

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Atherton War Cemetery



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1. OVERVIEW

The Atherton War Cemetery is located on the Kennedy Highway, 3km south-east of the Atherton post office, and adjoins the Atherton General Cemetery. The Atherton War Cemetery contains 164 uniformly marked and spaced graves and a Cross of Sacrifice set within a manicured lawn and gardens. Each of the graves is marked by a white marble headstone, rectangular in shape with a rounded top, carved military insignia, name, and rank of each soldier buried. Some headstones bear an epitaph. The headstones are evenly arranged in 11 rows, set into a concrete strip footing. Ten of these contain 16 headstones each, the final row has 4 for some 1946 burials.

The Cross of Sacrifice is located approximately 7.5 metres from the middle row of the headstones and stands about 4 metres high, set on a 3-metre square base. The cross is made of sandstone with bronze swords mounted on two sides. The plinth, base, stem and cross are octagonal.

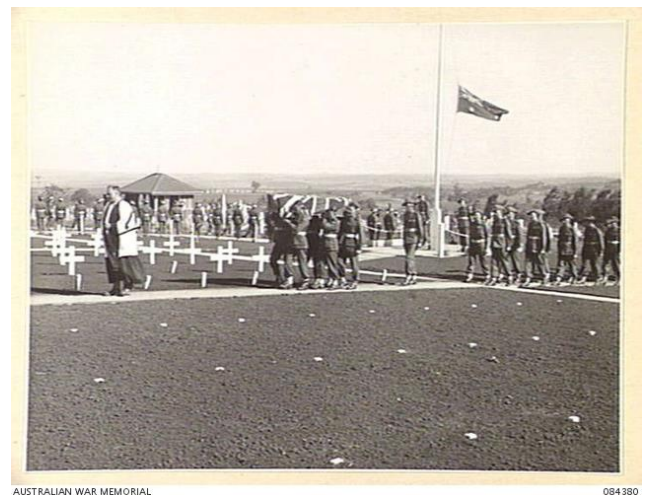
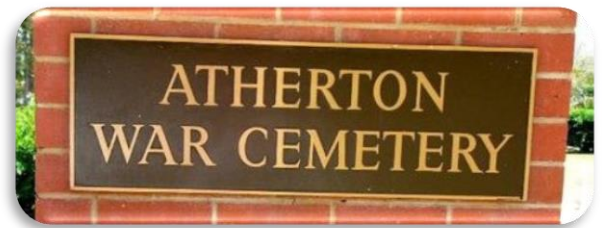
While the arrangement of garden beds at the perimeter of the cemetery is of cultural heritage significance, the plant species within them are not and are replaced and upgraded from time to time to the standard required by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and specified in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Horticultural Manual.

The Atherton War Cemetery was created on land adjoining the Atherton General Cemetery (1928) in 1942, the year before the Tableland's Base Area was established as part of the Atherton Project (when the Australian Army Headquarters moved from Townsville to the Tablelands) and at the same time that the Australian General Hospital (2/2 AGH and 2/6 AGH) at Rocky Creek commenced operations. The area between Atherton and Cairns was used extensively as a training ground during World War II for Australian troops involved in action in New Guinea, Bougainville and the later landings at Aitape-Wewak, Tarakan, Labuan and Balikpapan. The Tablelands Base Area created a constant flow of Army traffic through Atherton's main street, as camps were set up to train troops in jungle warfare before their being sent to the islands north of Australia. Australia's 6th, 7th and 9th Division were based in the Atherton region. Wounded soldiers were taken to the Rocky Creek Hospital Complex as well as to the station hospital at Mareeba State School.

The first burial in the Atherton War Cemetery took place following the death on 4 January 1943 of Gunner Andrew Mervyn Hemsworth, of the Royal Australian Artillery (Grave AC1). In 1944 the cemetery was resurveyed and redesigned by members of the 7th Graves Registration and Environment Unit. Plans reveal a symmetrical design that comprised a grid of three equal sized plots A, B C in an east-west orientation with 11 evenly spaced rows containing 10 rows of 16 and one row of four headstones. The plots were separated by gravel paths. To the south of the plots an expanse of lawn divided into three with gravel paths, contained a Cross of Sacrifice at its centre. The whole was surrounded by a gravel roadway with gardens/lawn between it and the perimeter fencing. The burials were arranged chronologically with 1943-1944 burials occurring in Plot A, 1944 burials in Plot B and 1945-46 burials in Plot C. The last burial took place following the death of Lieutenant Frank Stuart-Boyle, Australian Army Ordnance Corps on 1 December 1946 (Grave CC4). Graves in the Atherton War Cemetery were initially marked by white wooden timber crosses and later replaced with the marble headstones although there are no documentary records that specifically state when this occurred. Photographic records held at the Australian War Memorial indicate the change occurred between 1944 and 1949.

Early images depict a flag pole in the cemetery, which was the focal point for each burial service. The flagpole has been replaced by the Cross of Sacrifice, in keeping with Commission policy that cemeteries with more than 40 graves have a Cross of Sacrifice. In total, there are 164 graves in the cemetery, representing 19 different Australian regiments including: Infantry, Army Service Corps, Air Force, Volunteer Defence Corps, Medical Corps and Engineers. One grave belongs to a member of the Young Men's Christian Association.

A formal agreement was made in 1948 between the Shire of Atherton and the Imperial War Graves Commission (Anzac Agency) to hold Atherton War Cemetery in perpetuity for use as a war cemetery and granted rights to the Commission regarding use of the land.



The Atherton War Cemetery is the third largest of 14 war cemeteries and plots in Queensland:

1. Lutwyche War Cemetery (386 burials) and Cremation Memorial
2. Townsville War Cemetery (222 burials)
3. Atherton War Cemetery (164 burials)
4. Cairns War Cemetery (98 burials)
5. Ipswich War Cemetery (68 burials)
6. Toowoomba War Cemetery (Drayton and Toowoomba) (44 burials,
7. Rockhampton War Cemetery (36 burials)
8. Bundaberg War Cemetery (35 burials)
9. Charters Towers War Cemetery (33 burials)
10. Woombye War Cemetery (26 burials)
11. Kingaroy War Cemetery (22 burials)
12. Warwick War Cemetery (21 burials, Warwick General Cemetery)
13. Maryborough (10 burials)
14. Gympie War Cemetery (5 burials).



In addition there are a number of individual war graves in civil cemeteries throughout Queensland. The war cemeteries and individual graves in civil cemeteries are maintained by the Office of Australian War Graves, a branch of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Cross of Sacrifice

The central focus of war cemeteries with over 40 burials is the Cross of Sacrifice. It was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield, an Imperial War Graves Commission architect. He created a tall, finely proportioned stone cross, with a symbolic downward pointing sword of bronze attached to its face, thus emphasising both the military character of the cemetery and the religious affiliation of the majority of the dead. It was designed to represent the faith of the majority and generally ranges in height between 4.5m and 9m depending on the size of the cemetery.



Stone of Remembrance

Sir Edwin Lutyens was responsible for designing a general monument to be placed in war cemeteries called the Stone of Remembrance. It is suggestive of an altar and yet abstract and non-denominational, with horizontal lines and curved surfaces. The Stone of Remembrance is present in cemeteries where there are more than 1,000 burials and occasionally elsewhere although not at Atherton.

Headstones

Imperial (later Commonwealth) War Graves Commission cemeteries contain headstones of a standard pattern, usually set in perfectly straight rows. At the top of each headstone is engraved the national emblem or the service or regimental badge of the dead person, followed by their rank, name, unit, date of death, age and often an appropriate religious emblem. At the foot of the headstone there is, in many cases, an inscription chosen by the person's relatives. Some cemeteries, for climatic reasons, use low pedestals with bronze plaques instead of headstones.



2. LIST OF BURIALS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

1. 04 January 1943 - **Gunner Andrew Mervyn Hemsworth**, 21, ACMF, 37 Aust Hy A/A Battery, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from injuries accidentally received. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 1) - #33
2. 15 February 1943 - **Private William Frederick Slade**, 32, ACMF, 31 Australian Infantry Battalion, died of typhus at 2/2 AGH, Rocky Creek. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 2) - #34
3. 22 February 1943 - **Private Victor William Gibson**, 36, AIF, 14 Australian Employment Company, AALS, died of illness at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 3) - #35
4. 12 March 1943 - **Corporal James Felgenhauer**, 32, ACMF, 16 Aust Fd Coy, RAE, died from broncho-pneumonia at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 4) - #36
5. 14 April 1943 - **Private Ronald Leslie Ward**, 27, AIF, 2/27 Australian Infantry Battalion, drowned in a swimming hole above Millstream Falls, Ravenshoe, behind 2/27 Bn lines. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 5) - #37
6. 17 March 1943 - **Signaller Harry Manning Boyes**, 22, AIF, 7 Australian Division Sigs, died from pneumonia at 2/2 AGH, Rocky Creek. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 6) - #38
7. 23 March 1943 - **Private Joseph Arthur Cousens**, 39, AIF, 2/12 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Ravenshoe from natural causes, (associated with malaria). (Plot A, Row C, Grave 7) - #39
8. 31 March 1943 - **Private Cecil James Hilton**, 29, AIF, 2/12 Australian Infantry Battalion, died of bronchopneumonia at 2/2 AGH Rocky Creek. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 8) - #40
9. 19 April 1943 - **Private Cecil William Smith**, 34, AIF, 2/2 Australian Infantry Battalion, died of multiple injuries at 2/2 AGH, Rocky Creek. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 9) - #41
10. 25 April 1943 - **Gunner Duncan Ross**, 38, AIF, 2/3 Aust A/Tank Regiment, RAA, drowned at Barron River (via Kairi). (Plot A, Row D, Grave 3) - #51
11. 25 May 1943 - **Private Frederick George Abbott**, 24, 2/32 Australian Infantry Battalion, AIF, was wounded by a mortar-bomb splinter and died soon after. He was a member of the platoon picqueting the danger where live ammunition was being used in the area during a river crossing exercise. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 11) - #19
12. 29 May 1943 - **Private Noel Stanley Baillie**, 34, AIF, 2/31 Australian Infantry Battalion, died of gunshot wounds at Mount Garnet Rd, Ravenshoe. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 12) - #44
13. 10 June 1943 - **Private William Alfred Smith**, 34, AIF, 2/15 Australian Infantry Battalion, died of Scrub Typhus Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 13) - #45
14. 12 June 1943 - **Private Frank Cooper**, 22, AIF, 2/13 Australian Infantry Battalion, died from Scrub Typhus at 2/2AGH at Rocky Creek. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 14) - #46
15. 12 June 1943 - Wirraway CA-8 fighter aircraft, A20-289, from RAAF No.5 Squadron, crashed during dummy straffing practice in co-operation with light Anti-Aircraft defences at Mareeba airfield. The aircraft made a dive on one of the guns and then climbed away in a steep climbing turn. At about 600 feet the aircraft appeared to stall and commenced to spin. Just as the pilot had corrected the spin the aircraft struck the ground, killing the occupants:
 - **P/OFF Frank Lawrence Parton**, 27, RAAF No.5 Squadron (Plot A, Row B, Grave 1) - #17
 - **Sergeant Gordon Francis Blanch**, 20, RAAF No.2 Embarkation Depot. (Plot A, Row B, Grave 3) - #20
16. 20 June 1943 - **Private Edward Neil Doherty**, 32, AIF, 2/15 Australian Infantry Battalion, died from Scrub Typhus at 2/2 AGH Rocky Creek. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 15) - #47
17. 02 July 1943 - **Private Hector Frahm**, 25, AIF, 2/5 Australian Infantry Battalion, died of Scrub Typhus at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 16) - #48
18. 13 July 1943 - **Private Ronald Ernest Thomas**, 20, AIF, 2/10 Australian Infantry Battalion, died in a drowning accident in the Ravenshoe area. (Plot A, Row B, Grave 2) - #18
19. 14 July 1943 - **Private Gerald James Kelly**, 36, AIF, 2/32 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from heart failure, broncho pneumonia. (Plot A, Row B, Grave 5) - #21
20. 17 July 1943 - **Private Eric Cairns Abbott**, 39, AIF, 2/3 Australian Pioneer Battalion, died of Scrub Typhus at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot A, Row B, Grave 3) - #19
21. 18 August 1943 - **Private Grenville George McDonald**, 21, AIF, 2/4 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Wondecla from unfortunate firearm mishap. (Plot A, Row B, Grave 6) - #22
22. 30 August 1943 - **Private Richard Kaiser**, 24, AIF, 2/1 Australian Field Ambulance AAMC was killed and 3 other troops were seriously injured in a two-vehicle accident between Herberton and Wondecla. (Plot A, Row B, Grave 7) - #23
23. 04 September 1943 - **CRAFTSMAN John Cameron Hood**, 27, AIF, AEME attached 2/48 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital after long illness. (Plot A, Row B, Grave 8) - #24
24. 07 September 1943 - **Sergeant Douglas Walter James**, 34, AIF, 2/3 Australian Field Regiment RAA, was killed in a motor accident at Wondecla. (Plot A, Row B, Grave 9) - #25
25. 11 September 1943 - **Private Hubert Kenneth Clarke**, 38, AIF, 2/1 HQ Australian Guard Battalion, died of pneumonia at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot A, Row B Grave 10) - #26
26. 03 October 1943 - **Warrant Officer Class 2 William Maurice Campbell**, 29, AIF, 56 Australian Composite A/A Workshop, AEME, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot A, Row B Grave 11) - #27
27. 06 October 1943 - **Captain John William Brett**, 29, AIF, 9 Australian Division Sigs, died from an unfortunate firearm mishap at Barrine. (Plot A, Row B, Grave 12) - #28

