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Grave Seq	Date Buried	Grave Plot No:	Casualty Name	Rank(s) Held	Honours	RAF Unit(s)	Service Details and Cause of Death (where known)
11	16/05/22	Plot 3 Row A Grave 9	Hooton, Lionel C	Signaller 2nd/Lt F/O	MC Bar to MC MiD	8 Sqn, 123 Sqn, 2 Sqn, 6 Sqn	<p>??/03/15 Enlisted as a signaller in the 5th Cavalry Division, England. ??/05/17 Appointed 2nd Lieutenant (on probation) and two months later, posted as an observer to 8 Squadron, based at Mons-en-Chaussee, France 31/08/17 Confirmed in rank of Flying Officer after pilot training and remaining with 8 Squadron. 12/04/18 Awarded the Military Cross for utmost gallantry and skill during two missions over the Somme, the first for flying FK8 Serial C8430 at low level directly into intense ground fire to locate an enemy position and the second in FK8 C3611 in fading light by using the explosions of enemy ground fire to locate another enemy position. On both occasions his aircraft was badly damaged but he succeeded in bringing it back to 8 Squadron's aerodrome. 16/04/18 Awarded a Bar to his MC for conspicuous gallantry in action when his FK8 Serial C3678 was severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire (fuel tank and wings), with his observer having to climb out on to the wing to help him steer the crippled aircraft back across the lines and make a successful crash-landing. 27/05/18 Wounded in the neck by anti-aircraft fire when on a mission in a AW FK8 in France and was returned to England on a hospital ship to recuperate. He did not recover in time to return to active service in WW1. 15/10/18 "Mentioned in Despatches". ??/??/19 Posted to 123 Squadron, based in Russia. 16/08/20 Whilst serving with 2 Squadron at Fermoy, Ireland, he injured his hand when his Bristol Fighter H1448 suffered engine failure during a mail flight and crashed. 16/05/22 Whilst serving with 6 Squadron in Baghdad, Iraq, engine failure in his Bristol Fighter D7845 due to a petrol blockage caused him to crash and he was killed.</p>
15	06/06/22	Plot 3 Row D Grave 6	Hudson, Frank N	2nd/Lt F/O Captain Flt/Lt	MC WW1 Ace MiD MfS	15 Sqn, 54 Sqn, 6 Sqn	<p>09/07/15 As a 17 year old 2nd Lt in the Royal East Kent Regiment, he was seconded to the RFC, obtaining his aviator's certificate No: 1830 on 06/10/15. 11/11/15 Confirmed in rank of Flying Officer and posted to 15 Squadron at Droglandt, France, where he became a skilled pilot, forcing down at least two enemy aircraft. 21/02/16 Awarded the Military Cross for completing a reconnaissance mission in a BE2c despite receiving severe shrapnel wounds to his head from anti-aircraft fire. 17/12/16 After 10 months of recuperation in England, he was posted to 54 Squadron as a pilot flying Sopwith Pup scouts only days before the squadron was sent overseas to Bertangles, France (the Somme Valley). 10/03/17 Promoted to flight commander and Captain at 54 Squadron. 11/11/17 Claimed his 6th aerial victory, making him officially a flying 'Ace'. 13/07/17 Whilst on a special mission, his Sopwith Pup A6240 was attacked by 5 enemy aircraft, he was shot down and taken prisoner, remaining as a POW until repatriated on 19/12/18. 13/04/19 Relinquished his commission and went on the unemployed list. 29/08/19 "Mentioned in Despatches" for valuable service rendered during the War. 12/09/19 Granted short service commission in the RAF as Flt/Lt and again in September 1921. 16/12/19 "Mentioned for Service" for valuable services while in captivity during the War. 24/02/22 Posted to 6 Squadron Baghdad, Iraq, from RAF Cadet College Cranwell (flying wing). 31/03/22 Landing after a mission 100 miles north of Baghdad he crashed his Bristol Fighter D7844. He and his observer were extricated from the wreckage, both with serious head injuries, but Hudson died a week later on 06/06/22, aged 24.</p>
47	23/08/22	Plot 3 Row C Grave 5	Hartley, Robert L	LM (RNAS) PO (RNAS)	AFC	RNAS, 8 Sqn	<p>17/12/14 As Leading Midshipman (and observer) with RNAS Grain, Hartley's Short 830 Seaplane Serial 829 was forced to land in the sea due to engine failure</p>

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				WO (RNAS) Lt			but he and his pilot were rescued by a Norwegian ship and repatriated three days later. 18/01/17 Promoted from Petty Officer to Warrant Officer (RNAS). 01/05/19 Promoted from 2nd/Lt to Lieutenant. 12/06/19 Awarded the Air Force Cross in recognition of his distinguished service during WW1. 01/08/19 Granted a permanent commission in the RAF as Lieutenant, posted to 8 Squadron as a pilot when it was re-formed in England and sent to the Middle East. 23/08/22 Died from injuries in flying accident at 8 Squadron's base at Hinaidi while testing DH9a E9913
