

# Family Group Sheet for John Alfred Adams

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**Husband:** John Alfred Adams

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Birth: 27 Dec 1922 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia; Queensland  
Death: 13 Aug 1944 in KIA Germany  
Father: James Adams  
Mother: Kathleen

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**Spouse:**

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Father:  
Mother:

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**Children:**

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**Notes:**

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**John Alfred Adams**

Telegraph (Brisbane) 28/10/1944 shows;

Mr. & Mrs. ADAMS & Daughters, of Wellington Street. Coorparoo. wish to convey their sincere THANKS to all kind Relations & Friends for letters & messages of sympathy received by them since the sad news of their Son & Brother. Flt./Sgt. John A. Adams, who has been reported missing in operations over Germany on 12th August. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

Service number 425819

Rank Flight Sergeant

Unit No. 101 Squadron (RAF)

Service Royal Australian Air Force

Conflict/Operation Second World War, 1939-1945

Conflict Eligibility Date Second World War, 1939-1947

Date of Death 13 August 1944

Place of Death Germany

Cause of Death Flying Battle

Cemetery or Memorial Details Hannover War Cemetery, Hannover, Germany

Source AWM148 Roll of Honour cards, 1939-1945 War, Air Force

Location on the Roll of Honour

John Alfred Adams's name is located at panel 118 in the Comme

Lost in Lancaster MkI DV292 'SR-O' piloted by FLTLT Leonard Tugwell RAAF. Believed to have been shot down by Oberleutnant Arnold Brinkmann.

The raid on Braunschweig Lower Saxony, Germany, was to determine if Bombers could attack without having the targets marked by Pathfinder aircraft, but rather using the new HS-2 ground mapping radar. 379 aircraft were involved and 7.1% of the raiders were lost. Three 101 Squadron aircraft were lost on this mission and another on another target.

The 'experiment' was a failure and the cost was high - 27 aircraft in total and 125 aircrew killed. Most of the crew of one of the 101 Squadron aircraft survived as PW, but all in 'SR-O' perished.

101 Squadron was an Airborne Electronic Warfare unit and its 'ABC' jamming and radio interception equipment was active meaning it could be detected by German Night Fighters attracting disproportionately greater attention than the main bomber force colleagues. 101 Squadron suffered the highest casualties of the RAF Bomber Command Squadrons accordingly.

Compiled by Steve Larkins 14 Apr 2019