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#### NO GLORY WITHOUT EFFORT

(Flt Lt Noel Stokes)  
Glyn Strange, 2004



## TE ATATU MEMORIAL FOR LANCASTER \*HK564, AA-P

A service to unveil a memorial and plaque for the crew of 75(NZ)Sqn Lancaster \*HK564, AA-P that was shot down by a night fighter over the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg on the night of August 12, 1944, was held in the Te Atatu RSA (Auckland) on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2010. The memorial sculpture, built in the Harbourview Oranihina Park, Gunner Drive on the Te Atatu Peninsula was designed by Pol Holweck of Weiswampach, Luxemburg and is a replica of the one mounted near the crash site. Pol was at the service as a special guest. Two of the crew, Fg Off Whelan Hazard and F/S John Wright were residents of Te Atatu before the war therefore Hazard's niece Lynn Ashton asked the local council four years ago if they would support a project to make a memorial that would be "a peaceful place to remember the people that died fighting for their countries". Finally, the stylised wing of a Lancaster sculpture designed by Pol Holweck was approved and the Waitakere City Council set about to have a ceremony. Council events co-ordinator Barbara Cade's guest list included the Governor-General, Deputy Chief of Air Force and various politicians. But the most important men (75 Sqn veterans) were missing so the Assn Secretary gave Barbara the list of 60 veterans around the country and they were all invited. The weather turned terrible, but the ten veteran airman that made it (several were on the same raid as HK564 !), were treated to a spectacular ceremony, including a choir, RNZAF haka, political speeches and wreath laying. Sadly evil beings have since stolen the plaque from the park!



LtoR, Sgt Glen Turner, Secretary; Lin Drummond, DFC, Pilot; George Daly, Pilot; Ron Mayhill, DFC, BA; Jack Meehan, WOAG; Esmond Ware, Pilot; Ken Dalzell, NAV; Phillip Baker, AG; Alan John, BA; John Putwain, NAV.



The Distinguished Flying Medal - reverse view



### The DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL

The Distinguished Flying Medal (DFM) was an award for displaying courage and devotion to duty while flying on active operations for non-commissioned officers and men of the Air Force. It was instituted in 1918, but during World War II it was extended to those personnel engaged in similar operations with the Army and Fleet Air Arm. Approximately 200 New Zealanders were awarded the DFM during the Second World War with 64 DFM's awarded to airman of 75(NZ) Squadron and some 20 of these being New Zealanders. The United Kingdom replaced the DFM in 1993 with the DFC for all ranks. In New Zealand the DFM was replaced in 1999 by the New Zealand Gallantry Decoration.

### RNZAF NEWS

The RNZAF News needs your support. Rising costs mean difficulties in funding each magazine printing. Enquire where to get your copy and help keep the RNZAF Association active and informing all of us that served from all eras. Contact Peter McQuaid, Whangarei.