52	04/10/22	Plot 3 Row D Grave 1	Holme, Robert C L	2nd/Lt (Som LI) 2nd/Lt F/O Captain Major Captain Fit/Lt	MC WW1 Ace	16 Sqn, 29 Sqn, 70 Sqn, 1 Sqn	18/05/15 Attached to the RFC as a 2nd/Lt in the Somerset Light Infantry, becoming an observer at the age of 19. 01/06/15 Posted to 16 Squadron at Chocques, France on the Western Front. 17/06/15 In combat with Aviatik, flying as an observer in BE2a Serial 368. 28/08/15 Awarded pilot's brevets after flight training at le Crotoy, France. 21/10/15 Promoted to Flying Officer. 01/07/16 Promoted to Flight Commander (temp) Captain whilst still at 16 Squadron, now based at Merville, France. 03/09/16 Wounded during an enemy bombing raid. 01/01/17 Awarded a Military Cross for consistent bravery during night missions. 26/07/17 Wounded in action. 01/08/18 Claimed 5th aerial victory, making him officially a flying 'Ace'. 05/08/18 Posted to 29 Squadron flying SE5a scouts. He was given temporary command of 29 Squadron on the 31st August 1918 when it was based at Hoog Huis, Belgium. 29/09/18 Shot down by ground machine gun fire in SE5a scout Serial D6942. 01/08/19 Resigned his commission in the Somerset LI and granted permanent commission in the post-war RAF as a Captain. 25/03/22 Posted from 70 Squadron Iraq HQ as a Flight Lieutenant to 1 Squadron as a pilot. 04/10/22 Passenger in a flying accident at Kirkut in a 45 Squadron Vernon (see Messenger below) whilst still with 1 Squadron. He was killed instantly, aged 26
54	16/10/22	Plot 3 Row D Grave 3	Messenger, Alfred L	2nd/Lt F/O Captain Fit/Lt	AFC	59 Sqn, 13 Sqn, 59 Sqn, 15 Sqn, 3 FTS, 45 Sqn	05/09/16 Commissioned as (temp) 2nd Lt. 28/04/17 Appointed as Flying Officer and posted to 59 Squadron stationed at La Bellevue, France, flying the two-seater RE8. 02/06/17 Posted on temporary duty to 13 squadron stationed at Etrun, France, also flying RE8s. 24/11/17 Promoted to flight commander and (temp) Captain with 59 Squadron, now stationed at Longavesnes, France. 30/11/17 Posted to 15 Squadron when it moved from Lechelle to Bapaume, France. 12/06/19 Awarded the Air Force Cross in recognition of his distinguished service during the War. 12/09/19 Short service commission was changed to a permanent commission with the rank of Fit/Lt. 17/02/22 Posted overseas to 45 Squadron (Middle East Area) as a pilot from the 3 Flying Training School (Inland Area). 04/10/22 Pilot in flying accident in Vickers Vernon J6865 – he took off with control stick still strapped and crashed unable to use the ailerons. His two passengers died in the crash but Messenger died of his injuries twelve days later on 16/10/22 at the RAF Indian Hospital, Baghdad, aged 37
71	14/07/23	Plot 2 Row C Grave 11	Gerrard, Thomas F N	Fit/Sub/Lt Fit/Lt (RNAS) F/Cdr (RNAS) Major Fit/Lt	DSC WW1 Ace MBE	A RNAS, 1 RNAS, 208 Sqn, 209 Sqn, CFS, 5 FTS, 1 Sqn	11/04/15 Commissioned as a Fit Sub Lt in the RNAS, aged only 17, on being awarded his Royal Aero Club brevets – a remarkable achievement for someone so young. 18/07/15 Confirmed as flight lieutenant and posted to A Squadron RNAS. 08/07/16 Claimed his first enemy aircraft shot down whilst flying his Nieuport scout. 05/12/16 Appointed (acting) flight commander in 1 Squadron RNAS. 04/06/17 Awarded the DSC for an aerial battle in his Sopwith Triplane Serial N5440 when he was attacked by 15 to 20 enemy aircraft and shot down two of them. 06/04/18 As a flight commander with 208 squadron, stationed at la Gorque, he claimed his 10th and final victim during WW1 whilst flying his Sopwith

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							Camel scout Serial B7196. 30/05/18 Promoted to (temp) major when he was given command of 209 Squadron, based at Bertangles on the Somme, France. 03/06/19 Awarded the MBE in recognition of his distinguished services during the War. 01/08/19 Granted a permanent commission as a Flt/Lt. 05/03/21 Presided over the first annual re-union dinner of 209 Squadron (9 Squadron RNAS). 07/07/21 Took part in a flying display with four other Snipe pilots from the Central Flying School at the RAF Pageant Hendon, attended by HM the King and Queen Mary. 21/10/22 Transferred from the Central Flying School to No 5 Flight Training Squadron. 23/02/23 Transferred from No 5 Flight Training School to 1 Squadron (Iraq Command). 14/07/23 Suffered a Cerebral Haemorrhage following a fall from his polo pony and succumbed to his injuries, aged 25. He most likely died at Sulaimaniya and his body was later taken to RAF Hinaidi and buried at Ma'Asker, hence buried out of sequence in Plot 2
95	23/11/23	Plot 3 Row F Grave 3	Hammond, Henry	2nd/Lt F/O Captain	MC OBE	Dorset Reg, 102 Sqn, RAF Iraq Levies	01/05/15 Commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the Dorset Regiment. 25/02/17 Commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corp. 01/06/17 Promoted to Flying Officer and posted to 102 Squadron as a pilot. 28/11/17 Wounded in action in the arm whilst flying FE2b Serial A5594 after bombing an enemy train station near Bethune, France. His arm had to be amputated. 07/12/17 Awarded the Military Cross for courage and skill in bombing and de-railing several trains and destroying enemy hangars (even when wounded). 07/04/19 Appointed to the rank of Lieutenant in the peacetime RAF. 01/04/21 Awarded the Order of the British Empire for gallant conduct during WW1 and appointed an officer to the Military Division. 27/01/22 Special appointment to Iraq in the RAF Iraq Levies. 10/10/23 Promoted to Captain. 23/11/23 Died at Hinaidi (cause unknown), whilst stationed at RAF Iraq Levies HQ, Hinaidi
