



Flying Officer Gordon Edward DIX

[1919 – 1944]



Name: Gordon Edward **DIX**
Rank: Flying Officer
Service Number: 401423
Unit: 2 Air Ambulance Unit

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Service: Royal Australian Air Force

Born: 6 June 1919; Aberdeen, Scotland

Enlisted: 3 February 1941; Melbourne, Vic

Date of Death: 25 August 1944 (aged 25 years)

Place of Death: Exmouth Gulf, WA

Cause of Death: Aircraft Accident

Buried / Commemorated: Geraldton War Cemetery, WA [grave B.A.5]
 Australian War Memorial [panel 111]
 Roll of Honour – Brighton, Vic

Next of Kin: Son of Walter Edward and Elsie Elizabeth Dix of Elwood, Vic

In Civilian Life:

On enlistment, lived at Elwood, Vic; with his parents.
 He worked as an Assistant Manager in a textile business (Knitting Mills Pty Ltd, West Brunswick, Vic.)

Military Service:

1940	Private, 5 Battalion, Victorian Scottish Regiment
February 1941	Enlisted RAAF (height 5'10", weight 142 lbs, medium complexion, green eyes, medium hair)
March 1941	Leading Aircraftsman
July 1941	Flying Badge
September 1941	Sergeant
October 1941	Posted Survey Flight, Canberra
April 1942	Flight Sergeant
October 1942	Pilot Officer
February 1943	Posted to 2AAU Kingaroy, Qld; for duties in North-Eastern Area
April 1943	Flying Officer

Circumstances of Death:

2 Air Ambulance Unit was headquartered at Kingaroy, Qld in February 1943; and from January 1944 operated a detachment based with 4 Medical Receiving Station, at Corunna Downs, 60 km south of Marble Bar, WA. One of the Unit's A14-4 Gannett aircraft crashed in the sea 50 yards off shore, one mile from the Learmonth landing strip at 0525 hours 25 August 1944. Crew was Pilot - Flying Officer Dix; Navigator – Sergeant N. Catton; Passenger - Squadron Leader Dr J.C. Sangster. The aircraft was said to have been on a mercy flight to save the life of a civilian. All on board died.

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