



## Flight Lieutenant Norman Charles BLIGHT

[1907 – 1942]



Name: Norman Charles Philip **BLIGHT**  
Rank: Flight Lieutenant  
Service Number: 366  
Unit: 2 Wireless Air Gunners School  
Service: Royal Australian Air Force  
Born: 7 December 1907; Clermont, Qld.  
Enlisted: 16 October 1939; Whyalla S.A.  
Date of Death: 15 June 1942 (aged 34 years)

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Place of Death: Parkes, NSW

Cause of Death: Aircraft Accident

Buried / Commemorated: Mt. Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane [Wall 3. Sec.3. Niche 195]  
Australian War Memorial [panel 115]

Next of Kin: Son of Fredrick Thomas and Elizabeth Charlotte Blight  
Foster son of Mrs Margaret Sylvia Bryant of Clayfield, Qld

#### **In Civilian Life:**

At enlistment, lived at Whyalla, S.A. and was employed as a flying instructor at the Spencer's Gulf Aero Club. From 1936 he had been a flying Instructor at the Queensland Aero Club at Townsville.

#### **Military Service:**

1924 – 27	42 Battalion (The Capricornia Regiment)
October 1939	Pilot Officer; No. 1 Flying Instructors Course
December 1939	Flying Officer
September 1940	Instructor, 8 Elementary Flying Training School, Narrandera, N.S.W.
January 1941	Flight Lieutenant
February 1941	Instructor, 6 Elementary Flying Training School, Tamworth, N.S.W.
July 1941	Instructor, 2 Wireless Air Gunners School, Parkes, N.S.W.
September 1941	Instructor, 5 Elementary Flying Training School, Narromine, N.S.W.
November 1941	Instructor, 2 Wireless Air Gunners School, Parkes, N.S.W.

#### **Circumstances of Death:**

Flight Lieutenant Blight was posted to RAAF 2 Wireless Air Gunners School at Parkes, NSW. After taking off on a training flight, the aircraft crashed from 200 feet. Blight (the second pilot) and Sgt William Arthur were killed and nine of the crew injured.

#### Sources included:

- Australian War Memorial
- National Archives of Australia
- Sundry web pages
- *United Service Club, Queensland: The First Century, 1892-1992* by Flight Lieutenant Murray Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Charlton
- Club Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports and sundry documents