96	04/12/23	Plot 3 Row F Grave 1	Ledger, Aubrey	Sgt Sgt Major 2nd/Lt Lt F/O		55 Sqn	??/??/?? Promoted to Sergeant in the Royal Flying Corps, ??/??/?? Promoted to Sergeant Major in the Royal Flying Corps, 10/09/17 Granted commission as 2nd Lieutenant, 10/03/19 Promoted to Lieutenant, 01/08/19 Granted permanent commission in the RAF, ??/??/?? Posted to 55 Squadron Iraq as a Flying Officer, 04/12/23 Entered a flat spin at low altitude and crashed in DH9a H173. His passenger, an Indian officer, received minor injuries
97	07/12/23	Plot 3 Row G Grave 14	Gendle, Albert E	Lt (RNVR) Lt/Cdr (RNVR) Major Flt/Lt	OBE Aviation Pioneer	RNVR, RAF Met, MoD, RAF HQ	24/03/15 Granted temporary commission as Lieutenant RNVR, with responsibilities including the setting up of meteorological observation stations for the RNAS, 18/07/17 Promoted to Lieutenant Commander RNVR, 15/08/18 Granted a temporary commission as Major, 27/03/19 Appointed chief of the RAF Meteorological Division, pioneering the use of meteorological forecasting in the Daily Mail \$10,000 Atlantic Race , 02/06/19 Appointed member of the Royal Aero Club, 03/06/19 Awarded the Order of the British Empire for working with the MoD after WW1 in establishing surveys for the transatlantic flights of "R" type airships and aeroplanes, 23/01/20 Granted permanent commission as Flt/Lt with the proviso that he learn to fly within 12 months, 22/06/22 Admitted to hospital suffering from haemorrhoids and discharged two weeks later, 26/12/22 Transferred from HQ (RAF Middle East) to HQ (Iraq Command), 07/12/23 Robbed and murdered whilst walking at night in Baghdad, aged 36
98	14/12/23	Plot 2 Row D Grave 6	Barnes, John O	P/O		55 Sqn	21/08/22 Granted short service commission as Pilot Officer on probation, 21/02/23 Confirmed in rank as Pilot Officer, 14/09/23 Posted to 55 Squadron, Iraq as Pilot Officer, 14/12/23 Died after spinning DH9a F1642 into the ground at Mosul, his gunner LAC G R Sainsbury died of his injuries

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101	04/01/24	Plot 3 Row G Grave 12	McAlerly, John M	F/O Cpt F/O Fit/Lt	Silver Med (Italy)	27 Sqn 23 Sqn 1 Sqn	29/01/16 Transferred to Home Establishment from the 6 Battalion Irish Rifles. 29/07/16 Posted to 27 Squadron in the Royal Flying Corps as a Flying Officer. 23/12/16 Appointed Acting Flight Commander (acting Captain). 31/05/17 Awarded the Silver Medal for Bravery by the King of Italy. 01/08/18 Received gunshot wounds in the legs whilst serving with 23 Squadron and flying a Sopwith Dolphin. 27/01/22 Was married to Mary Scott-Holmes in Norfolk. 01/01/23 Promoted to Flight Lieutenant. 15/06/23 Posted to 1 Squadron. 04/01/24 Pilot in Sopwith Snipe F4096 crashed after losing consciousness in mid-air (reason undetermined)
104	17/03/24	Plot 3 Row G Grave 11	Ryder, Walter Harry	P/O		45 Sqn	09/09/22 Granted short service commission as Pilot Officer. 03/09/23 Confirmed in rank as Pilot Officer. 10/11/23 Posted to 45 Squadron, Iraq. 17/03/24 Pilot of Bristol F2B fighter D8099 which crashed at Hinaidi with engine failure after he looked down in the cockpit in to change fuel tanks
114	21/07/24	Plot 3 Row G Grave 1	Watson, Myles B F	P/O F/O		1 Sqn	27/06/22 Granted short service commission as P/O, 10/12/22 Confirmed in rank as P/O, 10/11/23 Posted to 1 Squadron, Iraq, 10/12/23 Promoted from P/O to F/O, 21/07/24 Killed in crash at Kirkuk (details unknown) in Sopwith Snipe E7638 whilst on a mission
124	12/11/24	Plot 3 Row H Grave 5	Reid, Ellis	P/O F/O		2 Sqn 1 Sqn	29/03/22 Elected as member of the RAE (Royal Aero Club of England). 19/11/22 Granted permanent commission as Pilot Officer. 19/12/22 Granted Aviator's Certificate No: 7939. 09/11/22 As a Flight Cadet, suffered a forced landing in Avro 504K Serial E3320 on training flight from Hendon (RAF Cranwell) to Duxford, but not injured. 26/03/23 Dangerously injured in crash of Bristol Fighter Serial J6593 during a solo training flight. 14/06/23 Injured in flying accident at Croydon on route to Royal Aero Club whilst serving with 2 Squadron. 08/02/24 Posted to RAF Base, Leuchars. 19/05/24 Promoted to Flying Officer. 18/09/24 Posted to 1 Squadron, Iraq. 12/11/24 Killed after spinning into the ground on an unauthorised flight in Sopwith Snipe F2499. His crewman Lt W H E Cotter was badly injured