28. 07 October 1943 - **Sergeant Harry Joseph Draffin**, 25, AIF, 30 Australian Infantry Brigade, died from illness at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot A, Row B, Grave 16) - #32
29. 14 October 1943 - **Corporal Leslie James Winward**, 24, AIF, 2/3 Coy, AASC, 6 Div. was killed in a motor cycle accident in the Malanda area, returning to camp at Wondecla from Atherton. (Plot A, Row B, Grave 13) - #29
30. 15 October 1943 - **Representative George Archibald C Jones**, 26, YMCA, died of illness at 2/2 Australian General Hospital Rocky Creek. (Plot A, Row A, Grave 1) - #01
31. 06 November 1943 - **Private John Thomas Heslin**, 25, AIF, HQ 17 Australian Infantry Brigade, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital after long illness with an abscess. (Plot A, Row B, Grave 14) - #30
32. 16 November 1943 - **Gunner Alan Stephen Hadley Botheras**, 27, AIF, 3 Aust Lt A/A Trg Regt, RAA, died from an abscess at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot A, Row B, Grave 15) - #31
33. 17 November 1943 – Two soldiers both of the 2/11 Australian Infantry Battalion, were killed in a firing range accident at Herberton, through accidentally kicking an unexploded 37mm HE shell.
- **Sergeant James Walter E Bray**, 29, AIF (Plot A, Row A, Grave 2) - #02
 - **Private John Hall Waddell**, 34, AIF (Plot A, Row A, Grave 5) - #05
34. 22 November 1943 - **Lt Warren Thomas Campbell**, 21, AIF, 2/5 Commando Squadron, died at Wongabel Rd, Atherton, when the motorbike he was riding ran into the rear of a truck. (Plot A, Row A Grave 10) - #10
- 23 November 1943 - **Warrant Officer 2 Clement Charles Stephens**, 31, AIF, 2/3 Australian Field Regiment RAA, was killed in a motor accident on the Atherton Tableland. (Plot A, Row A, Grave 3) - #03
 - 24 November 1943 - **Warrant Officer 2 Wallace Hickford Mills**, 28, 2/41 LAD, attached to 2/3 Australian Field Regiment RAA, was killed in a motor accident on the Atherton Tableland. Involved in the same accident that took the life of Warrant Officer Stephens the previous day. (Plot A, Row A, Grave 11) - #11
35. 05 December 1943 - **Corporal Neville John Thomas**, 20, AIF, 7 Aust M/G Bn, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from fractured skull and cerebral lacerations. (Plot A, Row A, Grave 4) - #04
36. 17 December 1943 - **Private Jack Scott**, 51, AIF, 2/6 AGH, AAMC, died at Rocky Creek Hospital from multiple injuries accidentally received. He was buried at Atherton War Cemetery. (Plot A, Row A, Grave 6) - #06
37. 18 December 1943 - **Private William John Ross**, 21, AIF, 8 Australian Infantry Battalion, died in a motor vehicle accident on Mareeba - Rocky Creek road. Ten others injured and admitted to 2/2 AGH at Rocky Creek. (Plot A, Row A, Grave 12) - #12
38. 19 December 1943 – **Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey H Brock**, DSO, 36, Commander, 31/51 Australian Infantry Battalion, died of illness (dermatitis/pneumonia) at 2/2 AGH. Brock, is the highest ranked and decorated soldier buried at the Atherton War Cemetery. He served in Greece, Middle East, Sri Lanka, and then New Guinea until he returned sick to Rocky Creek in 1943. As Commanding Officer, he was also 'Mentioned in Despatches'. (Plot A, Row A, Grave 7) - #07
39. 25 December 1943 - **Gunner Lewis Albert Day**, 29, AIF, 2/8 Australian Field Regiment, RAA, was killed in a road accident in the Cairns area when a truck, on which he was a passenger, was side swiped by another truck. (Plot A, Row A, Grave 13) - #13
40. 03 January 1944 - **Private Raymond A Caldwell**, 21, AIF, 7 Australian M/G Battalion, died of illness at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot A, Row A Grave 8) - #08
41. 05 January 1944 - **Private Joseph Austin**, 58, ACMF, 15 Garrison Battalion, died of illness at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. Joe was a Gallipoli soldier (Service #: 1004) in WWI and also served in France where he was gassed and suffered lung damage. After the war he farmed at Kairi as a soldier settler. During WWII he served with the 15 Garrison Battalion and he finally succumbed to the effects of pneumonia. He is the oldest person buried in the cemetery. (Plot A, Row A, Grave 16) - #16
42. 14 January 1944 – **P/OFF Campbell Alexander Morrison**, 58, was piloting a **Boomerang CA-12 aircraft, A46-43, from RAAF No.5 Squadron at Mareeba, while carrying out altitude (oxygen) tests, selected an unattached belly tank, starving the engine of fuel. While attempting an emergency landing on Landry Road near Sigley's farm at Jaggan, 3 miles from Malanda, hit a stump and crashed, killing the pilot.** (Plot A, Row A, Grave 9) - #09
43. 27 January 1944 - **Signaller Maurice Ford Coburn**, 23, AIF, 1 Australian Corps Sigs, died in a motor vehicle accident on Barrine Road. (Plot A, Row A Grave 14) - #14
44. 05 February 1944 - **Signaller Ernest James Donald**, 28, AIF, 1 Aust Corps Sigs, died at 2/6 AGH Rocky Creek, from injuries and petrol burns he accidentally received three days previous. (Plot A, Row A, Grave 15) - #15
45. 09 February 1944 - **L/Corporal Alfred Michael Dunbar**, 21, AIF, 7 Australian Infantry Battalion, 23 Australian Infantry Brigade, was accidentally killed by mortar fire during a training exercise at the 3 Australian Division Jungle Training School in the Kairi area. (Plot A, Row D, Grave 1) - #49
46. 11 February 1944 - **Signaller Alexander William Stewart**, 27, AIF, 17 Australian Infantry Brigade Signals, died of fractured skull at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot A, Row D, Grave 2) - #50
47. 15 February 1944 - **Private James Currall**, 19, AIF, 2/3 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Wondecla of fractured skull being a grenade wound. (Plot A, Row C, Grave 10) - #42
48. 21 February 1944 - **Private George James Lloyd**, 28, ACMF, 152 Australian General Transport Company, AASC, died at 2/6 AGH, Rocky Creek from gunshot wound to abdomen. (Plot A, Row D, Grave 4) - #52



49. 07 March 1944 - **Private Albert Charles Maxwell**, 25, AIF, 2/5 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital after long illness. (Plot A, Row D, Grave 5) - #53
50. 11 March 1944 - Three soldiers of the 2/5 Australian Cavalry Commando Squadron were killed, two on this day and another died two days later. Travelling back from Mareeba Races to their camp at Kairi, they were seated on the right hand side in the rear of a truck, when it and another truck coming from the opposite direction, sideswiped each other on the narrow road. Those killed were:
- **Tpr Jack Vincent Haddon**, 23, AIF, 2/5 Australian Cav Cdo Sqn (Plot A, Row D, Grave 16) - #64
 - **Cpl Patrick Benjamin Horan**, 25, AIF, 2/5 Australian Cav Cdo Sqn (Plot A, Row D, Grave 06) - #54
 - **Cpl David Arthur Stephen**, 23, AIF, 2/5 Australian Cav Cdo Sqn. (Plot A, Row D, Grave 07) - #55
51. 15 March 1944 - **Private Samuel Thomas Fyffe**, 20, AIF, 2/4 Australian Infantry Battalion, died of Scrub Typhus at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot A, Row D, Grave 8) - #56
52. 16 March 1944 - **Lieutenant John Osborn Cornell**, 25, AIF, 2/2 Australian Field Ambulance, died at Mount Garnet from acute gastritis. (Plot A, Row D, Grave 15) - #63
53. 17 March 1944 - **F/OFF W K Thompson**, 21, RAAF No.5 Squadron, Mareeba, piloting Boomerang aircraft, A46-48, was participating in an Army Artillery direct shoot. The engine cut out and the aircraft crash-landed, 12 miles north of Biboohra. The pilot died of injuries at a Rocky Creek Hospital. (Plot A, Row D, Grave 10) - #58
54. 19 March 1944 - **Sergeant Philip John Ritchie**, 26, AIF, 2/3 Australian M/G Battalion, died of heart disease at Wondecla. (Plot A, Row D, Grave 9) - #57
55. 25 March 1944 - Two soldiers both of 2/7 Australian Field Ambulance, AAMC, died in a road accident at Wondecla.
- **Private John Andrew Penn**, 27, AIF (Plot A, Row D, Grave 11) - #59
 - **Private James Thomas Perkins**, 28, AIF (Plot A, Row D, Grave 14) - #62
56. 28 March 1944 - Two soldiers of 2/3 Aust Infantry Bn, died instantly in an accident at Mt Fisher, near Millaa Millaa.
- **Private Stanley Hugh Bowman**, 26, AIF (Plot B, Row A, Grave 1) - #65
 - **Private Cyril John Sunnerdale**, 21, AIF (Plot B, Row A, Grave 4) - #68
57. 30 March 1944 - **Lieutenant Eric Leonard Schlyder**, 27, AIF, 25 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from a shrapnel wound to chest. (Plot A, Row D, Grave 12) - #60
58. 31 March 1944 - **Corporal Joseph L Wheeler**, 25, AIF, 2/155 Australian General Transport Company, AASC, died after a long illness at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot B, Row A, Grave 2) - #66
59. 02 April 1944 - **Private John Edward Dike**, 22, AIF, 7 Australian Infantry Battalion was accidentally killed when a truck in which he was travelling to Cairns from Kairi on a three-day leave, overturned on the dangerous mountain road. (Plot A, Row D, Grave 13) - #61
60. 02 April 1944 - **Private Warren Douglas Dredge**, 28, AIF, B Coy, 25 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Atherton from an unfortunate firearm mishap. (Plot B, Row A, Grave 3) - #67
61. 11 April 1944 - **WO2 John Robertson Reid**, 35, AIF, 6 Australian Division Carrier Company, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot B, Row A, Grave 5) - #69
62. 12 April 1944 - **Corporal Thomas Henry Clarke**, 22, AIF, 44 Australian Infantry Battalion, drowned at Barron Falls {Map Ref: Gordonvale 424.397} (Plot B, Row A Grave 6) - #70
63. 16 April 1944 - **Gunner Ernest Alliband Piffero**, 25, AIF, 2/2 Aust Field Regiment RAA, was killed when a truck in which he was a passenger en route to Etty Bay, rolled off the Gillies Highway just down from the top gate. (Plot B, Row A, Grave 8) - #72
64. 04 May 1944 - Wirraway CA-9 fighter aircraft, A20-513, of RAAF No.5 Squadron, Mareeba on a familiarization flight from Mareeba, crashed about half mile from Tolga on the , killing both occupants.
- **F/OFF Frederick Arthur Mitchell**, 25, RAAF No.5 Squadron. (pilot) (Plot B, Row A, Grave 7) - #71
 - **F/OFF Percy Thomas Jeffery**, 27, RAAF No.5 Sqn, (Wireless Operator) (Plot B, Row A, Grave 16) - #80
65. 06 May 1944 - **Signaller Jack Donald Hollamby**, 28, AIF, HQ "A" Australian Corps Sigs, died of injuries when a jeep overturned on the Captain Cook Highway, north of Cairns. (Plot B, Row A, Grave 10) - #74
66. 10 May 1944 - **L/Corporal Frederick Johnson**, 31, 2/13 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at 2/1 CCS from injuries. (Plot B, Row A, Grave 9) - #73
67. 16 May 1944 - **Signaller Keith Henry Edmonds**, 26, AIF, 6 Australian Division Sigs, was accidentally killed at Wongabel. (Plot B, Row A, Grave 11) - #75
68. 26 May 1944 - An accident occurred when a fuze from a 250lb aerial bomb exploded at Ravenshoe:
- **Sgt Francis Edward Potter**, 22, RAAF No.5 Sqn (fitter-armourer) (Plot B, Row A, Grave 15). - #79
 - **L/Cpl Norman Charles B McGregor**, 31, AIF 2/1 Aust Field Coy RAE (Plot B, Row A, Grave 12) - #76
69. 02 June 1944 **Corporal John Oliver Brennan**, 27, AIF, 241 LAD AEME. (Attached 7 Australian Infantry Brigade), died at Kairi in an unfortunate firearm mishap. (Plot B, Row A, Grave 13) - #77
70. 05 June 1944 - **Private Walter Behrens**, 23, ACMF, 'D' Coy, 9 Australian Infantry Battalion (7 Australian Infantry Brigade), moved out to Twiddler Hill (12 km E of Mareeba, Kay Rd.) area, to carry out a platoon battle practice elimination test exercises {Map Ref: Gordonvale 468.570}. During these live bren-gun firings, he was wounded and died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from the wounds. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 1) - #81
71. 05 June 1944 - **Private Alwyn George Mann**, 26, AIF, 2/11 Australian Field Ambulance AAMC, died at Ravenshoe from acute cardiac failure. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 16). - #96

