn Varde Jespersen	(+)
ND 815	FTR	Coningsby	?	Cra/ Osmanville, 2 km NE of	N 1747	with/ Sjt. Christian Andreas Münster	(+)
OF-G	32.	Bomb Opr	03:08 start	Isigny-sur-Mer, Calvados	N 1746	with/ Sjt. Kåre Pedersen	(+)
					N 1960	with/ Sjt. Knut Baade Magnus	(+)
					N 5535	with/ Sjt. Jon Ernst Herlof Evensen	(+)
						(with/ P/O McCutcheon +) (with/ Sgt Ashpole +)	

Was probably brought down by German groundfire. The pilot, Ltn. Jespersen was on his 5th bombing sortie. He had earlier been an instructor in the Norwegian Training Center "Little Norway" in Canada and then moved to RAF Transport Command where he had 7 deliveries among them 2 to as far as India. Then he moved to 93 SQN in RAF Bomber Command. Ltn. Jespersen was born in Oslo on 04-04-1914, Sjt. Magnus in Bergen 28-09-1921, Sjt. Münster in Horten 21-09-1916, Sjt. Evensen in Arendal 09-08-1915 and Sjt Pedersen in Gjerpen near Skien 17-04-1919. It is likely that burials took place at Osmanville (St-Clement) churchyard in France. However after the war on 28-09-1946, Sjt. Evensen was reintereed in Vestre Gravlund Cemetery, Oslo in Norway. Note also that Schnellkampfgruppe I./SKG10 claimed 3 Lancasters shot down between 05:02 and 05:04 over Ilesigny-Lessay-Vire and Carentan, that is to say in the same area, possibly they got ND815.

WELLINGTON X	14th Jul 1944	RAF 40 SQN	Unknown	ITALY	?	(P/O C.Charalambous +) with/ 2/Lt. Kaj Høyer (dk)	(+)
LN 270	FTR	Foggia	?	Cra/ probably near Padua,		(with/ F/O E.C.Martin +)	
BL-O	33.	Bomb Opr	night	near Bologna		(with/ F/O E.R.Shepherd +) (with/ Sgt. A.J.Knight +)	

Went missing due to unknown reason. Target this night was the marshalling yards in Lambrate, Milan. The whole crew was buried at Padua War Cemetery in Italy.

LANCASTER I	18th-19th Jul 1944	RCAF 460 SQN	GERMAN G/f	BE-NE-LX	N 5637	(F/O Carr +) with/ Sjt. Rolf Utne	(+)
LL 957	FTR	Binbrook	?	Cra/ Roggel (Limburg)		(with/ Sgt Cambrigde +)	
AR-H2	34.	Bomb Opr	23:02 - 01:45	10 km NW Roermond		(with/ F/Sgt Leak pow) (with/ F/Sgt Brown +) (with/ Sgt Glenn +) (with/ Sgt Ward +)	

Probably brought down by German ground fire. First the dead crew were taken to Venlo, since then their bodies have been exhumed and brought to Jonkerbos War Cemetery in the Netherlands.

LANCASTER III	28th Oct 1944	RAF 35 SQN	GERMAN G/f	GERMANY	N 1783	Kapt. Svein Johannes Hausvik	(+)
PB 612	FTR	Graveley	?	Cra/ unknown place	N 82	with/ V/Sjt. Othmar Larsen Flaaten	(+)
TL-P	35.	Bomb Opr	14:06 start		N 5561	with/ Sjt. Finn Hågensen	(+)
						(with/ F/Sgt Jackson +) (with/ F/Sgt Bevin +) (with/ F/Sgt Harper +) (with/ Sgt Daley +)	

No further details.

LANCASTER I	17th-18th Dec 1944	RAF 57 SQN	Unknown	FRANCE	N 1126	Kapt. Niels Christian Evensen	(+)
SW 245	FTR	East Kirkby	?	Cra/s into the British Channel	N 838	with/ V/Sjt. Walter H. Gulliksen	(+)
DX-L	36.	Bomb Opr	23:00 start	off Dieppe	N 5782	with/ Sjt. Håkon Granly Bjørøy	(+)
						(with/ F/O Garling +) (with/ W/O Thomason +) (with/ Sgt Powell +) (with/ Sgt Scott +)	

The crew had the city München in South-Germany as target this night and on the way it was brought down not far from Dieppe in France. The aircraft probably fell into the Channel due to unknown reason. The crew was later never found. Kapt. Evensen was on his 9th bombing sortie as pilot.

