

# Family Group Sheet for Andrew Byers Jardine

<b>Husband:</b>	Andrew Byers Jardine
Birth:	Abt. 1890 in Hawick, Roxburghshire, Scotland
Marriage:	1918 in Rugby, Warwickshire, England
Death:	1963 in Kensington, Western Australia
Father:	Theodore Jardine
Mother:	Jane Agnes Byers
<b>Wife:</b>	Louisa Underwood
Birth:	1895
Death:	1978
Father:	John Underwood
Mother:	Mary Matilda Pargeter
<b>Children:</b>	
1	Name: Cyrus Jardine
M	Birth: 10 Nov 1921 in Rugby, Warwickshire, England
	Death: 21 Mar 1945 in KIA Germany
2	Name: Barbara Mary Jardine
F	Birth: 26 Nov 1929 in Western Australia
	Marriage: 1953
	Death: 2012 in Menora, Western Australia
	Spouse: Joseph Laurance Croom

## Notes:

### Cyrus Jardine

Pilot Officer Cyrus JARDINE

Service No: 415988

Born: Rugby, England, 10 November 1921

Enlisted in the RAAF: 26 April 1942 (at Perth WA)

Unit: No. 57 Squadron (RAF), RAF East Kirkby, Lincolnshire

Died: Air Operations: (No. 57 Squadron Lancaster LM653), Germany, 21 March 1945, Aged 23 Years

Buried: Hanover War Cemetery, Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany

CWGC Additional Information: Son of Andrew Byers Jardine and Louisa Jardine, of Maylands, Western Australia.

Roll of Honour: Perth WA

Remembered: Panel 124, Commemorative Area, Australian War Memorial, Canberra ACT

Remembered: Cenotaph Undercroft, State War Memorial, Kings Park WA

The Germans gave priority to repairing the Bohlen oil installations because of their relative distance from English bomber bases, and within a fortnight Bomber Command assessed that some units were again in operation. Thus on 20th-21st March No. 463 sent 16 and No. 467 17 crews in a force of 224 which in much better weather dropped 946 tons of bombs in the most concentrated of the series of attacks against Bohlen. Photographs, obtained 12 hours after the main attack, showed fires burning in various parts of the plant; apart from severe and widespread damage to vital units the internal marshalling yards had been heavily hit and it was estimated that Bohlen was unlikely to be substantially operative for at least two months. In the event, because of the progress of the armies, no further bombing attack was necessary, but this last attack was relatively costly as 10 bombers were lost, including one of No. 463 and one each piloted by Australians of Nos. 50, 57, 61, 97 and 207 Squadrons, while another Australian pilot failed to return from a small feint attack by 12 aircraft against Halle which was intended to divert enemy fighters from Bohlen.

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Lancaster LM653 took off from RAF East Kirkby at 2342 hours on the night of 20/21st March 1945, detailed

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to carry out a diversionary raid on Halle, while other aircraft were attacking Bohlen, Germany. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take off and it failed to return to base. All the crew were killed in the crash and they are buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany. This was an experienced crew with over 30 sorties to their credit.

The seven crew members of LM653 were:

Flight Sergeant George William Ackerman (1407092) (RAFVR) (Flight Engineer)  
Pilot Officer Victor Robert Campbell (427063) (Navigator)  
Flight Sergeant James Henderson (1592002) (RAFVR) (Mid Upper Gunner)  
Pilot Officer Cyrus Jardine (415988) (Wireless Air Gunner)  
Pilot Officer Gilbert Owen Hugh Lind (415946) (Air Bomber)  
Flight Sergeant Mortimer O'Loughlin (1799783) (RAFVR) (Rear Gunner)  
Flight Lieutenant Aubrey Robert Palling (428261) (Pilot)

No. 463 Squadron lost Lancaster PB845 (Flying Officer Richard Stewart Bennett (436327) (Pilot)) on 21 March 1945.

No. 50 Squadron (RAF) lost Lancaster ME441 (Pilot Officer Allan Neil Levy (429153) (Pilot)) on 21 March 1945.

In addition to the loss of LM653, No. 57 Squadron (RAF) lost Lancaster RA530 (Flying Officer Charles Alan Cobern (5870) (Pilot)) which crashed soon after take-off on 20 March 1945.

No. 61 Squadron (RAF) lost Lancaster RA560 (Flying Officer John Frederick Swales (422989) (Pilot)) on 21 March 1945.

No. 97 Squadron (RAF) lost Lancaster PA973 (Flight Lieutenant John Dennis Cottman (418813) (Pilot)) on 21 March 1945.

No. 207 Squadron (RAF) lost Lancaster PA196 (Flying Officer Raymond Allan Lewis (19892) (Pilot)) on 21 March 1945.

In the small feint attack against Halle, No. 227 Squadron (RAF) lost Lancaster PA259 (Flying Officer Warren Henry Pitts (436480) (Pilot)) on 21 March 1945.

**References:**

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