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Charles Henry Butt

Unknown date of birth - Died 4 November 1942

FORENAMES Charles Henry AWMM

SURNAME Butt AWMM

SERVICE NUMBER NZ401751 AWMM

WAR World War II, 1939-1945 AWMM

FORCE Air Force AWMM

SERVICE NUMBER NZ401751 AWMM

MEDALS AND AWARDS Mentioned in Despatches (MiD) AWMM

LAST RANK Flight Lieutenant AWMM

Royal New Zealand Air Force, 1518 Beam Approach Training
Flight, RAF AWMM

Charles Butt was the son of Ernest Alexander and Hilda Jessie Butt, of Hamilton. AWMM

AGE AT DEATH 22 AWMM

DATE OF DEATH 4 November 1942 AWMM

PLACE OF DEATH United Kingdom AWMM

DEATH NOTES United Kingdom AWMM

CEMETERY NAME Scampton (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, Lincolnshire,
England AWMM

GRAVE REFERENCE New Part. Grave 10. AWMM

EXTERNAL LINKS Commonwealth War Graves Commission.



<http://www.cwgc.org> AWMM

Sources Used

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Christchurch, N.Z.: Volplane Press. AWMM

Record Details for Charles Henry Butt (Royal New Zealand Air Force)

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First Name:	Charles Henry
Initials:	C H
Surname:	Butt
DOB:	Circa 1920
Age:	22
Nationality:	New Zealand
Date of Death:	04/11/1942
Information:	SON OF ERNEST ALEXANDER AND HILDA JESSIE BUTT, OF HAMILTON, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.
Rank:	Flight Lieutenant
Service Number:	401751
Gallantry Awards:	<p>Mentioned in Despatches</p>  <p>This is the lowest form of recognition that was announced. The Mention in Despatches (M.I.D.) for a serviceman is not an award of a medal, but is a commendation of an act of gallantry or service. Charles Henry Butt's name would appear in the official report written by a Superior Officer and sent to the high command, in which is described the Soldier's gallant or meritorious action in the face of the enemy. This despatch is published in the London Gazette newspaper of the State, which has existed since 1665 and is still published today.</p> <p>The phrase "Mentioned in Despatches" was used for the first time in a newspaper article by Winston Churchill on 6th October 1898. From the time of the Boer War, the Despatches were published in full or in part.</p> <p>During World War One the citations published in the London Gazette did not usually give details of the place and date of the action for which awarded for security reasons. For most of these you need details from the War Office copy of the gazette. This can enable a search of the unit War Diary which will give a broader picture of the action for which Charles Henry Butt was awarded the M.I.D. In general no recommendations for Mention in Despatches survive for the army during WW1.</p> <p>A soldier could be mentioned in despatches more than once and in 1919 Army Order 166/1919 confirmed that individuals mentioned would receive a certificate, this included all British forces and Commonwealth Countries.</p> <p>In 1920 the Army Order authorised the issue of an oak leaf emblem decoration to be pinned or sewn diagonally on to the 'Victory' medal ribbon. If no campaign medal is awarded, the oak leaf is worn on the left breast of the dress uniform. This would signify that Charles Henry Butt had been 'Mentioned in Despatches'.</p>
Campaign Medals:	<p>War Medal 1939-1945</p>  <p>As with most Armed Forces Serving Personal during the conflict of World War Two, Charles Henry Butt was entitled to the War Medal 1939-1945. This medal was awarded to all full time service personnel who had completed 28 days service between 3rd September 1939 and the 2nd September 1945. Eligible personnel who had been "Mentioned In Despatches" during the War were entitled to wear a bronze oak leaf emblem on the ribbon. Those eligible for a campaign star, yet who had their service cut short by death, wounds or capture by the enemy, still qualified for this medal.</p>

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1939-45 Star



Given the information available to us it is likely that Charles Henry Butt was awarded the 1939-45 Star for operational Service in the Second World War between 3rd September 1939, and 2nd September 1945.

Charles Henry Butt would have been awarded this star if their service period was terminated by their death or disability due to service. Also the award of a gallantry medal or "Mention In Despatches" also produced the award of this medal, regardless of their service duration.

Fighter Aircraft Crew who took part in the Battle of Britain (10 July to 31 October 1940) were awarded the "Battle of Britain" bar to this medal. In undress uniform, a silver-gilt rosette was worn on the medal ribbon to denote the award of this clasp.

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Commemorated: Britain

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