129	23/02/25	Plot 3 Row I Grave 14	Cruikshank, Jasper W	2nd/Lt Captain Major Lt/Col Lt Sqn Ldr OC 6 Arm Car Co	OBE	RAF HQ, 6 Arm Car Coy	14/01/14 Resigned commission from the 3rd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment, 15/08/14 Transferred to the 3rd Battalion Durham Light Infantry, also as 2nd Lieutenant, 21/06/16 In the rank of Captain, seconded to the Royal Flying Corps in the position of Adjutant, 03/04/17 Promoted to (temp) major and Park Commander, 31/08/17 Promoted to (temp) Lieutenant Colonel and made Commandant at the School of Military Aeronautics, 01/01/19 Given a peacetime commission with the rank of Lieutenant, 01/01/20 Awarded the Order of the British Empire for services during the War, 31/03/20 Promoted to Squadron Leader, 16/05/22 Posted from No 4 Flying Training School to HQ RAF Command, Iraq, 03/11/22 Assigned the command of the newly formed 6 Armoured Car Company, 12/12/23 Elected as member of the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom, 20/02/24 Died of Typhoid
133	18/04/25	Plot 3 Row J Grave 9	Pontifex, Rupert W	P/O F/O		14 Sqn, 6 Sqn	25/12/19 Accepted for the RAF Cadet College, 20/12/21 Passed out from Flight Cadet to permanent commission as Pilot Officer, 20/06/23 Promoted to Flying Officer, 03/09/23 As a pilot in 14 Squadron in Bristol Fighter F4459, was severely injured he when crashed at Abu Sueir during a wireless test, 21/12/23 Posted to 6 Squadron, Iraq, 23/06/24 Married at the British Consulate, Alexandria, 18/04/25 Killed when his DH9a exploded in mid-air during a bombing raid near Mosul. Buried at Mosul before his body was taken and re-buried at Ma'Asker – hence grave sequence anomaly.
134	03/05/25	Plot 3 Row I Grave 11	Roche, John F	Captain Fit/Lt	Aviation Pioneer	RNAS, 70 Sqn	04/12/14 Undertook initial flight training at the Beatty School, Hendon, 15/10/15 As a Flight Sub Lieutenant RNAS, took his flying certificate at the Beatty School, Hendon, 02/05/16 Crashed BE2c 1144 whilst at Scarborough, 31/12/16 Promoted from Flight Sub Lieutenant to Flight Lieutenant RNAS, 05/11/18 Promoted from (acting) Captain to Captain, 22/08/19 Granted permanent commission as Captain in the RAF, 01/04/22 Transferred from Instrument Design Establishment to Experimental Section, Royal Aircraft Establishment, 08/06/22 Pioneer pilot by flying the first ever night flight from Croydon to le Bourget , guided only by

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							aerial lighthouses and wireless, 03/07/22 Transferred from the Experimental Section, Royal Aircraft Establishment to the School of Army Co-operation, 14/09/23 Posted to 70 Squadron, Iraq as a Flt/Lt, 03/05/25 Died, cause of death unknown but was through injuries sustained.
143	08/07/25	Plot 3 Row I Grave 4	Penny, Marcus G	2nd/Lt Lt F/O		RA / 206 Sqn, 4 FTS, 30 Sqn	21/04/18 Attached to 206 Squadron at Boisdinghem, France, as 2ndLieutenant (observer) flying DH9s, after being a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, 06/06/18 Injured as observer in DH9 C2187 which crashed and was wrecked whilst on a reconnaissance mission, 28/08/18 Promoted to Lieutenant, 23/11/18 Transferred to Home Establishment, 20/05/19 Relinquished commission as Lieutenant, 07/03/22 Injured during PT whilst off duty (and undergoing training to be a pilot), 20/01/22 Granted temporary commission as Flying Officer (pilot), 08/07/25 Killed in a flying accident east of Kirkuk whilst flying a DH9a. His passenger was also killed
153	23/11/25	Plot 3 Row J Grave 7	Moore, Joseph A	F/O		RAF Depot, 24 Sqn, 30 Sqn	25/05/25 Granted short service commission as Flying Officer and posted to RAF Depot, 05/06/25 Posted to 24 Squadron, Kenley, 22/09/25 Posted to 30 Squadron, Iraq, 23/11/25 Crashed at Hinaidi aerodrome in DH9A J7120 and was killed when the aircraft burst into flames
163	14/05/26	Plot 3 Row K Grave 11	Young, Stuart A	P/O F/O		17 Sqn, 1 Sqn	01/04/24 Pilot Officer posted to 17 Squadron, Hawkinge, 18/09/24 Posted to 1 Squadron, Iraq, 15/11/24 Promoted to Flying Officer, 13/05/26 Whilst on a night mission 13/05/26, a flare accidentally ignited and exploded the fuel tank in mid-air on Snipe E8384. Young died of his injuries the next day
167	26/07/26	Plot 3 Row K Grave 7	Pollard, Eric M	Lt 2nd/Lt Captain Major Captain Sqn Ldr CO 6 ACC	MiD	3 Sqn, 6 Arm Car Coy	23/08/15 As a Lieutenant in the West Yorks Regiment, on attachment to the RFC, was granted his Aviator's certificate at Farnborough, 16/10/15 Appointed 2nd Lieutenant, 14/03/16 Posted to 3 Squadron, 25/08/16 Promoted to (temp) Captain and flight commander, 06/12/16 Posted to Paris on temporary duty, 08/03/17 Posted to Home Establishment and promoted to Squadron Leader and (temp) Major, 01/08/19 Granted permanent commission in the peacetime RAF as a Captain, 29/08/19 "Mentioned in Despatches" for valuable services rendered in connection with the War, 28/06/21 Whilst at Cranwell, was injured in a wrestling match, 17/10/21 Transferred from RAF College Cranwell to Central Flying School, 05/05/24 Attended the RAF Staff College, Andover, for Staff Course No 3, 01/01/25 Appointed to the rank of Squadron Leader, 14/04/25 Transferred to RAF Depot, 22/09/25 Posted to No 6 Armoured Car Company, Iraq, as its Commanding Officer, 26/07/26Passenger (reasons unknown) in Vickers Vernon J7143 that crashed on take-off from Hinaidi on to hangar of 1 Sqn (see Stirling-Webb below)