## RICHARD BROADBENT, DFC, mid (NZ413043)

Richard (Dick) Broadbent, born in Wanganui 23 August 1919, but was schooled in Albany Primary School and Auckland Boys Grammar School. Joined the RNZAF on 20 November 1939 and did initial flight training on DH Pussmoths in New Plymouth, with advanced training in Woodbourne on the Vickers Vildebeest. Dick graduated and was awarded his wings on 12 July 1940, before boarding the S.S. Rangitane for England. Posted to RAF Harwell, No.10 Operational Training Unit (OTU) flying Vickers Wellingtons, where despite being only a conversion unit, Dick's crew flew operations on the three 'thousand-bomber-raids'. RAF No.40 Sqn Wellingtons at Wyton and Alconbury was their next unit and they completed 35 Ops over Europe including Berlin, Bremen and Hamburg. For a 'rest', Dick was sent to No.12 OTU for Instructional Duties at Chipping Warden and for his 'meritorious services' was awarded a *Mentioned in Despatches* (mid). The next base was RAF Stradishall to the No.1657 Heavy Conversion Unit converting to the Short Stirling in four weeks and then to 75 (NZ) Sqn at Newmarket. Within two months 75 Sqn moved to Mepal and Dick was made Sqn Ldr 'C' Flight Commander, flying until October 1943—by which time he had completed another 30 Ops amassing a total of 550 hours day flying and 433 hours night flying in 'heavies'. For his excellent work he was awarded the DFC, and posted to Staff College at Gerrards Cross for three months. Then he was attached to the 8th USAAF at Elvedon Hall and Air Ministry Science, before sailing back to NZ in December 1944. In Wellington, Dick worked for the Air Department as Deputy Director of Establishments travelling in the Guadalcanal-Bougainville area until September 1945. Two years later—July 1947, Dick returned to the UK accepting a permanent RAF Commission. As Staff Officer to the Fortress Commander (Lord Louis Mountbatten, Admiral of the Fleet) Dick spent more than two years in Malta, before completing an RAF Flying College course at RAF Manby in 1958 and promotion to Wg Cdr. From then until early retirement in 1963, Dick flew Victors, Valiants, Hunters, Meteors and Canberras, and also attaining a Master Green Instrument rating. Privately, Dick was a member of the order of Masons and a very successful golfer which included a position on the RAF Bomber Commands C-in-C Gold team. Melanie was Dick's first wife in England 1943, having two sons. Later Dick married Nancy Lou and they had a daughter. Following Nancy Lou's death, Dick married Barbara Jones and they had a daughter and lived mainly in KeriKeri. Barbara died in 1999, and Dick has been living in the Mayfair Retirement Village, Northcross, Auckland. Ake Ake Kia Kaha Dick Broadbent. Thank you.



## SGT JAMES ALLEN WARD, VC MEMORIAL

James Allen Ward attended the Wanganui (Co-ed) Technical College before he joined the RNZAF and went off to England in 1940. Later renamed the Wanganui Boys' College, and now called the Wanganui City (Co-ed) College, the school will celebrate its centenary in February 2011. A large reunion is planned, and it is hoped that a memorial sculpture of Sgt James Allen Ward, Victoria Cross (VC) can be commissioned and completed in time to be unveiled on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>. An initial costing of NZD\$90,000 has been identified for the making and installing of the 'statue', with the Wanganui District Council co-ordinating the fund raising and building of the project. So far \$30,000 has been promised, so \$60,000 requires to be sourced or secured. A tribute to J.A. Ward, VC has been a long time coming, and as the NZ Bomber Command Assn has produced a memorial in Auckland, the RAF BCA have secured funding for a new London memorial and a huge bronze statue of Charles Upham, VC stands in his South Island home town, it will be fantastic if the balance of monies required can be found to make this Wanganui tribute a reality.

**SQN LDR JAMES JENNINGS, MNZM**

James (Jim) Jennings joined the RNZAF on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 1961 as an Engine Mechanic, but by 1965 Jim had begun pilot training, completing wings course at RNZAF Wigram in 1967. Posted to 75 Squadron flying the Vampire FB5 and then converted to the new MDD A4K Skyhawk in 1970 on the No1 Skyhawk Conversion Course. Returning to Wigram in August 1973 to the Central Flying School Jim completed the Flying Instructors Course and then moved to Pilot Training School instructing on Harvard and Devon aircraft throughout 1974. Jim returned to 75 Squadron at Ohakea, as the Training Flight Commander until moving to 14 Squadron in September 1977 as the Operational Flight Commander with BAC Strikemaster aircraft for the next 14 months. Promoted to Squadron Leader, Jim was posted to Defence HQ and Air Staff work in Wellington 1979 and 1980, and was then sent to Butterworth, Malaysia to the HQ Integrated Air Defence System (HQ IADS) for 1981. Jim remained in Malaysia as the sole NZ'er in a HQ Staff Officer Exercise Plans role until 1983. Back to Ohakea, Jim spent the next two years as the Executive Officer of the Strike Wing (2, 14 + 75 Sqn's), until moving back to a flying role as the CO of the newly reinstated 2 Squadron that was now the training unit for A4 Skyhawk conversion pilots with newly purchased Australian Navy A4-G's. Jim spent two years with 2 Sqn that included the RNZAF's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, flying the 'Gold' painted TA4G, NZ6256 for many air shows. September 1989 to mid 1990 Jim was the Detachment Commander of the UNIMOG Air Unit in Tehran, Iran. From 1991 until 2010, Jim has filled various senior officer appointments at RNZAF base Ohakea units including Operations Wing HQ, Flying Wing HQ, OC Operations Sqn, Executive Officer Air Base Wing, Air Power Development Officer at the Air Power Development Centre and most recently in the Operational Support Wing as the Executive Officer.



