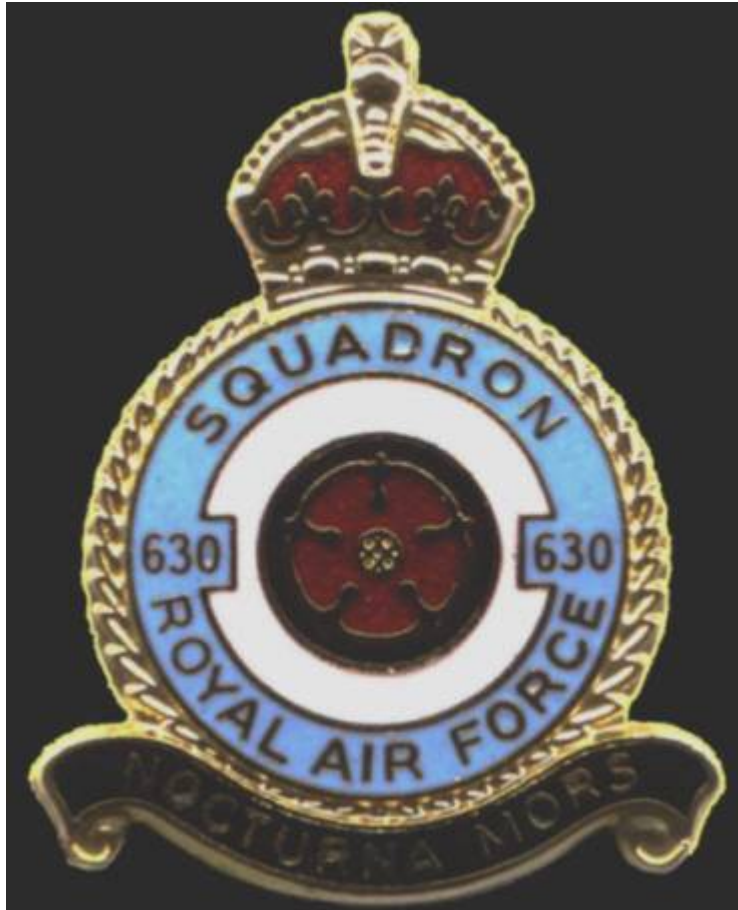


## Lancaster ND 949



**"NOCTURNA MORS"**

**"Death By Night"**

**Can you help.**

I have been asked to try and find out more personal details about the airmen involved in the following accident.

So far we have been unable to get any other information regarding these airmen. In fact by using the channels that are available to me in England these unfortunate airmen did not exist, apart from the information below. This appears to be true for the Australian Honour Roll as well, as they do not appear to be on it.

At 03.10 on 9th April 1945, Lancaster Bomber ND949 of 630 Squadron RAF, returning from a raid on Lutzendorf, crashed at the village of Foxton, 3Km NW of Market Harborough, Leicestershire. All 7 crew members, 6 of whom were Australian, were killed. One of our Branch members has ascertained from the Ministry of Defense the following details about the crew and their Service Numbers.

AUS 41 2697 Fg Off C R Richardson - Pilot

AUS 439540 F/Sgt H E Burton- Navigator

1625259 Sgt B Gibbons- Flight Engineer

AUS 424640 Fg Off R Martin- Air bomber

AUS 430653 Fg Off W Forrester- Wireless Operator

AUS 435772 F/Sgt A E Bowman- Air gunner

AUS 43591 8 F/Sgt F J Howlett- Air gunner

Burial details are as follows:

Fg Off Richardson, Fg Off Forrester, F/Sgt Burton and F/Sgt Bowman were Buried at the Botley Cemetery, Oxford.

F/Sgt Howlett - RAF Regional Cemetery, Cambridge.

Fg Off Martin - Southwick Cemetery, Sunderland.

Sgt Gibbons - Norton St Nicholas Churchyard, Letchworth, Hertfordshire.

Any information relating to these airmen that you have, or any other organization that could possibly help our members who remember this accident would be greatly appreciated, as they would like to contact any of their relatives or anyone else who knew them

Mark R Hudson.