72. 19 June 1944 - **WO2 Robert James Clarke**, 23, ACMF, 18 Battalion VDC, died of heart failure at Millaa Millaa. Clarke (Service Number: 61121) served in WWI with 10 GSR. (Plot B, Row A Grave 14) - #78
73. 26 June 1944 - **Corporal Raymond William Farrell**, 25, RAAF No.5 Squadron, died of illness at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 2) - #82
74. 27 June 1944 - **Private William Henry Garvie**, 33, AIF, 20 Australian Field Baking Platoon, AASC, died of fractured spine at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 9) - #89
75. 30 June 1944 - **L/Sergeant William James Wadley**, 32, AIF, New Guinea Force HQ, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from meningitis. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 3) - #83
76. 01 July 1944 - **Private Gwyn Macgregor Hanford**, 28, AIF, 2/3 Australian Pioneer Battalion, died at Ravenshoe from an unfortunate firearm mishap. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 15) - #95
77. 03 July 1944 - **Private William Balaam**, 26, AIF, 2/34 Australian General Transport Company, AASC, died of extensive skull fracture at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 6) - #86
78. 15 July 1944 - **Corporal George Walter Coombes**, 26, AIF, 6 Australian Division Provost Company AAPC, died of Multiple injuries sustained in a car accident in Atherton area. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 4) - #84
79. 19 August 1944 - **Private Edward Norman West**, 28, AIF, Aust Army Catering Corp, attached to 2/11 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from peritonitis. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 5) - #85
80. 24 August 1944 - **Signaller Ellery Keith Light**, 20, AIF, 3 Aust Division Signallers, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident the previous day. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 10) - #90
81. 28 August 1944 - **Signaller John Henry Fidler**, 21, AIF, 3 Australian Division Sigs, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident five days previous. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 14) - #94
82. 07 September 1944 - **L/Corporal William John Underhill**, 21, AIF, HQ 1 Aust Corps, died of asphyxia due to aspiration of vomitus due to alcoholic coma. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 8) - #88
83. 03 September 1944 - **Private William Henry Stewart**, 32, AIF, Catering AACC - 2/10 Aust Infantry Battalion, (18 Aust Infantry Brigade), arrived by train at Cairns and travelled by road convoy to 16 APSC Redlynch, before moving to its new campsite at Kairi. On this journey to Redlynch, an unfortunate accident occurred when one of the vehicles in the convoy went over the side of the road and down an embankment, Private Stewart, (attached to 2/10 Battalion), died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from head and chest injuries. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 7) - #87
84. 08 September 1944 - **Private Joseph McKenzie Skelly**, 23, AIF, 'D' Coy, 1 Aust Parachute Battalion stationed at Mareeba, was accidentally killed during grenade practice throwing exercise. He threw the grenade, with inaccurate aim. It hit a tree, rebounded, exploding as it hit him, killing him instantly. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 11) - #91
85. 09 September 1944 - **Gunner Clarence Gordon Jago**, 33, AIF, 2/3 Anti-Tank Regiment, RAA, died at Wongabel from coronary occlusion. (Plot B, Row B, Grave 12) - #92
86. 11 September 1944 - 2/10 Commando Sqn of the 2/6 Aust Cavalry (Commando) Regiment was undergoing 'Japanese weapons' familiarization lectures at Wondecla parade ground. A hollow-charged rifle grenade, the detonator of which was purportedly rendered safe, fell to the ground and exploded killing two and injuring 55 others:
- **Tpr Stanley Charles A McLean**, 36, AIF, died instantly (Plot B, Row B, Grave 13) - #93
 - **Tpr Douglas Hoener Gibbs**, 20, AIF, died 2 days later (13 Sept 1944) (Plot B, Row C, Grave 01) - #97
87. 14 September 1944 - **S/Sergeant John Thomas West**, 39, 2/6 Australian Commando Squadron, was killed in a jeep accident near Kairi. (Plot B, Row C, Grave 2) - #98
88. 15 September 1944 - **Signaller Lewis Hughes**, 26, AIF, 2/12 Australian Field Regiment RAA Signals, died at Ravenshoe from injuries accidentally received. (Plot B, Row C, Grave 3) - #99
89. 19 September 1944 - **Private Douglas Cornwell**, 26, AIF, 2/24 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Ravenshoe from asphyxiation. (Plot B, Row C, Grave 4) - #100
90. 29 September 1944 - **Private Jack William Mann**, 26, AIF, 2/1 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Mapee from multiple Injuries received in a road accident. (Plot B, Row C, Grave 5) - #101
91. 30 September 1944 - **Gunner Frederick Alexander Swanson**, 34, AIF, 2/3 Australian Field Regiment RAA, died at Wondecla from sub arachnoid haemorrhage. (Plot B, Row C, Grave 6) - #102
92. 02 October 1944 - **Driver John Francis King**, 20, AIF, 2/142 Australian General Transport Company, AASC, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from illness. (Plot B, Row C, Grave 7) - #103
93. 06 October 1944 - **Private John Houston**, 26, AIF, 2/33 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from cardiac depression, following surgery. (Plot B, Row C, Grave 8) - #104
94. 12 October 1944 - **Sapper Allan Edward Davis**, 20, AIF, 2/2 Australian Field Company RAE, died at Wondecla from fractured spine and immersion. (Plot B, Row C, Grave 10) - #106
95. 13 October 1944 - **Private Allen Albert McMullen**, 24, AIF, 2/3 Australian Pioneer Battalion, died in the Atherton area, from an unfortunate mishap. (Plot B, Row C, Grave 9) - #105
96. 24 October 1944 - **Private Stewart Abraham Roberts**, 27, ACMF, 58/59 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from cut throat and haemorrhage. (Plot B, Row C, Grave 11) - #102
97. 28 October 1944 - **Private Thomas Campbell Houston**, 26, AIF, 6 Aust Div Provost Company AAPC, at 104 Casualty Clearing Station, Rocky Creek, from unfortunate firearm mishap. (Plot B, Row C, Grave 12) - #103
98. 04 November 1944 - **Private Leonard Sydney Ford**, 22, AIF, 2/3 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Wondecla from an unfortunate firearm mishap. (Plot B, Row C, Grave 13) - #109

99. 05 November 1944 - Boomerang CA-12 aircraft, A46-192, from RAAF No.5 Squadron at Mareeba, was carrying out a tactical reconnaissance of the Mount Molloy road. At 1445 hrs he was reported to be flying low and crashed into scrub on a hillside at the top of Spear Creek near Mount Molloy. The aircraft exploded and burnt, killing the pilot, **F/OFF Robert John Granger**, 23, RAAF No.5 Squadron. (Plot B, Row C, Grave 16) - #112
100. 06 November 1944 - Wirraway CA-9 fighter aircraft A20-517, of RAAF No.5 Squadron, piloted by F/OFF Christian Rasmussen, following a swing to port off the runway, due to a strong cross-wind, after landing at Mareeba airstrip from a flight from Cairns. Despite pilot trying to avert collision with Vengeance A27-1, it struck both the aircraft and the fleeing crew, killing two personnel from RAAF No.5 CU. The impact damaged the tail unit of a Vengeance aircraft. Two of the five men working on the rear section of the Vengeance were killed
- **F/OFF Ronald McTier**, 20, RAAF No.5 Communication Unit (Plot B, Row D, Grave 4) - #116
 - **W/O Norman John Burns**, 25, RAAF No.5 Communication Unit (Plot B, Row D, Grave 1) - #113
101. 09 November 1944 - 2/16 Australian Infantry Battalion, (21 Australian Infantry Brigade), moved from Kairi to Kimalo Artillery Range, near Mareeba for live firing exercises. Barrages were being fired by 2/5 Australian Field Regiment RAA to support an "attack" by the 2/16 Australian Infantry Battalion. Disaster struck when on the last shoot of the day, a drop short fell amongst 2/16 Battalion HQ and 'HQ' Company mess parade, causing one Officer and one Corporal to be killed and 34 wounded or shocked. RAP and stretcher-bearers worked tirelessly and efficiently on the wounded who were speedily transferred to the 2/2 AGH, Three more of the wounded died at 2/2 AGH and a further patient died some weeks later.
- **L/Cpl Douglas LeClercq Hartnett**, 25, AIF 2/16 Aust Inf Bn, 09 Nov 1944 (Plot B, Row C Grave 14) - #110
 - **Pte Peter Balshaw Roberts**, 21, AIF 2/16 Aust Inf Bn 09 November 1944 (Plot B, Row D Grave 02) - #114
 - **Cpl Brian Edwin Rose**, 23, AIF 2/16 Aust Inf Bn 09 November 1944 (Plot B, Row D Grave 03) - #115
 - **Cpl Albert Edward Cockram**, 26, AIF 2/16 Aust Inf Bn 09 November 1944 (Plot B, Row D Grave 05) - #117
 - **Lt Charles Arthur Geyton**, 24, AIF 2/16 Aust Inf Bn 09 November 1944 (Plot B, Row D Grave 06) - #118
 - **WO1 Sydney Durham McCarthy**, 42, AIF 2/16 Aust Inf Bn, 04 Dec 1944 (Plot B, Row D Grave 10) - #122
102. 11 November 1944 - **W/O1 Karl Buchanan Benns**, 29, AIF, HQ 7 Australian Division, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from accidental head injuries. (Plot B, Row C, Grave 15) - #111
103. 11 November 1943 - **Private Gerald Bradford Sprake**, 21, AIF, 1 Australian Air Liaison Group, Australian HQ, died of multiple injuries at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot B, Row D, Grave 7) - #119
104. 19 November 1944 - **Sergeant Leslie Ngata Murchison**, 23, AIF, 2/3 Australian Infantry Battalion, died from drowning in the Atherton area. (Plot B, Row D, Grave 8) - #120
105. 20 November 1944 - **Private Frederick George Murphy**, 29, AIF, 2/33 Australian Infantry Battalion, was killed when a truck he was driving rolled over in the Atherton area. (Plot B, Row D, Grave 9) - #121
106. 11 December 1944 - **Corporal Charles William Luke**, 28, AIF, 7 Australian Division Signals, ACS, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from petrol burns accidentally received. (Plot B, Row D, Grave 11) - #123
107. 15 December 1944 - **Sergeant John Frederick Whitcher**, 36, AIF, 2/14 Australian Transport Platoon, AASC, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot B, Row D, Grave 12) - #124
108. 17 December 1944 - **Craftsman Kenneth Clive Grainger**, 33, AIF, 2/132 Australian Brigade Workshop AEME, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from head and spine injuries received in a road accident. (Plot B, Row D, Grave 13) - #125
109. 18 December 1944 - **Tpr Evan Ralph Kelly**, 28, AIF, 2/3 Australian Commando Squadron, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from head and chest injuries accidentally received. (Plot C, Row A, Grave 1) - #129
110. 18 December 1944 - **Private Frederick George Fox**, 43, AIF, 2/3 Australian Ordnance Field Park, AAOC, died at 2/3 CCS, Mapee, from cerebral haemorrhage. (Plot B, Row D, Grave 14) - #126
111. 19 December 1944 - **Trooper Bruce Donald Morcom**, 29, AIF, 2/6 Australian Commando Squadron, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from crushed chest, accidentally received. (Plot B, Row D, Grave 15) - #127
112. 24 December 1944 - **Private Louis WaLieutenant Beinke**, 19, AIF, 2/33 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from accidental head injuries. (Plot B, Row D, Grave 16) - #128
113. 27 December 1944 - **W/O2 Charles William Gilbert**, 28, 2/1 Aust. Pioneer Battalion, AIF, was killed in an accident at the unit "Q" Store at Kairi, whilst preparing for a company training exercise in explosives. Two other soldiers were badly injured. (Plot C, Row A, Grave 2) - #130
114. 30 December 1944 - **Major Frederic Laurence Kirkwood**, 38, AIF, HQ 7 Aust Division, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from chest injuries received in an accidental explosion. (Plot C, Row A, Grave 3) - #131
115. 02 January 1945 - **Corporal Clarence Long**, 38, AIF, 1 Australian Line Maintenance Section, ACS, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from injuries received in an accident. (Plot C, Row A, Grave 7) - #135
116. 03 January 1945 - **Signaller Clive Cedric Nelson**, 21, AIF, 33 Australian Telephone Switchboard Operators Section, ACS, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital, from acute appendicitis, general peritonitis. (Plot C, Row A, Grave 4). - #132
117. 03 January 1945 - **Signaller Edmund Lewis Roberts**, 25, AIF, 3 Australian Line Section, Signal Corps, died of illness at Rocky Creek Military Hospital. (Plot C, Row A, Grave 9) - #137

118. 19 January 1945 - **Sergeant Edgar Charles Harrold**, 28, AIF, 2/25 Aust Infantry Battalion, was accidentally killed whilst handling an "Anti-Morale" grenade at Danbulla Div area, in which five others were injured.
(Plot C, Row A, Grave 5) - #133
119. 20 January 1945 - **Private George Edwin Parry**, 36, AIF, HQ 1 Australian Corps, died of illness at Rocky Creek Military Hospital.
(Plot C, Row A, Grave 6) - #134
120. 22 January 1945 - **Gunner Robert Frederick Lavington**, 22, AIF, 2/1 Aust Composite A/A Regiment, RAA died at Rocky Creek Hospital from head injuries accidentally received.
(Plot C, Row A, Grave 8) - #136
121. 25 January 1945 - **Gunner Arthur Laurence Hope**, 28, AIF, 2/8 Australian Field Regiment RAA, was killed in an Owen Machine Gun mishap at the unit's Ravenshoe area tent lines.
(Plot C, Row A, Grave 10) - #138
122. 02 February 1945 - **Signaller Edward George Barnden**, 34, ACMF, 1 Australian School of Sigs, died of illness at Rocky Creek Military Hospital.
(Plot C, Row A, Grave 11) - #139
123. 11 February 1945 - **Private Sydney Percival Taylor**, 31, AIF, 1 Australian Beach Group (Medical), AAMC, died at Rocky Creek from injuries to chest; the result of road accident.
(Plot C, Row A, Grave 12) - #140
124. 13 February 1945 - **Gunner Raymond Phillip Jenson**, 21, AIF, 2/1 Aust Composite A/A Regt, RAA, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from fracture dislocation thoracic spine.
(Plot C, Row A, Grave 13) - #141
125. 16 February 1945 - **Private Ronald Fergus Richardson**, 38, AIF, 2/6 Australian General Hospital, AAMC, died of pneumonia at Rocky Creek Military Hospital.
(Plot C, Row A, Grave 14) - #142
126. 18 February 1945 - **Gunner Arthur Dennis**, 19, AIF, 2 Australian Medium Regiment, RAA, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital.
(Plot C, Row A, Grave 15) - #143
127. 27 February 1945 - **L/Corporal Bert Angus Collison**, 31, AIF, 2/3 Australian Pioneer Battalion, died of heart failure at Ravenshoe.
(Plot C, Row B, Grave 1) - #145
128. 28 February 1945 - **L/Corporal Frederick John Jurgensen**, 39, AIF, Caterer, AACC, attached to 2/5 Australian Field Battery, died at Kairi from fractured skull.
(Plot C, Row A, Grave 16) - #144
129. 03 March 1945 - **Cpl Allan Ernest Blenman**, 23, AIF, 11 Aust Division Provost Coy, AAPC, died at Rocky Creek from multiple injuries (head, chest, abdomen, buttocks and calf).
(Plot C, Row B, Grave 6) - #150
130. 03 March 1945 - **Leading Aircraftsman Patrick Francis Goodger**, 20, RAAF, No.1 MPMU, (Mobile Parachute Maintenance Unit) was killed and 4 were injured when a weapon carrier en-route to Rocky Creek was involved in a collision with an Army truck at Mareeba. The vehicle skidded across the road and struck an electric power line.
(Plot C, Row B, Grave 2) - #146
131. 17 March 1945 - **Private Roy William Winwood**, 20, AIF, 2/23 Australian Infantry Battalion, died of cerebral injury in an accident during a working party, whilst carting gravel.
(Plot C, Row B, Grave 3) - #147
132. 26 March 1945 - **Lieutenant John Joseph Douch**, 21, AIF, 2/6 Australian Commando Squadron, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.
(Plot C, Row B, Grave 4) - #148
133. 29 March 1945 - **Corporal Edward George Kelley**, 21, AIF, 1 Australian Armoured Division Provost Company AAPC, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital.
(Plot C, Row B, Grave 5) - #149
134. 08 April 1945 - **Signaller Eric Reginald Knight**, 22, AIF, 2/4 Aust Field Regiment RAA Signals Section was killed at Atherton in a collision involving a picnic truck returning to camp at Kairi from Tully Falls.
(Plot C, Row B, Grave 7) - #151
135. 17 April 1945 - **Signaller Brian Thomas Murnane**, 21, AIF, HQ Australian Mobile Meteorological Squadron, Australian HQ, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital.
(Plot C, Row B, Grave 8) - #152
136. 02 May 1945 - **Private Desmond Robert Gould**, 21, ACMF, HQ A Sub Kit Store, died of drowning on the Atherton Tableland.
(Plot C, Row B, Grave 9) - #153
137. 07 May 1945 - **Private Douglas Alexander Callander**, 22, AIF, 2/33 Australian Infantry Battalion, died of accidental head injuries at Rocky Creek Military Hospital.
(Plot C, Row B Grave 10) - #154
138. 26 May 1945 - **Private Harold James Douglas**, 19.6, AIF, 2/12 Australian Infantry Battalion, died at Rocky Creek Military Hospital from injuries received. A truck in convoy carrying the rear party 2/12 Australian Infantry Battalion from Kairi to Innisfail along the Palmerston Highway left the road and hit a tree. He is the youngest person buried in the Atherton War Cemetery.
(Plot C, Row B Grave 11) - #155
139. 31 May 1945 - **Corporal John Alexander Taylor**, 31, AIF, 7 Australian Division Provost Company, AAPC, died at Wondecla from sub arachnoid haemorrhage.
(Plot C, Row B, Grave 12) - #156
140. 04 June 1945 - **Driver Leonard Victor Graham**, 23, AIF, 2/87 Australian Transport Platoon, died at the Rocky Creek Military Hospital.
(Plot C, Row B, Grave 13) - #157
141. 24 August 1945 - **Signaller Ellery Keith Light**, 20, AIF, 3 Aust Div Signals, died at Wongabel from accidental injuries.
(Plot B, Row B, Grave 10) - #154
142. 26 August 1945 - **Sergeant George Keiran Parker**, 25, AIF, 8 Australian Motor Ambulance Company, AASC, died at Kairi from injuries accidentally received.
(Plot C, Row B, Grave 14) - #158
143. 07 September 1945 - **Private Morris Herman Konemann**, 21, ACMF, 5 Australian Farm Company, AASC, died at Kairi from injuries he received when a horse pulling a wagon bolted. He was thrown to the ground where he was run over. He died on the way to Rocky Creek Military Hospital.
(Plot C, Row B, Grave 15) - #159
144. 18 May 1946 - **Sapper James Phillip Lynch**, 24, AIF, 1 Australian Engineers Store Base Depot, RAE, died at Atherton from head injuries.
(Plot C, Row B, Grave 16) - #160

