

Sergeant Kenneth Aird
Royal Australian Air Force
Air Gunner

Age 33

**Killed following the crash of
his Wellington bomber 4 miles
SW of Market Rasen.**

**The aircraft, from RAF Snaith,
was on recovery and part of
the 1000 bomber raid
on Cologne.**

**In Memory of
Sergeant KENNETH AIRD**

**403415, Royal Australian Air Force
who died age 33
on 30 May 1942**

**Son of Dr. Ivie Aird and Ella Margaret Aird; husband of Marcia Clarice Aird, of Bondi Junction, New
South Wales, Australia.**

Remembered with honour

SCAMPTON (ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST) CHURCHYARD

KENNETH AIRD – A RESUME

by

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Most of the information we have about Sergeant Aird concerns the wartime crash near Faldingworth. The Wellington Bomber, part of a 1000 bomber raid on Cologne, burst into flame on impact with total loss of life of all six crew members. Brief details of the events leading to the crash are enclosed.

Kenneth Aird was a member of the Royal Australian Air Force attached to 150 Squadron at RAF Snaith in Yorkshire.

He was 33 years old, the son of Doctor Ivie Aird and Mrs Ella Margaret Aird, from Bondi Junction in New South Wales and the husband of Marcia Clarice Aird.

Sadly, it has not been possible to access more personal details except to observe that he is 'remembered with honour'.



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K. AIRD
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
30TH MAY 1942 AGE 33



THE GIFT OF GOD
IS ETERNAL LIFE

RAAF FATALITIES IN SECOND WORLD WAR AMONG
RAAF PERSONNEL SERVING ON ATTACHMENT
IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT UNITS

403415 Sergeant AIRD, Kenneth

Source :

AWM 237 (65) NAA : A705, 163/87207 Commonwealth War Graves records
W R Chorley : RAF Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, Page107,
Volume 1942.

Aircraft Type:	Wellington
Serial number:	X 3448
Radio call sign:	JN – N
Unit:	ATTD 150 SQN RAF

Summary:

Wellington took off from RAF Snaith at 2315 hours on the night of 30/31st May 1944, detailed to bomb Cologne, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base.

Crew :

RAF Sgt S B Shaw, Captain (Pilot)
RAAF 401079 Sgt R G Peverill, (Pilot)
RAAF 404869 Sgt G L Mustoe, (Observer)
RAF Sgt J C Dean (Wireless Air Gunner))
RAF Sgt L Beck, (Wireless Air Gunner)
RAAF 403415 Sgt K Aird, (Air Gunner)

The aircraft crashed on 30th May 1942 at Mottrams Farm, Faldingworth, four miles south west of Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, UK, and all the crew were killed.

Sgt S B Shaw is buried at the Nunhead (All Saints) Cemetery, UK

Sgt's Peverill, Mustoe and Aird (all RAAF members) are buried in the Scampton (St John the Baptist) Churchyard, UK. Scampton is 10kms north of Lincoln and the church and churchyard are on the road to Scunthorpe.

Sgt Dean is buried in the Southborough Cemetery, UK. The cemetery is on the west side of Southborough Common and belongs to the Urban District Council.

Sgt Beck is buried ion the Manchester (Philips Park) Cemetery, Manchester, UK.