It is likely though that the most important duty and unique event that Jim has been involved with was "The Kin Nan Incident" on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 1976, when the Taiwanese 600 ton squid jigging trawler was identified to be fishing within the NZ 200 mile exclusion zone, and refused to stop for the RNZN patrol vessel Taupo off of the New Plymouth coast. 75 Sqn was requested to provide aircraft to help stop the fleeing vessel, and with the help of a 5 Sqn P3K Orion, Flt Lt Jim Jennings flying in Skyhawk NZ6206 armed with 20mm HE battle mix and 4inch Zuni rockets found the ship through dense cloud. With the Prime Ministers approval, Jim fired a burst of 53 rounds of 20mm canon in front of the ship, causing her captain to stop the ship immediately and allow the RNZN Taupo to board and arrest the vessel and crew. Jim's other credits include three tours on 75 Sqn, ten overseas deployments, five Vanguard Exercises to SE Asia, five exercises to Australia, surviving a high speed take-off abort and long field arrest in a TA4K on 23 June 1977, amassed 2,015 flying hours in the T/A4 Skyhawk and 4,500 hours on all aircraft types flown. In June 2010, Sqn Ldr James Jennings was awarded the *Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit* (MNZM) for his 49 years of service to the RNZAF. By January 2011, Jim will be the first serviceman to have served in the RNZAF uniform for a continuous 50 years. Congratulations and thank you Squadron Leader Jim Jennings, MNZM.

**MEMORIAL WINDOW : PNBHS**

8 Nov 1953



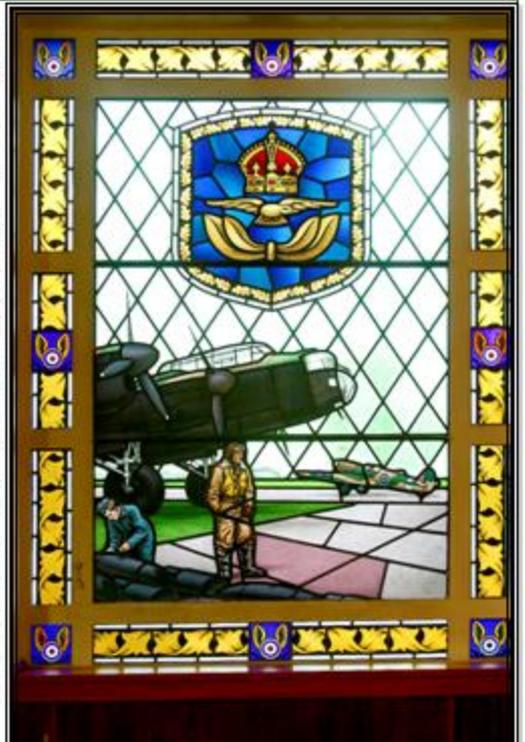
8 Nov 1953



15 Jun 1958



At Palmerston North Boys' High School on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 1953 (Remembrance Day), a new Memorial Gallery was opened by Major-General Sir Howard Kippenberger in an impressive ceremony. The gallery houses the pictures and names of the 128 Old Boys (former pupils) who had made the supreme sacrifice and died to preserve the British way of life in WW2. The building was built from money donations and fund raising ventures of the Old Boys Association and organised by Mr. P.O. Skoglund, since 1946. Three stained glass windows, each representing a branch of the Armed Services, were commissioned at a cost of more than £100 each and made by Bradley Brothers in Christchurch. A dedication ceremony was held for their unveiling on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 1958, where Sir Harold Barrowclough said, "In battles that New Zealanders' fought, on land, in the air and on the sea, Old Boys had played their part. It is with the memory of some of these men that these windows are to be dedicated, in the remembrance that nothing is good without labour and nothing is achieved without the dust of the arena." The Air Force window is amazingly detailed with a Lancaster, a Spitfire, an airman in flying clothing and an armourer preparing bombs to be loaded into the Lancaster.