145. 17 August 1946 - **Sergeant Colville James Lister**, 54, AIF, 7 Australian Advanced Ammunition Depot, AAOC, died at Tolga from injuries accidentally received. Lister (Service Number: 739) also served in WWI in 2nd Australian Light Horse Regiment. (Plot C, Row C, Grave 1) - #161
146. 29 November 1946 - While in the process of removing all ammunition from the Tolga Ammunition dump, a truck containing a large amount of cordite exploded, critically injuring three AIF personnel. The injured were admitted to the Atherton Base Hospital., but did not survive. All were buried at the Atherton War Cemetery.
- **Pte Robert Alastair Breingan**, 20, AIF 7 AAD, died 30 November 1946 (Plot C, Row C, Grave 2) - #162
 - **Pte Graham William Brown**, 19, AIF, 1 AAD, died 30 November 1946 (Plot C, Row C, Grave 3) - #163
 - **Lieutenant Frank Stuart-Boyle**, 28, AIF, 7 OD. died 01 December 1946 (Plot C, Row C, Grave 4) - #164

3. Photos of the Atherton War Cemetery from the Australian War Memorial



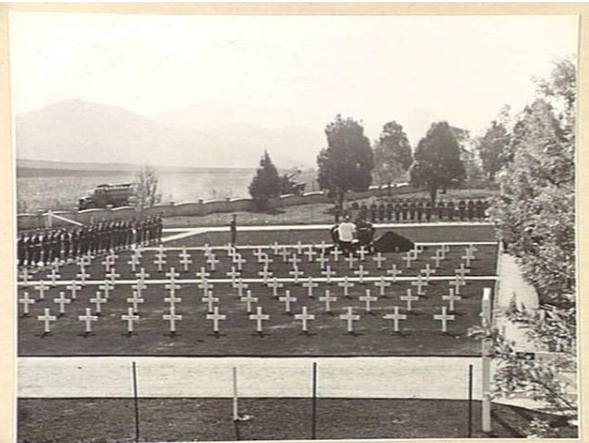
AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL 063708

ATHERTON, QLD. 1944-01-24. MEMBERS OF THE 7TH GRAVES REGISTRATION AND ENQUIRY UNIT REDESIGNING THE A THERTON WAR CEMETERY.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL 063709

ATHERTON, QLD. 1944-01-24. N106252 CAPTAIN E. A. D. HILL MM, OFFICER COMMANDING 7TH GRAVES REGISTRATION AND ENQUIRY UNIT USING A THEODOLITE IN SETTING OUT THE A THERTON WAR CEMETERY AMENDED DESIGN.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL 084382

ATHERTON WAR CEMETERY, QLD L 1944-12-12. OFFICERS AND MEN OF 7 DIVISION SIGS ATTENDING THE FUNERAL OF CPL C W LUKE, 7 DIVISION SIGS CONDUCTED BY CHAPLAIN D L REDDING, AT THE A THERTON WAR CEMETERY.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL 084377

ATHERTON, QLD. 1944-12-12. CHAPLAIN D L REDDING, (1), FOLLOWED BY PALLBEARERS CARRYING CORPORAL C W LUKE, 7 DIVISION SIGNALS, DURING THE FUNERAL SERVICE AT A THERTON WAR CEMETERY.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL 058973

ATHERTON, QLD. 1943-10-25. MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S ARMY SERVICE EMPLOYED AT THE A THERTON OFFICERS CLUB, PLACING FLOWERS ON THE GRAVES AT THE WAR CEMETERY.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL 058972

ATHERTON, QLD. 1943-10-25. MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S ARMY SERVICE EMPLOYED AT THE A THERTON OFFICERS CLUB, PLACING FLOWERS ON THE GRAVES AT THE WAR CEMETERY.

4. ALPHABETICAL LIST OF BURIALS

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The area between Atherton and Cairns was used extensively as a training ground during WWII. Atherton War Cemetery contains 164 Commonwealth burials from this War.

Seventy three (73) of the servicemen interred in this cemetery died of sickness and war related wounds and injuries while patients at the Rocky Creek Army Hospital Complex 1942 – 46.

Eighty eight (88) of the soldiers were buried during 1944. Six (6) of the soldiers died of injuries after VP Day, the declaration of the end of WWII, 15 August 1945.

No.	Surname	Names	Rank	Number	Age	Status	Service	Corps	Unit	Died	NOK Location	State	Plot
1	ABBOTT	ERIC CAIRNS	Private	NX10246	39	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/3 Pnr. Bn. Australian Infantry	17-Jul-1943	Avalon Beach	NSW	AB03
2	ABBOTT	FREDERICK GEORGE	Private	WX13018	24	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/32 Bn. Australian Infantry	25-May-1943	Beaconsfield	WA	AC11
3	AUSTIN	JOSEPH	Private	Q54603	58	S	A.C.M.F.	Infantry	15 Garrison Bn. Australian Infantry	5-Jan-1944	Kairi.	QLD	AA16
4	BAILLIE	NOEL STANLEY	Private	QX3189	34	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/31 Bn. Australian Infantry	29-May-1943	Goomeri	QLD	AC12
5	BALAAM	WILLIAM	Private	QX43873	26	S	A.I.F.	Service	2/34 Gen. Tpt. Coy.	3-Jul-1944	Round Mountain	QLD	BB06
6	BARNDEN	EDWARD GEORGE	Signalman	N296948	34	M	A.C.M.F.	Signals	1st School of Sigs.	2-Feb-1945	Armidaale	NSW	CA11
7	BEHRENS	WALTER	Private	Q100350	23	S	A.C.M.F.	Infantry	9 Bn. Australian Infantry	5-Jun-1944	Caboolture	QLD	BB01
8	BEINKE	LOUIS WALTER	Private	SX19841	19.9	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/33 Bn. Australian Infantry	24-Dec-1944	Walloway	SA	BD16
9	BENNS	KARL BUCHANAN	WO Class I	NX33780	29	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	H.Q. 7. Australian Division	11-Nov-1944	Randwick	NSW	BC15
10	BLANCH	GORDON FRANCIS	Sergeant	420827	20	S	RAAF	RAAF	RAAF	12-Jun-1943	South Casino	NSW	AB04
11	BLENMAN	ALLAN ERNEST	Corporal	NX153450	23	S	A.I.F.	Provost	11 Div. Prov. Coy	3-Mar-1945	Cook's Hill	NSW	CB06
12	BOTHERAS	ALAN STEPHEN HADLEY	Gunner	VX123737	27	S	A.I.F.	Artillery	3 Lt. A.A. Trg. Regt	16-Nov-1943	Lascelles	VIC	AB15
13	BOWMAN	STANLEY HUGH	Private	NX39001	26	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/3 Bn. Australian Infantry	28-Mar-1944	Brisbane	QLD	BA01
14	BOYES	HARRY MANNING	Signalman	NX107075	22	S	A.I.F.	Signals	7 Div. Sigs	17-Mar-1943	South Kempsey	NSW	AC06
15	BRAY	JAMES WALTER EDWARD	Sergeant	WX763	29	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/11 Bn. Australian Infantry	17-Nov-1943	Quairading	WA	AA02
16	BREINGAN	ROBERT ALASTAIR WYLIE	Private	NX193399	20	S	A.I.F.	Ordnance	7 Adv. Amn. Depot	30-Nov-1946	Sungei Patani	MALAYA	CC02
17	BRENNAN	JOHN OLIVER	Corporal	QX43547	27	S	A.I.F.	AEME	241 L.A.D.	2-Jun-1944	Brisbane	QLD	BA13
18	BRETT	JOHN WILLIAM MID	Captain	TX2062	25	S	A.I.F.	Signals	9 Div. Sigs.	6-Oct-1943	Launceston	TAS	AB12
19	BROCK	GEOFFREY HUTTON DSO	Lt Col	VX22	36	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	31/51 Bn. Australian Infantry	19-Dec-1943	Camberwell	VIC	AA07
20	BROWN	GRAHAM WILLIAM PATRICK	Private	QX64149	19.7	S	A.I.F.	Ordnance	1 Adv. Amn. Depot	30-Nov-1946	Rocklea	QLD	CC03
21	BURNS	NORMAN JOHN	Warrant Officer	422019	25	S	RAAF	RAAF	RAAF	6-Nov-1944	Narrabri	NSW	BD01
22	CALDWELL	RAYMOND ALEXANDER	Private	NX152900	21	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	7 M.G. Bn. Australian Infantry	3-Jan-1944	Cobargo	NSW	AA08
23	CALLANDER	DOUGLAS ALEXANDER	Private	VX113123	22	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/33 Bn. Australian Infantry	7-May-1945	Geelong	VIC	CB10
24	CAMPBELL	WILLIAM MAURICE	WO Class II	VX.69395	29	M	A.I.F.	AEME	56 A.A. (Comp.) Wksps	3-Oct-1943	Warburton	VIC	AB11
25	CAMPBELL	WARREN THOMAS	Lieutenant	NX136166	21	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/5. Australian Commando Squadron	22-Nov-1943	Burwood	NSW	AA10
26	CLARKE	HUBERT KENNETH	Private	NX10195	38	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/1 H.Q. Guard Bn. Australian Infantry	11-Sep-1943	Bathurst	NSW	AB10
27	CLARKE	ROBERT JAMES	WO Class II	Q.221512	53	M	A.C.M.F.	VDC	H.Q. 18 Bn.	19-Jun-1944	Montville	QLD	BA14
28	CLARKE	THOMAS HENRY EDWARD	Corporal	WX26745	22	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	44 Bn. Australian Infantry	12-Apr-1944	Manjimup	WA	BA06
29	COBURN	MAURICE FORD	Signalman	NX56073	23	S	A.I.F.	Signals	1 Corps Sigs.	27-Jan-1944	Croydon	NSW	AA14
30	COCKRAM	ALBERT EDWARD ALLENBY	Corporal	WX11324	26	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/16 Bn. Australian Infantry	9-Nov-1944	Nukarni	WA	BD05
31	COLLISON	BERT ANGUS	Lance Corporal	NX82442	31	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/3 Pnr. Bn. Australian Infantry	27-Feb-1945	Moonan Flat	NSW	CB01
32	COOMBES	GEORGE WALTER	Corporal	VX41412	26	M	A.I.F.	Provost	6 Div. Prov. Coy.	15-Jul-1944	Kew	VIC	BB04
33	COOPER	FRANK	Private	NX44349	22	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/13 Bn. Australian Infantry	12-Jun-1943	Kempsey	NSW	AC14
34	CORNELL	JOHN OSBORN	Lieutenant	VX57061	26	M	A.I.F.	Medical	2/2 Field Amb.	16-Mar-1944	Frankston	VIC	AD15
35	CORNWELL	DOUGLAS	Private	VX28672	26	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/24 Bn. Australian Infantry	19-Sep-1944	Malvern	VIC	BC04
36	COUSENS	JOSEPH ARTHUR	Private	QX1766	39	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/12 Bn. Australian Infantry	23-Mar-1943	Burton	ENGLAND	AC07
37	CURRALL	JAMES	Private	NX86802	21	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/3 Bn. Australian Infantry	15-Feb-1944	Newtown	NSW	AD10
38	DAVIS	ALLAN EDWARD	Sapper	NX148450	20	S	A.I.F.	Engineers	2/2 Field Coy.	12-Oct-1944	Wagga Wagga	NSW	BC10
39	DAY	LEWIS ALBERT	Gunner	VX18530	29	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/8 Field Regt.	25-Dec-1943	St. Kilda	VIC	AA13
40	DENNIS	ARTHUR	Gunner	NX175115	19.9	S	A.I.F.	Artillery	2 Medium Regt.	18-Feb-1945	Hammondville	NSW	CA15
41	DIKE	JOHN EDWARD	Private	VX66745	22	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	7 Bn. Australian Infantry	2-Apr-1944	Prahran	VIC	AD13
42	DOHERTY	EDWARD NEIL	Private	QX27006	32	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/15 Bn. Australian Infantry	20-Jun-1943	Kedron.	QLD	AC15
43	DONALD	ERNEST JAMES	Signalman	TX1223	26	M	A.I.F.	Signals	1 Corps Sigs	5-Feb-1944	Carrick	TAS	AA15
44	DOUCH	JOHN JOSEPH	Lieutenant	NX96146	21	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	216. Australian Commando Squadron	26-Mar-1945	Canberra	ACT	CB04
45	DOUGLAS	HAROLD JAMES	Private	WX41525	19.6	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/12 Bn. Australian Infantry	26-May-1945	South Fremantle	WA	CB11
46	DRAFFIN	HARRY JOSEPH	Sergeant	VX110311	25	S	A.I.F.	Signals	30 Inf. Bde. Sigs.	7-Oct-1943	Clarkefield	VIC	AB16
47	DREDGE	WARREN DOUGLAS	Private	Q22681	28	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	25 Bn. Australian Infantry	2-Apr-1944	Roadside	QLD	BA03
48	DUNBAR	ALFRED MICHAEL	Lance Corporal	VX67519	21	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	7 Bn. Australian Infantry	9-Feb-1944	Coburg	VIC	AD01
49	EDMONDS	KEITH HENRY	Signalman	NX18338	26	S	A.I.F.	Signals	6 Div. Sigs.	16-May-1944	Uralla	NSW	BA11