168	26/07/26	Plot 3 Row K Grave 6	Brading, Reginald C	Flt/Lt Captain Lt F/L F/O Stn Comndt	DFC Bar to DFC WW1 Ace MiD	1 RNAS, 201 Sqn, 19 Sqn, 41 Sqn RAF HQ, B'rah	22/05/17 Joined the RNAS at age 18 and trained as a pilot, 11/12/17 Posted to 201 Squadron (re-formed from 1 RNAS Sqn), flying Sopwith Camels and sent overseas to Teteghem on 16/02/18, 02/05/18 Credited with shooting down his first enemy aircraft whilst flying Sopwith Camel Serial B6421, 23/07/18 Promoted to Captain (flight commander), 02/11/18 Awarded the DFC after downing his 7th enemy aircraft, 03/12/18 Awarded a Bar to his DFC after his 13th and final victory in WW1 (16/09/18), for continued skill, daring and bravery as a patrol leader, 11/01/19 Posted to Home Establishment as a Lieutenant, 31/03/20 Mentioned in Despatches for his flying achievements against the Bolsheviks in Russia, 02/07/21 Took part in the 3rd RAF Pageant as part of an aerobatics display with other WW1 'ace' pilots, 01/06/22 Crashed his Sopwith Snipe F2386 at Uphaven after he accidentally turned off the petrol tap with his foot, 19/11/23 Posted to 19 Squadron at Duxford, 03/10/24 Whilst flying Sopwith Snipe E8245, he collided with an Avro

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							that was practicing landings, 16/03/25 Posted to 41 Squadron, Northolt, as a flying officer, 18/11/25 Posted to RAF HQ Basrah as Station Commandant, 26/07/26 Passenger (reasons unknown) in Vickers Vernon J7143 that crashed taking-off from Hinaidi on 1 Sqn hangar (see Stirling-Webb below)
166	26/07/26	Plot 3 Row K Grave 8	Stirling-Webb, Oswald	F/O		99 Sqn, 45 Sqn	14/05/23 Appointed Flying Officer and posted to No 1 Flying Training School, Netheravon, 11/06/24 Posted to 99 Squadron at Bircham Newton, UK, 20/11/24 Injured playing rugby at Bircham Newton, UK, 07/09/25 Posted to Inland Area Aircraft, Henlow, UK, 29/01/26 Posted to 45 Squadron, Iraq, 26/07/26 Pilot of Vickers Vernon J7143 that crashed on take-off from Hinaidi on to hangar of 1 Sqn, killing seven men (worst single accident in military aviation since WW1)
181	01/09/26	Plot 3 Row L Grave 7	Du Port, William O	Flt/Cadet P/O F/O		100 Sqn, 55 Sqn	15/06/23 Injured playing cricket at the RAF Cadet College, Woolwich, 31/07/24 Graduated from RAF Cadet College, granted permanent commission as Pilot Officer and posted to 100 Squadron at Spittlegate, 01/09/26 Killed in a flying accident in DH9a whilst serving with 55 Squadron, Iraq - pilot
190	15/09/27	Plot 3 Row M Grave 13	Gaskell, Arthur B	Cadet Flt/Lt F/O Flt/Cdr Sqn/Cdr Major Lt/Col Wg Cdr	DSC Aviation Pioneer	RN, RNAS, RNAS (Grain), HMS Eng, OC Gibraltar, OC Thermi, HQ (Coastal), 29 Group HQ, RAF Leuchars, HQ (Coastal), Air Ministry, RAF HQ	??/05/03 Entered the Royal Naval College as a cadet, serving in the Mediterranean on HMS London, HMS Africa and HMS Gloucester in 1910, 15/07/12 Gazetted as a Flight Lieutenant in the first graduation list of the Royal Naval Air Service, 17/05/13 Undertook a course in pilot training at the Central Flying School, 02/06/13 Granted Aviator's certificate No 503 on a Maurice Farman Biplane at the Central Flying School, Uphaven, 25/08/13 Posted to the "Hermes" as a Flying Officer for Grain Island Air Station , ??/07/14 Posted to HMS Engadine, a seaplane tender, where he flew the Short S81 on numerous bombing missions, pioneering attacks on submarines , 26/09/14 Promoted to Flight Commander , ??/02/15 Commended by the Admiralty for meritorious work in air attacks, 01/01/16 Promoted to Squadron Commander and was given command of the RNAS at Gibraltar and later the aerodrome at Thermi-Mytilini on the Island of Lesbos, 01/04/18 Promoted to Major and offered permanent commission as Squadron Leader, 26/04/18 Awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his services in the evacuation of RN Air Station at Thermi-Mytilini in October 1917 under continuous bombardment , 30/06/18 Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, 13/08/21 Transferred from the School of Military Administration to the HQ (Coastal Area) , 25/01/22 Transferred from HQ (Coastal Area) to No 29 Group HQ (Coastal Area), 01/04/22 Transferred from No 29 Group HQ to RAF Base Leuchars, 01/06/22 Transferred from RAF Base Leuchars (Coastal Area) to HQ (Coastal Area), 04/06/23 Admitted to hospital with a nose injury, 01/01/24 Promoted to Wing Commander, 05/05/24 Entered RAF Staff College for Staff Course No 3, 04/05/25 Posted to the Air Ministry for Technical Staff duties, 21/09/26 Posted to HQ Iraq Command for Air Staff (Armoured Car) duties and in charge of all training, 15/09/27 Borrowed a 30 Squadron DH9a as part of keeping his flying skills up to date, but crashed at Hinaidi, dying instantly, after almost 25 years serving with the British air force. His passenger died of injuries later that day.
