

# Family Group Sheet for Alice Eva Maud Ferme

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<b>Husband:</b>	Walter James Manser
Birth:	16 Mar 1896 in Mitcham, Adelaide
Marriage:	26 Nov 1923 in Port Pirie, South Australia, Australia
Death:	1972 in Port Pirie, South Australia, Australia
Father:	Walter James Manser
Mother:	Mary Elizabeth Stevens

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<b>Wife:</b>	Alice Eva Maud Ferme
Birth:	09 Aug 1892 in Port Pirie, South Australia, Australia
Death:	08 Jun 1971 in Port Pirie, South Australia, Australia
Father:	William Ferme
Mother:	Mary Alice Fielding

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<b>Children:</b>	
1	Name: Harold Ferme
M	Birth: 27 Jan 1919 in Port Pirie, South Australia, Australia
	Death: 27 Sep 1943 in KIA Germany
2	Name: Lorna Manser
F	Birth: 24 Aug 1927 in Port Pirie, South Australia, Australia

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## Notes:

### Harold Ferme

Pilot Officer Harold FERME

Service No: 416844

Born: Port Pirie SA, 27 January 1919

Enlisted in the RAAF: 11 October 1941

Unit: No. 78 Squadron (RAF), RAF Brighton, Yorkshire

Died: Air Operations (No. 78 Squadron Halifax aircraft JD476), Germany, 27 September 1943, Aged 24 Years

Buried: Hanover War Cemetery, Hanover, Niedersachsen, Germany

CWGC Additional Information: Son of Alice Eva Maude Ferme, of Port Pirie, South Australia.

Roll of Honour: Port Pirie SA

Remembered: Panel 122, Commemorative Area, Australian War Memorial, Canberra ACT

Remembered: World War II Honour Roll, National War Memorial of SA, North Terrace, Adelaide

Halifax JD476 took off from RAF Brighton at 1916 hours on the night of 27/28th September 1943, detailed to attack Hanover, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. A Missing Research & Enquiry team report stated "the aircraft crashed at Wiechendorf, which is about 20 kms north west of Hanover." Six of the crew were killed and one became a Prisoner of War.

The crew members of JD476 were:

Sergeant Eric James Bream (1319137) (RAF) (Rear Gunner)

Sergeant Thomas Andrew Cuthbertson Dorn (1036353) (RAFVR) (Wireless Air Gunner)

Sergeant Robert James Drinkwater (1497401) (RAFVR) (Flight Engineer)

Pilot Officer Harold Ferme (416844) (Pilot)

Sergeant Frederick Walter Hucker (1585982) (RAFVR) (Air Bomber)

Sergeant Leslie Edgar Hughes (1318634) (RAFVR) (Mid Upper Gunner)

Sergeant G W Preston (1390162) (RAFVR) (Navigator) PoW

Sergeant Preston later stated that "the aircraft caught fire and bale out was ordered. He opened the escape hatch and immediately baled out after which he had no further news re the other members of the crew."

References:

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**Notes: (cont.)**

Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour On-Line Records (RAAF Casualty Information compiled by Alan Storr (409804))

Commonwealth War Graves Commission On-Line Records

Department of Veteran's Affairs On-Line WWII Nominal Roll

National Archives of Australia On-Line Record A705, 166/13/136