## LAST POST

The Last Post is one of a number of bugle calls in military tradition which mark the phases of the day with origins in the 17th century. "Last Post" was incorporated into funeral and memorial services as a final farewell and symbolises that the duty of the dead is over and that they can rest in peace.



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## PETERSON, Lorraine Harold Frank (Frank)



NZ413888, F/SGT, AIR BOMB AIMER  
25OCT 1943 to 2MAR 1944  
c/w D.M. DAWE,

Frank was born in Kakahi, Waitungaru, Pupu and named by his father after the French battle of St Lorraine. Frank completed his BA training in Canada in 1941, and joined ferry crews moving Wellingtons from Marham and Fairford. Posted to 75 (NZ) Sqn he soon completed a tour of Ops in Stirlings from Newmarket. He was moved to Oakington to another Stirling squadron that were involved with glider tug duties for Arnhem, V1 sites, intelligence gathering and resistance re-supply. Frank's brother Bernard also RNZAF, was killed in an aircraft accident in England Dec 1943. Returning to NZ, Frank intended to go back to farming in the King Country, but stayed at Browns Bay as a bus driver, mechanic and depot clerk for the North Shore Transport Co until his retirement in 1979. Founding member of the Kawau deep sea fishing club, holding many records for large game fish with his launch "Waitunguru". Also founding member of the North Shore Brevet Club in 1957, loved gardening, roses, books, mechanical workshop, woodturning, indoor bowls and tennis. Also an avid photographer hence the many photo albums. An honest, caring and loving person ready with advice whether wanted or not. Greatly missed by those that knew him. Died 4 Sep 2009, aged 95 years old, in Auckland.

## MacDONALD, Douglas Dean (Doug)



AUS422632, RAAF, F/SGT, DFC, NAVIGATOR,  
25OCT 1943 to 2JUL 1944  
c/w A.R. YOUNG,

Doug joined the RAAF in 1942, and was posted to 75 Sqn at Mepal late in 1943. Initially flying in Stirlings and converting to Lancasters, his crew spent time with the daughters of the publican from the 'The Horse n Crate' pub near Mepal, (and they remained in contact long after the war). Doug became very proficient with the Navigation equipment, especially the H2S, and with a promotion to Fg Off was sent to 90 Sqn at Tuddenham, instructing for special Ops. For his work, Doug was awarded the DFC. He then moved to Stradishall onto 186 Sqn. Before VJ day, Doug was part of a special unit that was to take four Lancasters to the Pacific to check what tropical modifications were required on the Merlins, but after VJ Day Doug stayed in the UK until being included in a crew of a Lincoln going to Australia in March 1946. In November 1946, he married Dorothy and they lived in Bondi, Sydney. But they found it difficult to resettle in the city, and took up a share farm position at Mooroopna, Nthn VIC. In 1952, Doug applied for and was allocated a Soldier Settlement block at Katunga, which they operated as a dairy farm. Although Dot died in 1990, Doug continued farming for two years, but eventually he decided to sell up and retired to Numurkah. Doug enjoyed a wide circle of friends, overseas trips, including reunions in Canada, NZ and England. Doug is survived by his three children, ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Having fought in the war, Doug commented that every day was a bonus—he lived his life that way. Died 17 Nov 2009, aged 88 years old, in Numurkah, Victoria, Australia.

ALSO.....

**ANDERSON, TED' EDWIN.** NZ 416073, NAV. 11 APR 2010.  
**MORIARTY, DAVID JOHN.** NZ 421549, PILOT. 25 APR 2010.  
**RUANE, ROBERT MAX.** NZ 429063, BA. 22 AUG 2010.  
**MASON, DEREK 'MACE'.** NZ 425850, WOAP. 21 SEP 2010.  
**HUMPHRIES, TINY' ARTHUR.** NZ 428244, NAV. 25 SEP 2010.