197	09/01/28	Plot 3 Row M Grave 5	Fisher, Lionel Edward Ruggles	2nd/Lt P/O F/O	MC	12 Sqn, 6 Sqn	??/??/?? Awarded the Military Cross whilst serving with the Hampshire Regiment (RARO), 08/05/26 Posted to No 1 Flight Training School at Netheravon, 04/01/27 Confirmed as Pilot Officer, 17/05/27 Posted to 12 Squadron, Andover, 20/09/27 Posted to 6 Squadron, Iraq as a Flying Officer, 09/01/28 Crashed his Bristol F2b Fighter at Hinaidi aerodrome.
200	02/04/28	Plot 3 Row M Grave 2	Wood, Jack W	P/O		30 Sqn	02/04/28 Crashed DH9a J7854 at Hillah when landing to help a stranded aircraft - own bombs exploding upon impact. His gunner was also killed

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203	26/05/28	Plot 3 Row N Grave 13	Fenwick, William L	2nd/Lt Lt Captain F/O Flt/Lt Adjutant		84 Sqn	??/??/?? Commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the 1st Battalion of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, 12/06/15 Admitted to hospital suffering nightmares and depression, 27/10/15 Suffered fracture to his right leg (details not known), 29/07/16 As 2nd Lieutenant with the, seconded to the Royal Flying Corps, 01/01/17 Promoted to (temp) Lieutenant in the RFC, 01/06/19 Promoted from Lieutenant to (acting) Captain, 01/08/19 Granted a permanent commission in the RAF as Flying Officer, 03/08/21 Admitted to hospital with severe left eye injury when golf ball struck the windscreen of his car in Denham, England, 08/11/21 Re-admitted to hospital for 10 days due to above eye injury, 30/06/22 Promoted to Flight Lieutenant, 17/07/22 Transferred from No 2 Squadron (No 12 Wing, Ireland) to No 24 Squadron (Inland Area), 05/09/22 Appointed as Adjutant at No 1 FTS (Inland Area), 29/11/22 Injured left leg during a game of rugby at Netheravon, England, 18/09/24 Posted to Armoured Car Wing HQ, Iraq, 01/11/24 Posted to HQ, Iraq, 01/01/25 Posted to No 5 Armoured Car Coy, Iraq, ??/??/28 Attached to No 84 Squadron, 26/05/28 Killed in a car accident in Baghdad
204	26/05/28	Plot 3 Row N Grave 12	Forster, Edward B L	P/O F/O		CFS, 29 Sqn, 24 Sqn, 55 Sqn, 30 Sqn, 22 Sqn, 84 Sqn	16/08/22 Having passed through RAF (Cadet) College, granted permanent commission as a Pilot Officer, 01/06/23 Posted to Central Flying School, Upavon, 15/10/23 Posted to No 29 Squadron, Duxford, 16/02/24 Promoted to Flying Officer, 09/06/24 Posted to No 24 Squadron, Kenley, 03/07/24 Participated in an aerial display of five Sopwith Snipes at the annual RAF Pageant, 08/04/25 Elected a member of the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom, 18/05/25 Transferred to Inland Area Aircraft Depot, Henlow, 22/09/25 Posted to No 55 Squadron, Iraq, 02/10/26 Posted to Stores Depot, Iraq, 11/12/26 Posted to No 30 Squadron, Iraq, 29/10/27 Posted to No 22 Squadron, Martlesham Heath, 08/03/28 Posted to No 84 Squadron, Iraq, 26/05/28 Killed in a motorcar accident (with 2nd Lt Fenwick above)
207	04/07/28	Plot 3 Row N Grave 11	Kay, Alexander B	P/O F/O		4 Sqn, 6 Sqn	31/07/24 Passed through RAF College and granted permanent commission as Pilot Officer and posted to 4 Squadron at South Farnborough, 31/01/26 Promoted to Flying Officer, 07/12/26 Posted to 6 Squadron (Iraq), 04/07/28 Crashed his Bristol Fighter at Mosul and died of his wounds, aged 23
209	21/07/28	Plot 3 Row N Grave 9	Morrison, John O	P/O F/O		AHQ Iraq	10/08/25 Granted permanent commission as Pilot Officer (Accountant Branch), 10/08/26 Promoted from Pilot Officer to Flying Officer, 03/09/25 Posted to No 1 Stores Depot, Kidbrooke, 11/10/25 Posted to Marine Aircraft Experimental Establishment, Felixstowe, 07/12/26 Posted to HQ, Accountant Office, Iraq, 21/07/28 Accountant at AHQ Iraq who drowned in the Tigris (likely suicide)
215	26/12/28	Plot 3 Row N Grave 3	Sutherland, William	2nd/Lt F/O Flt/Lt	MBE	29 Grp HQ, 230 Sqn, Arm Car Wg	??/??/?? Granted commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Middlesex Regiment, ??/??/?? (at some time before 1921) Awarded the Member of the British Empire medal, 08/06/20 Severely injured in a gas explosion at the Disposals Unit, Metras, Iraq and hospitalised, 22/09/20 Shipped back to England to recuperate, 14/07/21 Promoted from Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant, 10/08/21 Transferred from No 29 Group HQ to No 230 Squadron, 01/04/22 Transferred to Care and Maintenance Party, Donibristle, 16/06/22 Transferred to the Marine and Armament Experimental Establishment (Royal Air Force Intelligence), 09/04/23 Posted to the No 1 Stores Depot, 04/06/23 Attended HM the King's Levee at St James's Palace, 20/05/24 Posted to the No 1 School of Technical Training, Halton, 18/06/24 Elected a member of the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom, 20/10/28 Posted to Armoured Car Wing, Iraq, 26/12/28 Died of unspecified illness

