



Squadron Leader William Geoffrey CAMPBELL

[1911 – 1943]



Name: William Geoffrey **CAMPBELL**

Rank: Squadron Leader

Service Number: 261730

Unit: 2 Embarkation Depot

Service: RAAF Reserve (Civil aircrew)

Born: 9 September 1911;

Enlisted: 19 August 1940

Date of Death: 26 November 1943 (aged 32 years)

Place of Death: Port Moresby, New Guinea

Cause of Death: Aircraft accident

Buried / Commemorated: Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery [grave B2.D.15]
Australian War Memorial [panel 134]
Roll of Honour – Marrickville, NSW

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Next of Kin: Son of Robert Henry and Daisy Eleanor Campbell
 Husband of Jean Isobel Campbell of Marrickville, NSW

In Civilian Life:

On enlistment, lived at Marrickville, NSW with his parents.

Civil occupation – flying instructor “1500 hours flying experience” at the Royal Aero Club, Mascot.

Military Service:

	12 months in Militia
August 1940	Pilot Officer; Active Citizens Air Force
September 1940	Flying Officer
January 1942	Flight Lieutenant – Advanced Training Squadron, Point Cook
August 1943	Squadron Leader
September 1943	Transferred from Active List to RAAF Reserve to take up employment with Qantas.

Circumstances of Death:

Lockheed C-56B Lodestar 42-68348 struck a hill after take-off from Port Moresby. The aircraft was operated by Qantas for the Allied Directorate of Air Transport and piloted by Squadron Leader Campbell. All 15 personnel on board perished.

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