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50	FARRELL	RAYMOND WILLIAM	Corporal	425291	25	S	RAAF	RAAF	RAAF	26-Jun-1944	Goondiwindi	QLD	BB02
51	FELGENHAUER	JAMES	Lance Corporal	Q128707	32	S	A.C.M.F.	Engineers	16 Field Coy.	12-Mar-1943	Toowoomba	QLD	AC04
52	FIDLER	JOHN HENRY	Signalman	VX105656	21	S	A.I.F.	Signals	3 Div. Sigs.	28-Aug-1944	South Yarra	VIC	BB14
53	FORD	LEONARD SYDNEY	Private	NX130852	22	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/3 Bn. Australian Infantry	4-Nov-1944	Dapto	NSW	BC13
54	FOX	FREDERICK GEORGE	Craftsman	VX.54177	43	S	A.I.F.	Ordnance	2/3 Ord. Field Pk	18-Dec-1944	Caulfield	VIC	BD14
55	FRAHM	HECTOR	Private	QX16693	25	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/15 Bn. Australian Infantry	2-Jul-1943	Nobby	QLD	AC16
56	FYFFE	SAMUEL THOMAS	Private	NX191589	20	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/4 Bn. Australian Infantry	15-Mar-1944	Merrylands	NSW	AD08
57	GARVIE	WILLIAM HENRY	Private	VX90751	33	M	A.I.F.	Service	20 Field Bakery Pln.	27-Jun-1944	Brunswick	VIC	BB09
58	GEYTON	CHARLES ARTHUR	Lieutenant	VX114946	24	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/16 Bn. Australian Infantry	9-Nov-1944	Brighton	VIC	BD06
59	GIBBS	DOUGLAS HOENER	Trooper	VX55088	20	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/10. Australian Commando Squadron	13-Sep-1944	Montmorency	VIC	CB01
60	GIBSON	VICTOR WILLIAM	Private	NX33104	36	M	A.I.F.	Labour Service	14 Emp. Coy.	22-Feb-1943	Rudlynch	NSW	AC03
61	GILBERT	CHARLES WILLIAM	WO Class II	NX.23498	28	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/1 Pnr. Bn. Australian Infantry	27-Dec-1944	Ballarat	VIC	CA02
62	GOODGER	PATRICK FRANCIS	LAC	118282	20	S	RAAF	RAAF	RAAF	3-Mar-1945	Ballarat	VIC	CB02
63	GOULD	DESMOND ROBERT	Private	S42094	21	S	A.C.M.F.	Ordnance	HQ."A" Sub Kit Store	2-May-1945	Westbourne Park	SA	CB09
64	GRAHAM	LEONARD VICTOR	Driver	VX61170	23	S	A.I.F.	Service	2/87 Transport Pln.	4-Jun-1945	Black Rock	VIC	CB13
65	GRAINGER	KENNETH CLIVE	Craftsman	VX.73621	33	S	A.I.F.	AEME	2/123 Bde. Wksp.	17-Dec-1944	Adelaide	SA	BD13
66	GRANGER	ROBERT JOHN	Flying Officer	434950	23	S	RAAF	RAAF	RAAF	5-Nov-1944	Moonee Ponds	VIC	BC16
67	HADDON	JACK VINCENT	Trooper	VX75517	23	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/5 Australian Commando Squadron	11-Mar-1944	Malvern	VIC	AD16
68	HANFORD	GWYN MACGREGOR	Private	NX26559	28	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/3 Pnr. Bn. Australian Infantry	1-Jul-1944	Marrickville	NSW	BB15
69	HARROLD	EDGAR CHARLES	Sergeant	QX16233	28	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/25 Bn. Australian Infantry	19-Jan-1945	Tara	QLD	CA05
70	HARTNETT	DOUGLAS LE CLERCQ	Lance Corporal	WX.13121	25	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/16 Bn. Australian Infantry	9-Nov-1944	Bunbury	WA	BC14
71	HEMSWORTH	ANDREW MERVYN	Gunner	Q123578	21	S	A.C.M.F.	Artillery	37 Lt. A.A. Bty.	4-Jan-1943	Acacia Ridge	QLD	AC01
72	HESLIN	JOHN THOMAS	Private	VX53462	25	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	HQ. 17. Australian Infantry Brigade	6-Nov-1943	South Yarra	VIC	AB14
73	HILTON	CECIL JAMES	Private	VX74564	29	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/12 Bn. Australian Infantry	31-Mar-1943	Oakleigh	VIC	AC08
74	HOLLAMBY	JACK DONALD	Signalman	WX15383	28	S	A.I.F.	Signals	HQ."A" Corps Sigs.	6-May-1944	Mosman's Park	WA	BA10
75	HOOD	JOHN CAMERON	Craftsman	SX.8063	27	S	A.I.F.	AEME	2/48 Inf. Bn. (attached)	4-Sep-1943	Thebarton	SA	AB08
76	HOPE	ARTHUR LAURENCE	Gunner	TX4533	28	S	A.I.F.	Artillery	2/8 Field Regt.	25-Jan-1945	West Kentish	TAS	CA10
77	HORAN	PATRICK BENJAMIN	Corporal	WX16805	25	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/5 Australian Commando Squadron	11-Mar-1944	Kalgoorlie	WA	AD06
78	HOUSTON	JOHN	Private	NX34009	33	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/33 Bn. Australian Infantry	6-Oct-1944	Bexley	NSW	BC08
79	HOUSTON	THOMAS CAMPBELL	Private	WX6717	26	S	A.I.F.	Provost	6 Div. Prov. Coy.	28-Oct-1944	Maida Vale	WA	BC12
80	HUGHES	LEWIS	Signalman	QX15502	26	S	A.I.F.	Signals	2/12 Field Regt. Sigs. Sect.	15-Sep-1944	Almeley	ENGLAND	BC03
81	JAGO	CLARENCE GORDON	Gunner	NX39206	33	M	A.I.F.	Artillery	2/3 Altk. Regt.	9-Sep-1944	Enmore	NSW	BB12
82	JAMES	DOUGLAS WALTER	Sergeant	WX73	34	M	A.I.F.	Artillery	2/3 Field Regt.	7-Sep-1943	Killay	WALES	AB09
83	JEFFERY	PERCY THOMAS	Flying Officer	205655	27	M	RAAF	RAAF	RAAF	4-May-1944	Elsternwick	VIC	BA16
84	JENSON	RAYMOND PHILLIP	Gunner	NX149206	21	S	A.I.F.	Artillery	2/1 Comp. A.A. Regt.	13-Feb-1945	Enfield	NSW	CA13
85	JOHNSON	FREDERICK	Lance Corporal	NX14433	31	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/13 Bn. Australian Infantry	10-May-1944	Newton	NSW	BA09
86	JONES	GEORGE ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL	Representative	B21355	26	S	YMCA	Infantry	ACMF (attached)	15-Oct-1943	Booval	QLD	AA01
87	JURGENSEN	FREDERICK JOHN	Lance Corporal	NX.14925	39	M	A.I.F.	Catering	215 Field Regt (attached)	28-Feb-1945	Brighton-le-Sands	NSW	CA16
88	KAISER	RICHARD	Private	NX39941	24	S	A.I.F.	Medical	2/1 Field Amb.	30-Aug-1943	Weston	NSW	AB07
89	KELLEY	EDWARD GEORGE	Corporal	VX120067	21	S	A.I.F.	Provost	1 Armd. Div. Prov. Coy.	29-Mar-1945	Port Mel-bourne	VIC	CB05
90	KELLY	EVAN RALPH	Trooper	SX3651	26	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/3 Australian Commando Squadron	18-Dec-1944	Urania	SA	CA01
91	KELLY	GERALD JAMES	Private	WX17287	36	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/32 Bn. Australian Infantry	14-Jul-1943	Geraldton	WA	AB05
92	KING	JOHN FRANCIS	Driver	VX135379	20	S	A.I.F.	Service	2/142 Gen. Tpt. Coy.	2-Oct-1944	South Melbourne	VIC	BC07
93	KIRKWOOD	FREDERIC LAURENCE NICHOLAS	Major	NX20150	38	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	HQ. 7. Australian Division	30-Dec-1944	Miranda	NSW	CA03
94	KNIGHT	ERIC REGINALD	Signalman	NX127190	22	S	A.I.F.	Signals	2/4 Field Regt. Sigs. Sect.	8-Apr-1945	South Lismore	NSW	CB07
95	KONEMANN	MORRIS HERMAN	Private	N452451	21	S	A.C.M.F.	Service	5 Farm Coy.	7-Sep-1945	Fairfield	NSW	CB15
96	LAVINGTON	ROBERT FREDERICK	Gunner	NX66132	22	M	A.I.F.	Artillery	2/1 Comp. A.A. Regt	22-Jan-1945	Goulburn	NSW	CA08
97	LIGHT	ELLERY KEITH	Signalman	VX105672	20	S	A.I.F.	Signals	3 Div. Sigs	24-Aug-1944	Orbost	VIC	BB10
98	LISTER	COLVILLE JAMES	Sergeant	QX34095	54	M	A.I.F.	Ordnance	7 Adv. Amn. Depot.	17-Aug-1946	Milton	QLD	CC01
99	LLOYD	GEORGE JAMES	Private	Q28204	28	M	A.C.M.F.	Service	152 Gen. Tpt. Coy	21-Feb-1944	Brisbane	QLD	AD04
100	LONG	CLARENCE M.I.D.	Lance Corporal	VX37009	38	S	A.I.F.	Signals	1 Line Maintenance Sec.	2-Jan-1945	Richmond	VIC	CA07
101	LUKE	CHARLES WILLIAM	Corporal	VX34420	28	S	A.I.F.	Signals	7 Div. Sigs.	11-Dec-1944	Clifton Hill	VIC	BD11
102	LYNCH	JAMES PHILLIP	Sapper	VX140587	24	S	A.I.F.	Engineers	1 Engrs. Store Base Depot	18-May-1946	East Geelong	VIC	CB16
103	MANN	ALWYN GEORGE STANLEY	Private	NX34510	28	M	A.I.F.	Medical	2/11 Field Amb	5-Jun-1944	Merrylands	NSW	BB16
104	MANN	JACK WILLIAM	Private	WX34491	26	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/1 Bn. Australian Infantry	29-Sep-1944	Bieton	WA	BC05
105	MAXWELL	ALBERT CHARLES VICTORY	Private	VX51437	25	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/5 Bn. Australian Infantry	7-Mar-1944	Cockatoo	VIC	AD05
106	MILLS	WALLACE HICKFORD	WO Class II	VX.2998	28	M	A.I.F.	AEME	2/41 L.A.D.	24-Nov-1943	Black Rock	VIC	AA11
107	MITCHELL	FREDERICK ARTHUR	Flying Officer	416359	25	M	RAAF	RAAF	RAAF	4-May-1944	College Park	SA	BA07
108	MORCOM	BRUCE DONALD	Trooper	SX15930	29	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/6 Australian Commando Squadron	19-Dec-1944	Cowandilla	SA	BD15
109	MORRISON	CAMPBELL ALEXANDER	Pilot Officer	430188	24	M	RAAF	RAAF	RAAF	14-Jan-1944	Elwood	VIC	AA09
110	MURCHISON	LESLIE NGATA	Lance Sergeant	VX10095	23	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/3 Bn. Australian Infantry	19-Nov-1944	Bellevue Hill	NSW	BD08