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216	02/01/29	Plot 3 Row N Grave 2	Carroll, Raymond R	P/O		55 Sqn	06/01/28 Posted to No 4 Flying Training School, Egypt, 09/12/28 Confirmed in rank as Pilot Officer, 02/01/29 While serving with 55 Squadron, he was a passenger in DH9a J7838 when it overturned on landing at Hinaidi after a test flight. He was burned to death
229	27/02/30	Plot 1 Row A Grave 4	Downey, Frederick B S	P/O F/O		55 Sqn	09/12/27 Granted short service commission as Pilot Officer (ex 2nd Lieutenant 8thn Battalion Durham Light Infantry, 06/01/28 Posted to No 4 Flying Training School, Egypt, 09/12/28 Confirmed in rank as Pilot Officer, 03/01/29 Posted to 55 Squadron, Iraq, 14/06/29 Promoted to Flying Officer, 27/02/30 Died of unknown causes
238	12/10/30	Plot 1 Row B Grave 9	Burd, John M	2nd/Lt Captain F/O Flt/Lt	MC	55 Sqn, 18 Sqn, 402 Flight, Arm Car Wg 30 Sqn	10/02/15 Graduated from the Royal Military Academy as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery, 25/10/15 Seconded into the Royal Flying Corp as 2nd Lieutenant, 17/03/17 Posted to 55 Squadron at Fienvillers, France, flying a DH4, 30/06/17 Temporary posting to 18 Squadron at Baizieux, France, flying the FE2b fighter/bomber, 17/08/17 Promoted to Flight Commander and (temp) Captain, 13/11/17 Awarded the Military Cross for devotion to duty in more than 24 long distance bombing raids(shooting down three enemy aircraft in a single raid), 17/01/18 Engagement to marry announced in Flight magazine, 21/08/19 Relinquished his commission and returned to Army duties, 12/10/22 Granted the rank of Captain, 06/10/23 Received a broken collar bone playing rugby whilst at 402 Flight, England, 30/07/25 Sent to RAF Training Base, Leuchars on transfer to Home Establishment, 12/04/27 Posted to School of Naval Cooperation, Lee-on-Solent, 01/11/27 Resigns Army commission as captain and is granted permanent commission as a Flying Officer in the Royal Air Force, 01/01/28 Promoted from Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant, 11/01/29 Posted to Armoured Car Wing, Iraq, 12/10/30 Died of abdominal problems
240	26/12/30	Plot 1 Row B Grave 6	Hanlon, Charles P	P/O F/O		43 Sqn 30 Sqn	16/03/28 Granted permanent commission as Pilot Officer. 05/03/29 Posted to 43 Squadron, Tangmere. 04/05/29 Confirmed in rank as Pilot Officer. 08/10/29 Promoted to Flying Officer. 29/03/30 Posted to 30 Squadron, Iraq. 03/09/30 Pilot of Wapiti J9489 which collided in mid-air with Wapiti J9623 of the same squadron at Agra. His gunner was also killed but the other aircraft landed safely
247	12/05/31	Plot 1 Row C Grave 13	Richards, William J	A/M 2 Corporal 2nd/Lt F/O Flt/Lt	MfS	2 Sqn, 99 Sqn, 5 Wing HQ, 6 Grp HQ, HQ F/A, 22 Grp HQ, 4 Sqn, A/C Depot	??/??/17 Enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps as Air Mechanic 2nd Class, 24/09/17 Promoted from corporal to 2nd Lieutenant, 30/08/18 Posted to 2 Squadron as a pilot, based at Floringham, France, flying two-seater AW FK8s, 17/01/19 Posted to 99 Squadron, based at le Hameau, France, flying SE5a scouts, 23/04/19 Posted to Home Establishment, 22/01/19 "Mentioned for Service" for valuable service rendered in connection with the War, 19/06/23 Confirmed in rank as Flying Officer, 27/06/23 Posted to No 5 Wing HQ, Biggin Hill, 19/05/24 Posted to No 6 Group HQ, Kenley, 20/05/26 Posted to HQ Fighting Area, Kenley, 01/07/26 Promoted to Flt/Lt, 04/11/29 Posted to 22 Group HQ, Sth Farnborough, 09/10/30 Posted to 4 Squadron, Sth Farnborough, 10/03/31 Posted to Aircraft Depot, Hinaidi, 12/05/31 Died at Hinaidi – cause of death unknown
260	13/12/32	Plot 1 Row C Grave 1	Mason, Cyril R	Flt/Lt		18 Sqn, 39 Sqn, 55 Sqn	24/07/16 Enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps as a Sergeant Mechanic (rigger). 08/11/17 As a cadet was appointed 2nd Lt (temp) in the Royal Air Force. 17/01/18 Promoted to Flying Officer. 14/04/18 Posted as a pilot to 18 Squadron based at Serny (NW of Lillers in N France), flying a DH4. 05/12/18 Posted to Home Establishment. 14/09/25 Granted short service commission as Flying Officer. 19/04/27 Married Alice Locke from the Caterham Valley. 30/08/27 Posted to 39 Squadron at Spittlegate, flying the DH9a. 05/10/28 Posted to RAF Kenley. 12/08/28 Posted to Night Flying Flight, Biggin Hill. 10/09/30 Promoted to Flight