LANCASTER I	3rd-4th Feb 1945	RAF 170 SQN	GERMAN G/f	GERMANY	?	(F/L Alexandra +) with/ F/O Niels P. Pedersen (gb/dk)	(+)
NN 739	FTR	Hemswell	?	Cra/ near railwaystation		(with/ Sgt Matthews +)	
TC-Q	37.	Bomb Opr	16:33 start	Gelsenkirchen		(with/ F/O O`Regan +) (with/ Sgt Malkin +) (with/ Sgt McSkimming +) (with Sgt Niles +)	

Was probably brought down by German groundfire during a mission to attack the Prosper benzol plant at Bottrop (actual bombing was at between 15.000 - 19.000 feet, time from 19:26 - 19:52). The crew were originally buried at Gelsenkirchen. After the war in May 1947 they were transferred to the Reichwald Forrest War Cemetery in Germany. Niels P. Pedersen was of Danish extraction. His father Niels Jørgen Johannes Pedersen was Danish and he was married to English May Maery Smith and they lived with their son in East Barnet, Hertfordshire. Britain.

LANCASTER I	3rd Feb 1945	RAF 550 SQN	GERMAN AC	Cra/ near Westerbeek (Nord-Brabant), 9km SW of Boxmeer	(F/O Nye +)
PD 221	FTR	North Killingholme	?		with/ Sgt Lorne Clifford Taernum (ca) (+)
BQ-R	38	Bomb Opr	16:31 start		(with/ Sgt Stuart +)
					(with/ Sgt Holding +)
					(with/ Sgt Moyle +)
					(with/ W/O Howson +)
					(with/ Sgt Cook +)

The crew were on a mission to bomb the Prosper benzol plant at Bottrop. It was probably brought down by a German nightfighter plane and crashed near Westerbeek and whole crew was then killed. The crew all rest in Oploo (Westerbeek) Roman Catholic Cemetery. Lorne Clifford Taernum was born 13th Feb 1926 at Milo, Alberta, Canada of Norwegian parents, that is to say that his father was born in Norway and his mother born in USA. He joined the RCAF and was educated as a gunner in Canada. Sent overseas he probably joined 550 SQN early 1945. He was the younger brother of famed "Dam Buster" navigator F/L T.H. Taerum who was killed in 617 SQN on 15th Sep 1944. At eighteen, Sgt Taerum, was among the youngest airmen killed in RCAF on bomber operations in 1945.

MOSQUITO VI	21st Mar 1945	RAAF 464 SQN	GERMAN G/f	DENMARK	(F/O Palmer +)
RS 609	FTR	Fersfield	?	Cra/s E of island Samsø	with/ Fnr. Hermann Hirsch Becker (+)
?	39.	Bomb 2nd TAF	?	Århus	

Brought down by German groundfire after the wellknown RAF attack on the Gestapo HQ Shellhuset, København in Denmark. It was hit on the return flight by groundfire from near Fredriksværk and crashed into the Kattegat sea east of island Samsø. The body of Hermann Hirsch Becker was on 25th March 1945 washed ashore on the small island Vejrø in uniform but without any papers or identifications. Most understandably since he was a Norwegian jew. F/L Palmer on the other hand has no known grave. The next day Fnr. Becker was buried by Danish civilians at Tranebjerg Church, Samsø in Denmark as an unknown English airman next to nine other Allied airmen. He was identified thanks to a report on inspection of his body by a medical officer, which reached the War Graves Commission in Norway late as 2000. After 55 years his grave was at last found. Hermann Hirsch Becker lost all of his family during the war as they were wiped out by the Germans. Because of this he was not reburied after the war in Norway as most of the other Norwegian crews.

LANCASTER I	20th Apr 1945	RAF 622 SQN	GERMAN G/f	GERMANY	(F/L Robbins +)
PA 225	FTR	Mildenhall	?	Cra/ Burgweinting	with/ Fnr. Gustav Dietrichson (+)
GI-O	40.	Bomb Opr	09:57 start	5 km SE of Regensburg	(with/ Sgt Reid +)
					(with/ F/O Scott +)
					(with/ F/O Smith +)
					(with/ F/Sgt Hulland +)
					(with/ F/Sgt Parker pow)

No further details.

MOSQUITO XX	7th May 1945	RAF PF NTU	Accident	BRITAIN	(S/L W. Corbet +)
KB 233	Cat E	Warboys	oxygen	Cra/ at a railway line between Lydney - Gloucester	with/ Ltn. Per Breivik (+)
?	41.	Training	00:10		

The crew were on a night cross-country exercise to be conducted at high-level. It dived however into the ground at a railwayline and was completely smashed, possibly due to loss of oxygen for the pilot..