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111	MURNANE	BRIAN THOMAS	Signalman	NX171323	21	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	HQ. Mobile Meteorological Sqn.	17-Apr-1945	Bondi	NSW	CB08
112	MURPHY	FREDERICK GEORGE	Private	NX14642	29	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/33 Bn. Australian Infantry.	20-Nov-1944	Kingsford	NSW	BD09
113	McCARTHY	SYDNEY DURHAM	WO Class I	WX3008	42	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/16 Bn. Australian Infantry	4-Dec-1944	West Perth	WA	BD10
114	McDONALD	GRENVILLE GEORGE	Private	VX29463	21	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/4 Bn. Australian Infantry	18-Aug-1943	Northcote South	VIC	AB06
115	McGREGOR	NORMAN CHARLES BOYD	Lance Corporal	NX30313	31	S	A.I.F.	Engineers	2/1 Field Coy.	26-May-1944	Brogo	NSW	BA12
116	McLEAN	STANLEY CHARLES ARTHUR	Trooper	VX63714	36	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/10. Australian Commando Squadron	11-Sep-1944	Natimuk	VIC	BB13
117	McMULLEN	ALLEN ALBERT	Private	NX25730	24	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/3 Pnr. Bn. Australian Infantry	13-Oct-1944	Hoxton Park	NSW	BC09
118	McTIER	RONALD	Flying Officer	428344	20	S	RAAF	RAAF	RAAF	6-Nov-1944	Ascot Vale	VIC	BD04
119	NELSON	CLIVE CEDRIC ANGUS	Signalman	QX50733	21	S	A.I.F.	Signals	33 Telephone Swbd. Op. Sec.	3-Jan-1945	Valley	QLD	CA04
120	PARKER	GEORGE KEIRAN	Sergeant	VX87632	25	S	A.I.F.	Service	8 Motor Amb.	26-Aug-1945	Malvern	VIC	CB14
121	PARRY	GEORGE EDWIN	Private	NX147914	36	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	H.Q. 1. Australian Corps	20-Jan-1945	West Lane Cove	NSW	CA06
122	PARTON	FRANK LAWRENCE	Pilot Officer	32589	27	M	RAAF	RAAF	RAAF	12-Jun-1943	Penshurst	NSW	AB01
123	PENN	JOHN ANDREW	Private	WX.134	27	M	A.I.F.	Medical	2/7 Field Amb.	25-Mar-1944	Perth	WA	AD11
124	PERKINS	JAMES THOMAS	Private	WX1793	28	S	A.I.F.	Medical	2/7 Field Amb.	25-Mar-1944	Perth	WA	AD14
125	PIFFERO	ERNEST ALLIBAND	Gunner	NX121984	25	S	A.I.F.	Artillery	2/2 Field Regt	16-Apr-1944	Wagga Wagga	NSW	BA08
126	POTTER	FRANCIS EDWARD	Sergeant	21883	22	M	RAAF	RAAF	RAAF	26-May-1944	Glenhuntly	VIC	BA15
127	REID	JOHN ROBERTSON	WO Class II	NX.3853	35	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	6 Div. Carrier Coy.	11-Apr-1944	Sutherland	NSW	BA05
128	RICHARDSON	RONALD FERGUS	Private	WX17989	38	S	A.I.F.	Medical	2/6 Gen. Hospital.	16-Feb-1945	Manjimup	WA	CA14
129	RITCHIE	PHILIP JOHN LESTER	Sergeant	SX8200	26	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/3 M.G. Bn. Australian Infantry	19-Mar-1944	Brooklyn Park	SA	AD09
130	ROBERTS	EDMUND LEWIS	Signalman	NX28972	25	M	A.I.F.	Signals	3 Line Sect.	3-Jan-1945	Wentworthville	NSW	CA09
131	ROBERTS	PETER BALSHAW	Private	TX12763	21	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/16 Bn. Australian Infantry	9-Nov-1944	Longford	TAS	BD02
132	ROBERTS	STEWART ABRAHAM	Private	N407004	27	S	A.C.M.F.	Infantry	58/59 Bn. Australian Infantry	24-Oct-1944	Frogmore	NSW	BC11
133	ROSE	BRIAN EDWIN	Corporal	WX5701	23	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/16 Bn. Australian Infantry	9-Nov-1944	Burekup	WA	BD03
134	ROSS	DUNCAN	Gunner	NX57139	38	M	A.I.F.	Artillery	2/3 Altk. Regt.	25-Apr-1943	Concord	NSW	AC03
135	ROSS	WILLIAM JOHN MCKAY	Private	VX64765	21	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	8 Bn. Australian Infantry	18-Dec-1943	South Yarra	VIC	AA12
136	SCHLYDER	ERIC LEONARD	Lieutenant	QX34428	27	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	25 Bn. Australian Infantry	30-Mar-1944	Warwick	QLD	AD12
137	SCOTT	JACK	Private	VX21801	51	S	A.I.F.	Medical	2/6 Gen. Hospital	17-Dec-1943	Aberdeen	SCOTLAND	AA06
138	SKELLY	JOSEPH MCKENZIE	Private	VX64454	23	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	1 Parachute Bn. Australian Infantry	8-Sep-1944	Moama	NSW	BB11
139	SLADE	WILLIAM FREDERICK	Private	Q112220	32	S	A.C.M.F.	Infantry	31 Bn. Australian Infantry	15-Feb-1943	South Townsville	QLD	AC02
140	SMITH	CECIL WILLIAM	Private	NX14302	38	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/2 Bn. Australian Infantry	19-Apr-1943	Cronulla	NSW	AC09
141	SMITH	WILLIAM ALFRED SYDNEY	Private	QX5222	34	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/15 Bn. Australian Infantry	10-Jun-1943	Kiamba	QLD	AC13
142	SPRAKE	GERALD BRADFORD	Private	NX94647	21	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	1 Air Liaison Group	11-Nov-1944	Beaconsfield	ENGLAND	BD07
143	STEPHEN	DAVID ARTHUR	Corporal	SX12772	23	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/5. Australian Commando Squadron	13-Mar-1944	Croydon	SA	AD07
144	STEPHENS	CLEMENT CHARLES	WO Class II	WX.2692	31	M	A.I.F.	Artillery	2/3 Field Regt.	23-Nov-1943	Perth	WA	AA03
145	STEWART	ALEXANDER WILLIAM	Signalman	VX12484	27	S	A.I.F.	Signals	17 Inf. Bde. Sig. Sect.	11-Feb-1944	Eganstown	VIC	AD02
146	STEWART	WILLIAM HENRY JAMES	Private	QX36446	32	S	A.I.F.	Catering	2/10 Bn. Australian Infantry (attached)	3-Sep-1944	Petrie Terrace	QLD	BB07
147	STUART-BOYLE	FRANK	Lieutenant	VX101368	28	M	A.I.F.	Ordnance	7 Ord. Depot.	1-Dec-1946	Longreach	QLD	CC04
148	SUNNERDALE	CYRIL JOHN	Private	QX33274	21	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/3 Bn. Australian Infantry	28-Mar-1944	Bancroft	QLD	BA04
149	SWANSON	FREDERICK ALEXANDER	Gunner	QX30378	34	S	A.I.F.	Artillery	2/3 Field Regt	30-Sep-1944	Bundaberg	QLD	BC06
150	TAYLOR	JOHN ALEXANDER	Corporal	NX149822	27	M	A.I.F.	Provost	7 Div. Prov. Coy.	31-May-1945	Croydon	NSW	CB12
151	TAYLOR	SYDNEY PERCIVAL	Private	VX116883	31	M	A.I.F.	Medical	1 Beach Gp.	11-Feb-1945	Northcote	VIC	CA12
152	THOMAS	NEVILLE JOHN JOSEPH	Corporal	NX152713	20	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	7 MG. Bn. Australian Infantry	5-Dec-1943	Nambucca Heads	NSW	AA04
153	THOMAS	RONALD ERNEST	Private	VX69590	20	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/10 Bn. Australian Infantry	13-Jul-1943	Parkville	VIC	AB02
154	THOMPSON	WILLIAM RENNETH	Flying Officer	409351	21	S	RAAF	RAAF	RAAF	17-Mar-1944	Shepparton	VIC	AD10
155	UNDERHILL	WILLIAM JOHN	Lance Corporal	WX.32808	21	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	1 Australian Corps. Australian Headquarters	7-Sep-1944	Beaconsfield	WA	BB08
156	WADDELL	JOHN HALL	Private	WX16257	34	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/11 Bn. Australian Infantry	17-Nov-1943	Mount Lawley	WA	AA05
157	WADLEY	WILLIAM JAMES	Lance Sergeant	VX19386	32	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	New Guinea Force. Australian Headquarters	30-Jun-1944	Brocklesby	NSW	BB03
158	WARD	RONALD LESLIE	Private	SX12391	27	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/27 Bn. Australian Infantry	14-Mar-1943	Norwood	SA	AC05
159	WEST	EDWARD NORMAN LEE	Private	WX5891	28	M	A.I.F.	Catering	2/11 Bn. Australian Infantry (attached)	19-Aug-1944	Mount Barker	WA	BB05
160	WEST	JOHN THOMAS	Staff Sergeant	NX7403	39	M	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/6. Australian Commando Squadron	14-Sep-1944	Sydney	NSW	BC02
161	WHEELER	JOSEPH LENARD	Corporal	NX41246	25	S	A.I.F.	Service	2/155 Gen. Tpt. Coy	31-Mar-1944	Armidale	NSW	BA02
162	WHITCHER	JOHN FREDERICK AYLWIN	Sergeant	VX54954	36	S	A.I.F.	Service	2/14 Transport Pln.	15-Dec-1944	Westcliff-on-Sea	ENGLAND	BD12
163	WINWARD	LESLIE JAMES	Corporal	VX22942	24	S	A.I.F.	Service	2/3 Coy.	14-Oct-1943	Whittlesea	VIC	AB13
164	WINWOOD	ROY WILLIAM	Private	TX16084	20	S	A.I.F.	Infantry	2/23 Bn. Australian Infantry	17-Mar-1945	Bracknell	TAS	CB03

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	COLLISON	GOODGER RAAF	WINWOOD	DOUCH	KELLEY	BLENMAN	KNIGHT	MURNANE	GOULD	CALLANDER	DOUGLAS	TAYLOR	GRAHAM	PARKER	KONEMANN	LYNCH
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	GIBBS	WEST	HUGHES	CORNWELL	MANN	SWANSON	KING	HOUSTON	McMULLEN	DAVIS	ROBERTS	HOUSTON	FORD	HARTNETT	BENNS	GRANGER RAAF
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	BEHRENS	FARRELL RAAF	WADLEY	COOMBES	WEST	BALAAM	STEWART	UNDERHILL	GARVIE	LIGHT	SKELLY	JAGO	McLEAN	FIDLER	HANFORD	MANN
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	BOWMAN	WHEELER	DREDGE	SUNNERDALE	REID	CLARKE	MITCHELL RAAF	PIFFERO	JOHNSON	HOLLAMBY	EDMONDS	McGREGOR	BRENNAN	CLARKE	POTTER RAAF	JEFFERY RAAF
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	DUNBAR	STEWART	ROSS	LLOYD	MAXWELL	HORAN	STEPHEN	FYFFE	RITCHE	THOMPSON RAAF	PENN	SCHLYDER	DIKE	PERKINS	CORNELL	HADDON
Row 3	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
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	HEMSWORTH	SLADE	GIBSON	FELGENHAUER	WARD	BOYES	COUSENS	HILTON	SMITH	CURRALL	ABBOTT	BAILLIE	SMITH	COOPER	DOHERTY	FRAHM
Row 2	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
	AB01	AB02	AB03	AB04	AB05	AB06	AB07	AB08	AB09	AB10	AB11	AB12	AB13	AB14	AB15	AB16
	PARTON RAAF	THOMAS	ABBOTT	BLANCH RAAF	KELLY	McDONALD	KAISER	HOOD	JAMES	CLARKE	CAMPBELL	BRETT	WINWARD	HESLIN	BOTHERAS	DRAFFIN
Row 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	AA01	AA02	AA03	AA04	AA05	AA06	AA07	AA08	AA09	AA10	AA11	AA12	AA13	AA14	AA15	AA16
	JONES YMCA	BRAY	STEPHENS	THOMAS	WADDELL	SCOTT	BROCK	CALDWELL	MORRISON RAAF	CAMPBELL	MILLS	ROSS	DAY	COBURN	DONALD	AUSTIN
Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

Rockley Road

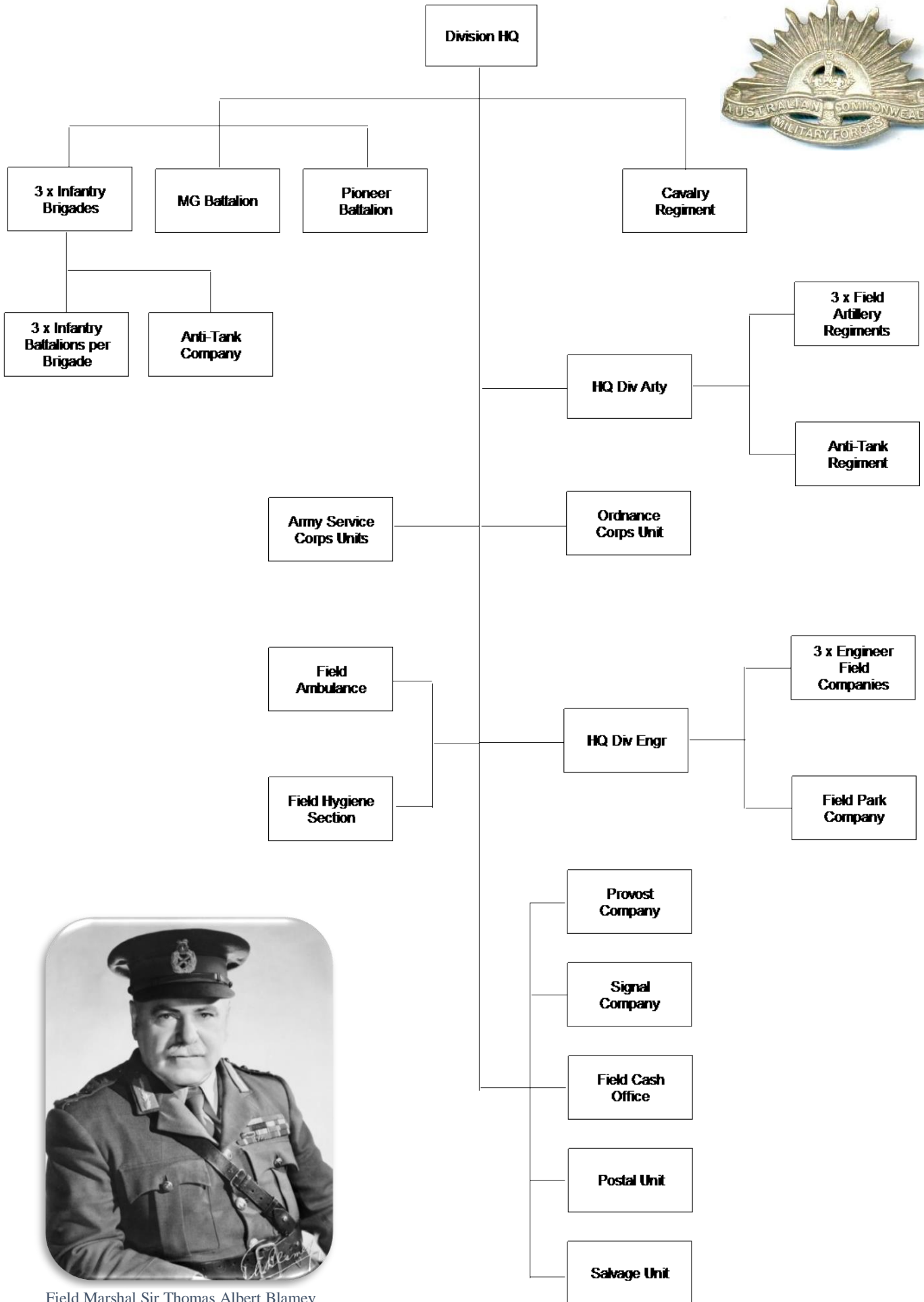
Entrance Gate

6. SUMMARY OF INTERNMENTS 1943 – 1946

Seventy three (73) of these people died of wounds or sickness at the Rocky Creek Hospital Complex with another one also dying at the nearby 104 CCS.

