



## Lieutenant Alun Morris JONES

[1919 - 1945]



Name: Alun Morris **JONES**  
Rank: Lieutenant  
Service Number: QX 4655  
Unit: 11 Australian Movement Control Group  
Service: Australian Army

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Born: 27 January 1919; Ipswich, Qld

Enlisted: 3 November 1939; Kelvin Grove, Qld

Date of Death: 18 September 1945 (aged 28 years)

Place of Death: Dutch New Guinea

Cause of Death: Presumed dead – aircraft accident

Buried / Commemorated: Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery [grave C8.E.19]  
 Australian War Memorial [panel 10]  
 Roll of Honour – Ipswich, Qld

Next of Kin: Son of Evan and Margaret Jones of Silkstone, Qld  
 Husband of Jean Jones of Clayfield, Qld

### **In Civilian Life:**

At enlistment, lived at Silkstone, Qld. with his parents; and was employed as a clerk with McDonald Hamilton Ltd, Brisbane.

### **Military Service:**

	CMF Signals, 4 months
November 1939	enlisted 6 Division Signals
June 1940	embarked for UK
January 1941	embarked for Middle East, 7 Division Signals
January 1942	embarked for Ceylon
July 1942	embarked for Australia
August 1943	Lieutenant, 3 Movement Control Group
February 1944	OCTU Special Short Course
June 1945	embarked for New Guinea , and Moratai
October 1945	"Missing"
May 1946	"Missing – presumed dead"

### **Circumstances of Death:**

On 18 September 1945, 38 Squadron RAAF Dakota(C-47B, VH-CUT) was lost with all on board during a patient transfer flight from Biak Island to Merauke and Townsville. In addition to pilot and co-pilot (WO A.J. Hunter and WO A.C. Hughes) there were 8 RAAF passengers (including a nursing sister) and 19 Army passengers. Lieutenant Morris was not listed on the manifest – he is believed to have boarded the aircraft at Moratai prior to landing at Biak Island.

The wreck was discovered in December 1970 high in the mountains and broken in a ravine near Wissel Lakes, West Irian. From 23 May – 6 June 2005, a joint RAAF and Indonesian Air Force (TNI-AU) team travelled to the region as part of "Exercise Dakota Recovery". The mission, conducted in extreme climatic conditions, recovered all the remains as well as some personal effects of the passengers and crew. A memorial plaque was left at the site. A formal military funeral and burial of the remains was conducted Port Moresby Bomana War Cemetery on 10 August 2005.

#### 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