## DERMODY, James Michael (Jim)



NZ40933, FLT LT, NAVIGATOR  
16SEP 1943 to 21JAN 1944.  
c/w D.S. GIBB

Jim initially began his pilot training in 1937 as one of 36 successful applicants for a short service RAF commission. After soloing they moved to Wigram and formed the No.2 Pilots Course training an Avra 606 and Vickers Vildebeest. Jim did not take on the RAF commission but volunteered for the RNZAF aircrew service, and sailed to the UK in September 1940. Jim's first posting flying as a NAV in Wellingtons on No.99 Sqn was at Newmarket and Waterbeach. They completed 30 Operations and were moved to OTU's for instructional duties—but took part in the "thousand-bomber-raids" also. In Sep 1943, Jim joined 75(NZ) Sqn where Roy Max was his CO. Roy was a fellow member of the No.2 Pilots Cse back in 1937! Halfway through Jim's second tour however he contracted TB and after hospital treatment was sent back to NZ and discharged as a Flt Lt from the RNZAF in 1945. Given six months to live, Jim was by 2007 (Roy Max's death!) the last surviving member of that No.2 Wigram course. Jim renewed his private pilots license in the 1950's, was a foundation member of the Warkworth Branch of the RNZAF, and an active member of the 75 Squadron and Bomber Command Associations. Jim managed to attend the Bomber Command memorial unveiling in Auckland in 2009, but an accident while getting out of a Tiger Moth after a joy ride left Jim with injuries he did not recover from. Jim was the husband of the late Andy, father of Andrea and Lynda, grandfather of four, and dear friend of Joan. Died 1 Sep 2009, aged 93 years, in Warkworth.

## FORSTER, Andrew Bruce (Andy)



O90427, F/SGT, ARMAMENT TECHNICIAN  
JAN 1998 to DEC 2000

Andy grew up in Raumati and joined the RNZAF in Jan 1982, as an Armament Mechanic. Andy and fellow trainee Murray Cross applied for and were selected to study as Certificate of Engineering Trainees—Mechanical (CET). Andy and Murray have been the only Armament personnel to undertake CET training sponsored by the RNZAF. After completing Trade courses at Hobsonville, and NZCE courses at Trentham by 1985, Andy had qualified in NZCE and promoted to Corporal. Postings included various Armament trade workshops, 2 and 14 Squadrons, promotion to Sergeant by 1992, Langkok RAF Exchange for four months with Tornada F3 in England, and 75 Squadron in 1998. Andy also worked on exercises Willah, Outback and Kakadu in Australia, and Vanguards in Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand. After 75 Sqn and promotion to F/Sgt in 2000, Andy continued with numerous management positions, and volunteered for attachments to Task Group Teal for two months of 2005 with 40 Sqn in Afghanistan, and Task Group Crib for six months from October 2008 in the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Section in Bamyan Province, Afghanistan. In November 2009, Andy had just begun working with the newly created EOD NZDFSquadron, when during an exercise at Waiouru Army Camp, an UXB artillery shell functioned without warning and Andy was killed. He is survived by his Wife Karen, and children Candice, Mitchell and Aslee. Died 19 Nov 2009, aged 46 years old, at Waiouru as the result of an accident.

## LAING, Roy Alvan



NZ427806, FLG OFF, AIR BOMB AIMER  
25JUN 1944 TO 16/JAN 1945  
c/w N. BRIGHT

Born in Ngaruawahia, Roy became a Post Office Telegraph clerk in 1938 before joining the RNZAF in 1942 and training in Canada as a Bomb Aimer. Roy joined Neb on Bright's crew at 11 OTU Westcott in Feb 44, and they arrived on 75(NZ) Sqn to begin Ops by 2 July in BRt. In early August W/C Leslie took the crew for two trips, but they then spent three weeks back at OCU+LFS! Eventually completing their tour of ops by Jan 45 in AFIt, Roy was returned to NZ by the end of May 45. Managing to get a Dakota flight from Sydney to Whenuapai to get home quicker. Roy joined the Post Office again, and became a moving relieving Post Office Staff Officer with jobs throughout the North Island. In Ohaupo Roy met and married Betty and after 41 years in the Post Office, 20 of those in Frankton, Roy retired in 1979. Betty and Roy lived in the Hilda Ross Retirement Village, Hamilton until late 1999. Roy is survived by his wife Betty and son Keith. Died 6 JAN 2010, aged 90 years old, in the Sunningdale RSA Home, Hamilton.