Rank		Corps	No.	Unit	No.	Unit	No.	Death Location	No.
ARMY	No.	Infantry	80	1 Advanced Ammunition Depot	1	2/33 Australian Infantry Battalion	4	Atherton Area	14
Lt Col	1	Signals	17	1 Air Liaison Group	1	2/34 General Transport Company	1	Atherton DM Hospital	3
Major	1	Artillery	12	1 Armour Division Provost Company	1	2/41 Light Aid Detachment	1	Barrine	1
Captain	1	RAAF	12	1 Australian Army Corps Headquarters	1	2/48 Infantry Battalion (attached)	1	Barrine Rd	1
Lieutenant	6	Service	10	1 Australian Corps HQ	1	2/87 Transport Platoon	1	Biboohra	1
WO Class I	2	Medical	8	1 Beach Group	1	2/123 Brigade Workshop	1	Herberton	3
WO Class II	6	Ordnance	6	1 Corps Signals	2	2/142 General Transport Company	1	Kairi	5
Staff Sergeant	1	AEME	5	1 Engineers Store Base Depot	1	2/155 General Transport Company	1	Kairi, Barron River	1
Sergeant	8	Provost	5	1 Line Maintenance Section	1	3 Division Signals	2	Malanda Area	2
Lance Sergeant	2	Engineers	4	1 Parachute Australian Infantry Battalion	1	3 Line Section	1	Mapee	1
Corporal	14	Catering	3	1 School of Signals	1	3 Aust Light Anti-Aircraft Training Regiment	1	Mareeba	7
Lance Corporal	9	Labour Service	1	2 Medium Regiment	1	5 Australian Farm Company AASC	1	Millaa Millaa	3
Private	63	VDC	1	2/1 Australian Infantry Battalion	1	6 Division Carrier Company	1	Mount Garnet	2
Signalman	14	TOTAL	164	2/1 Comp Anti Aircraft Regiment	2	6 Division Provost Company	2	Mount Molloy	1
Gunner	11			2/1 Australian Field Ambulance AAMC	1	6 Division Signals	1	Ravenshoe	10
Trooper	5	Buried	No.	2/1 Australian Field Company RAE	1	7 Advanced Ammunition Depot	2	Ravenshoe, 2/1 CCS	1
Craftsman	3	1943	43	2/1 HQ Guard Australian Infantry Battalion	1	7 Australian Division HQ	2	Rocky Creek AGH	73
Driver	2	1944	88	2/1 Pnr Australian Infantry Battalion	1	7 Australian Infantry Battalion	2	Rocky Creek 104 CCS	1
Sapper	2	1945	28	2/2 Australian Field Ambulance AAMC	1	7 Division Provostost Company	1	Tolga	3
TOTAL	151	1946	5	2/2 Australian Infantry Battalion	1	7 Division Signals	2	Unknown	18
RAAF		TOTAL	164	2/2 Australian Field Company RAE	1	7 MG Australian Infantry Battalion	1	Wondecla	10
Flying Officer	5			2/2 Australian Field Regiment RAA	1	7 Ordnance Depot	1	Wongabel	3
Pilot Officer	2	Age	No.	2/3 Australian Anti-Tank Regiment	2	8 Australian Infantry Battalion	1	Total	164
Warrant Officer	1	19	4	2/3 Australian Infantry Battalion	5	8 Australian Motor Ambulance Company	1	Death Cause	No.
Sergeant	2	20	12	2/3 Company, AASC	1	9 Australian Infantry Battalion	1	Accident	42
Corporal	1	21	20	2/3 Australian Field Regiment RAA	3	9 Australian Division Signals	1	Fractured skull	21
LAC	1	22	9	2/3 Australian Machine Gun Battalion	1	11 Australian Division Provost Company	1	No record	21
TOTAL	12	23	10	2/3 Ordnance Field Park AOC	1	14 Australian Employment Company AALS	1	Haemorrhage	13
YMCA		24	7	2/3 Pioneer Australian Infantry Battalion	4	15 Australian Garrison Battalion	1	Pneumonia	9
Representative	1	25	14	2/3 Australian Commando Squadron	1	16 Australian Field Company RAE	1	Scrub typhus	7
TOTAL	1	26	14	2/4 Australian Infantry Battalion	2	17 Australian Infantry Brigade HQ	1	Accident Air	5
		27	11	2/4 Field Regiment Signals Section RAA	1	17 Infantry Brigade Signals Section, 6 Division	1	Drowning	5
		28	13	2/5 Australian Infantry Battalion	1	18 Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps HQ	1	Suicide	5
State Enlisted	No.	29	7	2/5 Australian Commando Squadron	4	20 Field Baking Platoon	1	Coronary	4
NSW AIF	47	31	5	2/6 Australian General Hospital	2	25 Australian Infantry Battalion, 7 Brigade	2	Fracture	4
NSW ACMF	3	32	5	2/6 Australian Commando Squadron	2	30 Australian Infantry Brigade Signals	1	Abscess	3
NSW RAAF	3	33	4	2/7 Australian Field Ambulance AAMC	2	31 Aust Infantry Battalion, 11 Brigade, 5 Division	1	Intestinal obstruction	3
NSW Total	53	34	6	2/8 Australian Field Regiment RAA	2	31/51 Aust Infantry Battalion, 11 Bde, 5 Division	1	Nephritis	3
VIC AIF	43	35	1	2/10 Australian Infantry Battalion	2	33 Telephone Switchboard Operating Section	1	Appendicitis	2
VIC RAAF	7	36	6	2/10 Australian Commando Squadron	2	37 Light Anti-Aircraft Battery	1	Asphyxia	2
VIC Total	50	38	6	2/11 Australian Field Ambulance AAMC	1	44 Australian Infantry Battalion	1	Burns	2
QLD AIF	17	39	4	2/11 Australian Infantry Battalion	3	56 Anti-Aircraft (Composite) Workshops	1	Gunshot head	2
QLD ACMF	7	42	1	2/12 Australian Infantry Battalion	3	58/59 Australian Infantry Battalion	1	Possible suicide	2
QLD RAAF	1	43	1	2/12 Field Regiment Signals Section RAA	1	152 General Transport Company	1	Angina	1
QLD YMCA	1	44	1	2/13 Australian Infantry Battalion	2	216 Australian Commando Squadron	1	Bomb wound	1
QLD Total	26	51	1	2/14 Australian Transport Platoon	1	241 Light Aid Detachment	1	Cardiac depression	1
WA AIF	21	53	1	2/15 Australian Infantry Battalion	3	"A" Australian Corps Sigs HQ	1	Encephalitis	1
WA Total	21	54	1	2/16 Australian Infantry Battalion	6	"A" Sub Kit Store HQ	1	Endocarditis	1
SA AIF	7	58	1	2/23 Australian Infantry Battalion	1	Aust Commonwealth Military Forces (attached)	1	Gastritis	1
SA ACMF	1	Average age 27		2/24 Australian Infantry Battalion	1	Mobile Meteorological Squadron HQ	1	Hernia	1
SA RAAF	1	Status	No.	2/25 Australian Infantry Battalion	1	New Guinea Force Australian HQ	1	Meningitis	1
SA Total	9	Married	46	2/27 Australian Infantry Battalion	1	Royal Australian Air Force	12	Natural causes	1
TAS AIF	5	Single	118	2/31 Australian Infantry Battalion	1	Young Mem's Christian Association	1	Total	164
TAS Total	5	TOTAL	164	2/32 Australian Infantry Battalion	2				

7. COMPOSITION OF AN AUSTRALIAN WWII DIVISION



Field Marshal Sir Thomas Albert Blamey

8. HISTORICAL SUMMARY OF 6TH, 7TH AND 9TH DIVISIONS SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE (2ND AIF)

During World War II, thousands of Australian Military forces trained on the Atherton Tablelands before embarking on operations in the South West Pacific Campaign against the Imperial Japanese Forces from 1942 to 1945. The area was occupied by members of the Second Australian Imperial Force (2nd AIF), I Corps of the Australian Army which was the main frontline corps during World War II. Various Australian and other Allied divisions came under its control at different times. In 1942–45, it oversaw Allied frontline units in the South West Pacific Area. Lieutenant General Thomas Blamey, the 2nd AIF commander, was appointed General Officer Commanding (GOC). the 6th, 7th and 9th Divisions.

Mareeba airfields housed both heavy bomber and fighter squadrons of a major US Army Air Force Base during World War II in 1942 and 1943. The Americans referred to it as Hoevet Field in honor of Major Dean Carol "Pinky" Hoevet who was killed on 16 August 1942. With the departure of the American units, Mareeba was then used by Nos 5 and 100 Squadrons, No 5 Communication Unit and a variety of Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) support units, with No 24 Operational Base Unit disbanding in early 1946.

6 Australian Division

The 6 Australian Division AIF, on return to Australia from Middle East and Ceylon, spent a short period in NSW and then to Port Moresby. After the Papuan Campaign they arrived at the Atherton Tableland and occupied the Wondecla area in early 1943 with 16 Australian Infantry Brigade. 19 Australian Infantry Brigade rejoined from Northern Territory in mid-1943 and 17 Australian Infantry Brigade rejoined at the end of 1943. The camp was situated along either side of the main Rd. between Wondecla and the present Kennedy Highway, the main concentration being in the vicinity of the large theatre/entertainment igloo, which is still standing. Divisional HQ was at the entrance to the camp, at the southern end of the camp nearest Kennedy Highway, with the Provost Rd. block being a little beyond. After jungle training, parts of the Division went to New Guinea, to fight in the Kokoda Track and also at Wau, culminating in the capture of Salamaua late 1943. The Division regrouped at Herberton/ Wondecla, and near the end of 1944 again returned to New Guinea to see action at Wewak until the surrender by the Japanese in 1945. A memorial plaque exists at the Sports Ground at Wondecla commemorating the encampment of 6 Australian Division troops in the Wondecla / Herberton / Wongabel area during WWII.



7 Australian Division

Units of the 7 Australian Division AIF, having returned to Australia on 4 March 1943 from Tobruk, Palestine, Lebanon and Syria, began establishing camps within a few miles of Ravenshoe. All battalions of the 7 Division, with their Brigade headquarters, were camped along either side of the Ravenshoe - Mount Garnet Rd. (now known as the Kennedy Hwy.) commencing near Millstream Falls and extending to Archer Creek. Divisional Headquarters was along the Tully Falls Rd.. The Military Police road block was on the Millaa Millaa-Atherton side of Ravenshoe township. Jungle training took place around the Millstream. After initial jungle training in the area, the Division went to New Guinea to fight at Milne Bay, Buna, Gona and Sanananda and was airlifted to Nadzab, from where it was to capture Lae. On return to Australia halfway through 1944, it occupied the Danbulla/Kairi camp until it moved to Borneo mid 1945, to see action around Balikpapan and Labuan.



9 Australian Division

The 9 Australian Division, on return to Australia 17 April 1943 from Tobruk and Alamein occupied the Danbulla/Kairi area on the Atherton Tableland. After jungle and amphibious beach landing training, the Division began to move out on 31 July 1943 to New Guinea and later the same year, took part in the capture of Lae and Finschhafen. They established coastal bases from which further actions would drive out the Japanese from the north-eastern coast of New Guinea. Some units initially returned to the Atherton Tableland in 18 March 1944 to recuperate at the Ravenshoe camp and remained there until the end of that year. In 1945, the Division took part in the invasion of Borneo at Tarakan and Brunei.



A monument, at the Millstream Falls lookout picnic area, in the Millstream Falls National Park, dedicated to the troops of the 7th and 9th Australian Divisions who encamped in the area, was unveiled during Operation Trek Back, in October 1993.

9. 2nd AIF ORGANISATION AND COLOUR PATCHES

INFANTRY

6 Div H.Q. 	H.Q.		H.Q.		H.Q.	
	2'1 Bn		2'5 Bn		2'4 Bn	
	2'2 Bn		2'6 Bn		2'8 Bn	
	2'3 Bn		2'7 Bn		2'11 Bn	
7 Div H.Q. 	H.Q.		H.Q.		H.Q.	
	2'9 Bn		2'14 Bn		2'25 Bn	
	2'10 Bn		2'16 Bn		2'31 Bn	
	2'12 Bn		2'27 Bn		2'33 Bn	
8 Div H.Q. 	H.Q.		H.Q.		H.Q.	
	2'18 Bn		2'21 Bn		2'26 Bn	
	2'19 Bn		2'22 Bn		2'29 Bn	
	2'20 Bn		2'40 Bn		2'30 Bn	
9 Div H.Q. 	H.Q.		H.Q.		H.Q.	
	2'13 Bn		2'28 Bn		2'23 Bn	
	2'15 Bn		2'32 Bn		2'24 Bn	
	2'17 Bn		2'43 Bn		2'48 Bn	

LEFT HAND PATCHES

DIVISIONAL UNITS

	6 Div	7 Div	8 Div	9 Div
Cavalry				
Artillery				
Engineers				
Signals				
A.A.S.C.				
Medical				
Prov. Coy				
Div. Vehicle Signs				

Example of 9 Div colour patch showing change in design.