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							Lieutenant. 10/03/31 Posted to HQ Iraq Command, Hinaidi. 20/11/31 Posted to Aircraft Depot, Hinaidi. 27/05/32 Posted to 55 Squadron, Hinaidi. 30/11/32 Injured in a flying accident (details unknown). 13/12/32 Died of injuries at Ramadi sustained in the accident in Westland Wapiti J9503 on 30/11/32
263	19/06/33	Plot 1 Row D Grave 12	Drew, Arthur C	P/O F/O		35 Sqn, 55 Sqn	11/08/31 Granted short service commission as a Pilot Officer and posted to RAF Depot, Uxbridge, 14/10/31 Posted to 35 Squadron, Bircham Newton, 28/02/32 Promoted to Flying Officer and posted to 55 Squadron, Hinaidi, 19/06/33 Pilot of Wapiti K1390 that caught fire mid-air on 12/06/33. Both he and his gunner baled out of the aircraft but F/O Drew died of his injuries, 30/07/33 Posthumously awarded membership of the Caterpillar Club (jumped from an aircraft using an Irvin parachute)
281	10/05/35	Plot 2 Row A Grave 7	Sandiford, Henry Spears	2nd/Lt Lt F/O Flt/Lt		2 ASD, 3 ASD, 2 ASD, 6 Arm Car, RAF Depot, 3 FTS, Cranwell, 5 FTS, 1 Arm Car, 30 Sqn	30/11/17 Promoted from cadet to 2nd Lieutenant (on probation), 30/06/18 Attached to No 2 ASD, Fienvillers, France, 24/06/18 Injured in a flying accident (in hospital for 10 days), 20/07/18 Posted temporarily to No 3 ASD on several occasions in the second half of 1918, 30/01/19 Seriously injured in crash of DH4 B7940 when engine of rebuilt aircraft failed at No 2 ASD, Fienvillers, 11/02/19 Flying accident - severe contusion in the scalp. Transferred to UK hospital, 30/05/19 Promoted to Lieutenant, 25/06/19 Admitted to hospital with nasal obstruction, 07/10/20 Granted short service commission as Flying Officer, 01/01/26 Granted permanent commission as Flying Officer, 29/09/26 Posted to No 6 Armoured Car Coy, Iraq, 04/07/28 Promoted to Flight Lieutenant and posted to RAF Depot, Uxbridge, 16/10/28 Posted to No 3 Flying Training School, Grantham, 16/06/30 Posted to RAF College Cranwell, 11/05/31 Posted to No 5 Flying Training School, Sealand, 17/11/33 Posted to No 1 Armoured Car Coy, Hinaidi, 10/05/35 Whilst serving with 30 Squadron and flying Wapiti J9853 at low altitude on an exercise, he and a 30 Squadron airframe fitter on the ground were killed when a wing of his aircraft made contact with two armoured cars on the Mosul Musketry range and crashed in flames - they were buried in Plot 2 Row A Graves 7 and 5. Flt/Lt Sandiford had spent almost 18 years of his life as an air force pilot, first in the Royal Flying Corps and then in the Royal Air Force
282	08/05/35	Plot 2 Row A Grave 6	Newman, Stanley J M	P/O F/O		55 Sqn	23/06/33 Posted to No 4 Flying Training School, Abu Sueir, Egypt as a Pilot Officer, 24/06/34 Confirmed in rank of Flying Officer, 26/01/34 Posted to 55 Squadron, Hinaidi as a pilot, 08/05/35 Shot down by tribesmen whilst patrolling over Diwaniyah in a Wapiti. Both he and his observer died in the crash at Samawa. Their bodies were recovered and buried at Hinaidi
290	27/05/36	Plot 2 Row B Grave 12	Shelley, Bryant T	P/O F/O Flt/Lt		RAF Cranwell, RAF HQ Iraq	14/12/28 Winner of the Abdy Gerrard Fellowes Memorial and Air Ministry prize for Aeronautical Engineering as a Flight Cadet at RAF Cadet College, Cranwell, 15/12/28 Graduated from RAF Cadet College, Cranwell and granted a permanent commission as Pilot Officer, 31/07/29 Posted to Marine Aircraft Experimental Establishment, Felixstowe, 15/06/30 Promoted to Flying Officer, 25/04/32 Posted to the Electrical and Wireless School, Cranwell, 01/08/34 Promoted to Flight Lieutenant, 18/04/36 Posted to HQ RAF Iraq, Hinaidi, 27/05/36 Died at Hinaidi – cause of death unknown but died of wounds
294	14/04/37	Plot 2 Row B Grave 8	Fenton, Donald Mc	P/O F/O Flt/Lt		HQ W Area, 15 Sqn, RAF HQ Iraq	19/12/31 Graduated from RAF Cadet College, Cranwell, granted a permanent commission as Pilot Officer and posted to No 101 Squadron, Andover, 19/06/33 Promoted to Flying Officer, 01/12/33 Posted to HQ Western Area, Andover, 19/06/36 Promoted to Flt Lt, 09/07/36 Posted to No 15 (B) Squadron, Abingdon, 24/10/36 Posted to HQ RAF Hinaidi, 14/04/37 Died at Hinaidi – cause unknown