

The Air Observation Post Squadrons

The Air Observation Post Squadrons were units which were recruited from the Royal Artillery and Royal Canadian Artillery. These gunners were taught to fly in order to spot and direct fire for artillery ground units. Formed in 1941, the AOP squadrons were sent into action all over Europe to fulfil a dangerous but important role. After the war they participated in a variety of situations including the Korean War and Malaya before eventually amalgamating into the modern-day Army Air Corps.

The following list includes the names of 146 men of the Air Observation Post Squadrons who died in service.

The list below includes personnel that died in service. It includes ground personnel and observers who died while engaged with the AOP squadrons. The information is subject to change and this list is considered a working list. If you have any comments, enquiries or suggestions please contact the Archivist at Archivist@flying-museum.org.uk.

Surname	Initials	Rank	Post-Nominals	Year of death
Aitchison	GMH	Capt		1944
Aitchison	P	LAC		1944
Allan	J	LAC		1945
Allen	FJ	Cpl		1943
Andrews	RW	Lt		1956
Ashfield	EW	Cpl		1942
Ashurst	J	LAC		1943
Atkinson	GT	LAC		1944
Bailey	GE	Bdr		1944
Bailey	FG	Lt		1952
Ballard	EJ	Maj		1943
Ballyn	CC	Capt	DFC*	1945
Barham	RF	Capt		1944
Barkley	SW	LBdr		1944
Bates	AM	Lt		1955
Beechinor	FJ	Cpl		1944
Bell	TH	Gnr		1945
Benson	JPG	Capt		1943
Bethell	BJ	Capt		1946
Bogod	PM	Capt		1943
Bogue	JF	Cpl		1953
Bold-Molyneux	CP	Capt		1945
Bond	A	Gnr		1952
Bourn	TA	Capt		1941
Bradshaw	GT	LAC		1944
Brandon	HBStG	Capt		1945
Browne	PJ	Lt		1950
Buchan	J	Capt		1944
Burgess	GL	Capt		1944
Burke	WJ	Lt		1945
Burness	AD	Lt		1943
Canton	RF	Capt		1945
Carmichael	C	Capt		1944
Chapman	BJH	Lt		1951
Cherrington	WC	Gnr		1944
Cherry	HA	Lt		1945
Cheshire	AW	Capt		1944
Churcher	JF	Capt		1949
Cornish	CC	Lt		1965

Cowan	AA	Capt		1944
Curtis-Willson	CL	Capt		1945
Dick	AG	Capt		1944
Donald	RA	Capt		1943
Dredge	MR	Sgt		1947
Dunbar-Kilburn	REF	Capt		1953
Durrell	LS	Gnr		1944
Dutton	PB	Capt		1944
Eaton	GA	Capt	MC	1945
Evans	HL	Capt		1944
Farrer	RM	Capt	DFC	1944
Featherstonehaugh	AM	Capt		1948
Forster	FG	Lt		1954
Gander	ASC	Capt		1946
Garrard	JV	Lt		1944
Gee	EA	Capt		1944
Gibbons	D	LBdr		1945
Gibbons	RS	LAC		1945
Goodfield	K	LAC		1953
Gordon	G	Gnr		1945
Graham	G	Gnr		1943
Griffin	CP	Capt		1943
Griffith	LP	Lt		1956
Griffiths	J	Gnr		1943
Grodzicki	S	Lt		1945
Harris	WG	Maj	MC	1953
Heard	PID	Capt		1944
Hill	RJ	Lt		1944
Hill	SWA	Cpl		1944
Hoad	AE	Gnr		1944
Hockney	ASR	Gnr		1944
Hollis	FEK	Capt		1945
Houghton	WC	LAC		1945
Houghton	FR	Gnr		1951
Hughes	HF	LAC		1943
Jack	RS	LAC		1946
Jackson	FM	Capt		1943
James	WM	Capt		1943
Job	MIB	Capt		1943
John	HE	AC2		1945
Jones	LD	Gnr		1944
Jones	NC	Gnr		1944
Kennedy-Minards	RM	Capt	MC	1944
Kilgour	J	Capt		1946
Kitchin	ME	Lt		1944
Le Breton	F	Capt	AFC	1945
Limacher	CJ	Gnr		1945
Little	L	Capt		1944
Llewellyn	RdeMC	Lt		1942
Loder	DW	Capt		1944
Loveridge	MA	Maj	DFC	1946
Luscombe	BT	Capt		1952
Mackley	PD	Maj	DFC	1944
MacPhee	GJ	Capt		1944
Maidment	PS	Bdr		1945
Malone	PF	Gnr		1945

Mather	MR	Lt		1955
McAlpine	D	LAC		1943
McCauley	RJ	AC2		1945
McCorry	C	Capt		1944
McKinstry	CRB	Capt		1944
McNairney	F	LAC		1945
Mohun	GW	Capt		1944
Molison	WS	Capt	DFC*	1945
Moreton	DW	Gnr		1944
Morley	HD	Bdr		1944
Newman	PR	Capt		1943
Nixon	GE	Capt		1945
O'Neil	BP	Capt		1955
Pickel	EW	Capt		1945
Pickett	B	Lt		1944
Pinkney	DE	Capt		1944
Pollitt	JL	Capt		1957
Price	JW	Capt		1943
Procter	GT	Capt		1943
Pugh	EV	Capt		1944
Riches	VJ	LAC		1945
Roberts	DE	Capt		1949
Robinson	GJ	AC1		1945
Roe	GH	Sgt		1945
Rogers	FL	Capt		1942
Rosen	SI	AC1		1943
Ross	AC	AC		1949
Russel	GVD	Capt		1944
Salisbury	RH	LAC		1945
Sandeman	GC	Capt		1943
Searle	GW	Gnr		1945
Standfield	JT	Capt		1944
Stormonth-Darling	JS	Maj	DFC	1945
Strauch	KA	Bdr		1945
Stuart	DI	Capt		1945
Tungatt	DJ	Bdr		1945
Turpin	EB	LAC		1946
Vann	L	Capt		1944
Vivian	FT	Capt	MC	1946
Wadds	JJ	Cpl		1944
Ward	BD	Capt		1944
Watkinson	KFE	Capt		1944
Wells	PJ	Capt		1942
Wheeler	ARW	Bdr		1952
Whitcombe	DH	Capt		1944
Whitson	WMA	Capt		1943
Willcock	F	Sgt		1952
Wilson	J	Lt		1944
Wilson	KGW	Capt		1949
Woodman	RHC	Capt		1946
Worboys	JH	Capt	MC	1945
Wykes	PT	Capt		1945