



Flight Lieutenant John William Fitzclarence COLLINS

[1906 – 1940]



Name: John William Fitzclarence **COLLINS**

Rank: Flight Lieutenant

Service Number: 5611

Unit: Station Headquarters, Archerfield

Service: Royal Australian Air Force

Born: 5 March 1906; Beaudesert, Qld

Enlisted: 26 March 1940; Brisbane

Date of Death: 21 May 1941 (aged 35 years)

Place of Death: Archerfield, Qld

Cause of Death: Accidental

Buried / Commemorated: Mundoolun Private Cemetery, Qld [grave GRM/4]
Australian War Memorial [panel 97]

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Next of Kin: Son of William and May Adelaide Gwendoline Collins
 Husband of Margaret Eleanor Collins of Edgecliffe, NSW

In Civilian Life:

On enlistment, lived at "Nindooinbah", Beaudesert, Qld. with his wife.
Farmer and grazier. Private pilot (1600 hours) and aircraft owner. M.A. (Oxon)

Military Service:

March 1940	Flying Officer; 23 Squadron (Intelligence Officer), and SHQ Archerfield (Adjutant)
January 1944	Flight Lieutenant

Circumstances of Death:

Killed in private aircraft accident at Archerfield, Qld on 21 May 1941.

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