CORPS UNITS & OTHERS

	2'1 M.G. Bn	2'2 M.G. Bn	2'3 M.G. Bn	2'4 M.G. Bn
H.Q. I AUST CORPS				
Vehicle Sign				
Aust. Gen. Hosp.				
C.C.S.				
Postal				
Ordnance				

(Distinguishing rectangle inset) (Distinguishing circle inset) (Base units distinguished by square inset)

Hugh W. Groszer

10. COMPOSITION OF THE 2nd AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE (2nd AIF)

Pre WWII Militia Infantry Divisions				Second AIF Infantry Divisions				Second Militia Infantry Divisions				Second AIF Infantry Divisions				WWII Militia Infantry Battalions									
Sorted by Division				Sorted by Division				Sorted by State				Sorted by State				Sorted by Battalion		Sorted by State							
Division	Brigade	Battalion	State	Division	Brigade	Battalion	State	Division	Brigade	Battalion	State	Division	Brigade	Battalion	State	Battalion	State	Battalion	State						
1st	1st	1st	NSW	6th	16th	2/1st	NSW	1st	1st	1st	NSW	7th	25th	2/31st	ALL	3rd	NSW	3rd	NSW						
1st	1st	2nd	NSW	6th	16th	2/2nd	NSW	1st	1st	2nd	NSW	7th	25th	2/33rd	ALL	4th	NSW	4th	NSW						
1st	1st	3rd	NSW	6th	16th	2/3rd	NSW	1st	1st	3rd	NSW	9th	24th	2/32nd	ALL	7th	VIC	19th	NSW						
1st	1st	4th	NSW	6th	17th	2/5th	VIC	1st	1st	4th	NSW	6th	16th	2/1st	NSW	8th	VIC	30th	NSW						
1st	2nd	5th	VIC	6th	17th	2/6th	VIC	2nd	5th	17th	NSW	6th	16th	2/2nd	NSW	9th	QLD	35th	NSW						
1st	2nd	6th	VIC	6th	17th	2/7th	VIC	2nd	5th	18th	NSW	6th	16th	2/3rd	NSW	11th	WA	36th	NSW						
1st	2nd	7th	VIC	6th	19th	2/4th	NSW	2nd	5th	19th	NSW	6th	19th	2/4th	NSW	14th	VIC	55th	NSW						
1st	2nd	8th	VIC	6th	19th	2/8th	VIC	2nd	5th	20th	NSW	8th	22nd	2/18th	NSW	15th	QLD	55th / 53rd	NSW						
1st	3rd	9th	QLD	6th	19th	2/11th	WA	3rd	9th	33rd	NSW	8th	22nd	2/19th	NSW	16th	WA	9th	QLD						
1st	3rd	10th	SA	7th	18th	2/9th	QLD	3rd	9th	34th	NSW	8th	22nd	2/20th	NSW	19th	NSW	15th	QLD						
1st	3rd	11th	WA	7th	18th	2/10th	SA	3rd	9th	35th	NSW	8th	27th	2/30th	NSW	22nd	VIC	25th	QLD						
1st	3rd	12th	OS	7th	18th	2/12th	Qld / Tas	3rd	9th	36th	NSW	9th	20th	2/13th	NSW	24th	VIC	26th	QLD						
2nd	5th	17th	NSW	7th	21st	2/14th	VIC	4th	4th	13th	NSW	9th	20th	2/17th	NSW	25th	QLD	31st / 51st	QLD						
2nd	5th	18th	NSW	7th	21st	2/16th	WA	4th	12th	45th	NSW	7th	18th	2/9th	QLD	26th	QLD	42nd	QLD						
2nd	5th	19th	NSW	7th	21st	2/27th	SA	5th	8th	30th	NSW	7th	25th	2/25th	QLD	27th	SA	47th	QLD						
2nd	5th	20th	NSW	7th	25th	2/25th	QLD	5th	14th	53rd	NSW	8th	27th	2/26th	QLD	28th	WA	49th	QLD						
2nd	6th	21st	VIC	7th	25th	2/31st	ALL	5th	14th	54th	NSW	9th	20th	2/15th	QLD	29th / 46th	VIC	61st	QLD						
2nd	6th	22nd	VIC	7th	25th	2/33rd	ALL	5th	14th	55th	NSW	7th	18th	2/12th	Qld / Tas	30th	NSW	27th	SA						
2nd	6th	23rd	VIC	8th	22nd	2/18th	NSW	5th	14th	56th	NSW	7th	18th	2/10th	SA	31st / 51st	QLD	7th	VIC						
2nd	6th	24th	VIC	8th	22nd	2/19th	NSW	5th	15th	57th	NSW	7th	21st	2/27th	SA	35th	NSW	8th	VIC						
2nd	7th	25th	QLD	8th	22nd	2/20th	NSW	1st	3rd	12th	OS	9th	24th	2/43rd	SA	36th	NSW	14th	VIC						
2nd	7th	26th	QLD	8th	23rd	2/21st	VIC	4th	13th	52nd	OS	9th	26th	2/48th	SA	37th / 52nd	VIC	22nd	VIC						
2nd	7th	27th	SA	8th	23rd	2/22nd	VIC	1st	3rd	9th	QLD	8th	23rd	2/40th	TAS	39th	VIC	24th	VIC						
2nd	7th	28th	WA	8th	23rd	2/40th	TAS	2nd	7th	25th	QLD	6th	17th	2/5th	VIC	42nd	QLD	29th / 46th	VIC						
3rd	9th	33rd	NSW	8th	27th	2/26th	QLD	2nd	7th	26th	QLD	6th	17th	2/6th	VIC	47th	QLD	37th / 52nd	VIC						
3rd	9th	34th	NSW	8th	27th	2/29th	VIC	3rd	11th	41st	QLD	6th	17th	2/7th	VIC	49th	QLD	39th	VIC						
3rd	9th	35th	NSW	8th	27th	2/30th	NSW	3rd	11th	42nd	QLD	6th	19th	2/8th	VIC	55th	NSW	57th / 60th	VIC						
3rd	9th	36th	NSW	9th	20th	2/13th	NSW	4th	13th	49th	QLD	7th	21st	2/14th	VIC	55th / 53rd	NSW	58th / 59th	VIC						
3rd	10th	37th	VIC	9th	20th	2/15th	QLD	4th	4th	15th	Qld / Tas	8th	23rd	2/21st	VIC	57th / 60th	VIC	11th	WA						
3rd	10th	38th	VIC	9th	20th	2/17th	NSW	4th	12th	47th	Qld / Tas	8th	23rd	2/22nd	VIC	58th / 59th	VIC	16th	WA						
3rd	10th	39th	VIC	9th	24th	2/28th	WA	5th	8th	31st	Qld / Tas	8th	27th	2/29th	VIC	61st	QLD	28th	WA						
3rd	10th	40th	TAS	9th	24th	2/32nd	AS	1st	3rd	10th	SA	9th	26th	2/23rd	VIC	62nd		62nd							
3rd	11th	41st	QLD	9th	24th	2/43rd	SA	2nd	7th	27th	SA	9th	26th	2/24th	VIC	N.B. - Units in bold lettering have plaques in the Rocky Creek War Memorial Park									
3rd	11th	42nd	QLD	9th	26th	2/23rd	VIC	3rd	11th	43rd	SA	6th	19th	2/11th	WA										
3rd	11th	43rd	SA	9th	26th	2/24th	VIC	4th	13th	50th	SA	7th	21st	2/16th	WA										
3rd	11th	44th	WA	9th	26th	2/48th	SA	4th	12th	48th	SA / Tas	9th	24th	2/28th	WA										
4th	4th	13th	NSW	Abbreviations				1st	2nd	5th	VIC	Organisation				Strength		Made up of		Commanded by					
4th	4th	14th	VIC					1st	2nd	6th	VIC														
4th	4th	15th	Qld / Tas	ALL	All States	1st	2nd	7th	VIC	Army	30,000	Two or more Corps		3 Brigades		General									
4th	4th	16th	WA / SA	NSW	New South Wales	1st	2nd	8th	VIC	Corps								10 to 20,000	WWI		WWII		Lieutenant General		
4th	12th	45th	NSW	OS	Outer States (SA, WA, TAS)	1st	2nd	21st	VIC	Division															2,500 - 5,000
4th	12th	46th	VIC	QLD	Queensland	2nd	6th	22nd	VIC	Brigade	4 companies		4 companies		Major										
4th	12th	47th	Qld / Tas	Qld / Tas	Queensland / Tasmania	2nd	6th	23rd	VIC	550-1000							4 platoons		3 platoons		Lieutenant Colonel				
4th	12th	48th	SA / Tas	SA	South Australia	2nd	6th	24th	VIC														100-225		4 sections
4th	13th	49th	QLD	SA / Tas	South Australia / Tasmania	3rd	10th	37th	VIC			30-60		4 sections		3 sections									
4th	13th	50th	SA	VIC	Victoria	3rd	10th	38th	VIC	9 to 15								4 sections		3 sections		Corporal / Sergeant			
4th	13th	51st	WA	WA	West Australia	3rd	10th	39th	VIC																
4th	13th	52nd	OS	WA / SA	West Australia	4th	4th	14th	VIC																
5th	8th	29th	VIC																						
5th	8th	30th	NSW																						
5th	8th	31st	Qld / Tas																						
5th	8th	32nd	WA / SA																						
5th	14th	53rd	NSW																						
5th	14th	54th	NSW																						
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5th	15th	59th	VIC																						
5th	15th	60th	VIC																						

11. RECORD OF SOME WWII ATHERTON TABLELAND RAAF AND USAAF AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS



Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation Wirraway
Australian trainer and communications aircraft



Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation Boomerang
Australian fighter aircraft



Bristol Aeroplane Company - Bristol Beaufort
British twin-engine torpedo bomber



Boeing B-17E Flying Fortress
USA four-engine heavy bomber



Lockheed Corporation P-38 Lightning
USA twin-engine twin boom heavy fighter



Bell P-39 Airacobra
USA fighter aircraft

DATE	LOCATION	SERVICE	Unit	AIRCRAFT	SERIAL NO.	Incident	RAA	Buried	USA#	Details
14-Jan-44	Malanda (Landry Rd., Jaggan)	RAAF	5 Squadron	Boomerang	A46-43	Ran out of fuel during altitude tests	1	Atherton		Hit a tree stump killing the pilot Pilot Officer Campbell Morrison.
15-Jan-44	Mareeba	RAAF	5 Squadron	Boomerang	A46-60	Crashed on landing and ran into a ditch.				Pilot was F/Off John McDavid.
13-Apr-44	Mareeba	RAAF	5 Squadron	Boomerang	A46-153	Crashed on landing				Pilot was F/Off Max Dailwitz.
1-Oct-44	Mareeba	RAAF	5 Squadron	Boomerang	A46-202	Suffered engine failure and crash landed				Pilot was Pilot Officer JL Whitford.
17-Mar-44	Biboohra (12 miles north)	RAAF	5 Squadron	Boomerang	A46-48	Engine cut out and crash landed	1	Atherton		F/Off William Kenneth Thompson died at Rocky Creek AGH
5-Jun-42	Mareeba	RAAF	100 Squadron	Bristol Beaufort	A9-50 (T9602)	Crashed on landing after clipping some trees				Pilot was Pilot Officer Doug Thomas. No serious injuries.
12-Jun-42	Mareeba area	RAAF	100 Squadron	Bristol Beaufort	A9-56 (T9608)	Failed to return from the patrol	4			Pilot was Sgt John Pittman flying on an anti-submarine patrol
22-Aug-43	Mareeba	RAAF	5 Squadron	Wirraway	A20-537, collided with A20-549 (see below)	Collided at 8,000 feet				P/O Archer bailed out suffering a broken ankle upon landing
22-Aug-43	Mareeba	RAAF	5 Squadron	Wirraway	A20-549, collided with A20-537 (see above)	Collided at 8,000 feet				P/O Paxton was the pilot and bailed out
6-Nov-44	Mareeba	RAAF	5 Squadron	Wirraway	A20-517	After landing, struck the tail of a Vengeance	2	Atherton		F/Off R. McTier (428344 RAAF), WO N. J. Bums (422019 RAAF)
12-Jun-43	Near Mareeba	RAAF	5 Squadron	Wirraway	A20-289	Aircraft entered a flick stall	2	Atherton		Pilot F/Lt F.L. Parton and Navigator Sgt. G. F. Blanch
4-May-44	Tolga, Torchio farm,	RAAF	5 Squadron	Wirraway	A20-513	Engine cut out	2	Atherton		F/Off F.A. Mitchell (Pilot) F/Off P.T. Jeffery (Wireless Operator)
26-Aug-42	Mareeba	USAAF	19 Bombardment Group	B-17 Flying Fortress	#41-2621 "Daylight Limited"	Crash landed while returning from New Guinea				Pilot Capt. (later Major) Casper, crew member Sgt Richardson
5-Sep-42	Mareeba	USAAF	19 Bombardment Group	B-17 Flying Fortress	#41-24428 "Miss Carriage"	Crash landed				Pilot was Major Humrichouse
14-Sep-42	Mareeba	USAAF	43 Bombardment Group	B-17 Flying Fortress	#41-24391 "Hoomalimali" ("Kid-em-along")	Crashed during takeoff loaded with bombs			10	Pilot was Captain Herschall R. Henson
5-Nov-42	Mareeba	USAAF	19 Bombardment Group	B-17E Flying Fortress	#41-9012	Damaged by fire while being tested for a fault				
16-Nov-42	Mareeba	USAAF	43 Bombardment Group	B-17E Flying Fortress	#41-24402 "E-Z Mary"	Badly damaged while landing heavily				Pilot was Lt Folmer Sogaard
9-Aug-43	Near Biboohra	USAAF	475th Fighter Group	P-38G Lighting	#43-2200	Engine trouble during a flight to New Guinea			1	2nd Lieutenant Andrew Kendall Duke. Buried USAF Ipswich.
25-Feb-43	Between Cooktown & Mareeba	USAAF	8 Fighter Group	P-400 Airacobra	#41-38356	Went missing between Cooktown to Mareeba			1	1st Lieutenant John R. Casey, Jr.
12-Apr-43	Tolga, Jue Sue / Mehmet Roads	USAAF	8 Pursuit Group	P-39D1 Airacobra	#41-38398	Steep dive into amaize field 1.5 miles SE			1	Captain Thomas R. Janison was buried USAF Townsville

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