

## LAYING OF ANZAC CROSSES



Pete Nash who lives near Ipswich has kindly been helping us by laying ANZAC crosses. There are four RNZAF aviators from World War II buried in the Ipswich Old Cemetery and Pete has kindly laid a cross on each one.



Pilot-Officer G. M. Marshall, of Marton, killed in action.

GEORGE MONTGOMERIE MARSHALL

George was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1918 in the small town of Marton in the Whanganui district. As a young lad he attended the prestigious Whanganui Collegiate School where he played rugby for the First XV and cricket for the First XI. On joining the RNZAF, he trained in New Plymouth and Blenheim before receiving his Pilot's badge. George was involved in 96 operational flights. On 30<sup>th</sup> July 1941, George was piloting a Hawker Hurricane that crashed due to aileron failure. George was 23 years old.

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The remaining three aviators were all from Christchurch in the South Island...



JACK FODEN STANLEY

Jack was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1922 in Christchurch. His parents were Thomas and Florence Stanley . He was educated at Christchurch Boys High School where he achieved his University Entrance exam. On leaving school he worked as a clerk for Todd Motors Ltd in Christchurch. On joining the Air Force in January 1941, Jack trained as a Navigator in New Zealand before being sent to Canada and then the U.K. Returning from an operational mission over Germany, the Wellington bomber on which he was the Navigator, crashed on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 1942. Jack was 20 years old.

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THOMAS FRASER MUNRO

On board the Wellington bomber that crashed on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 1942 was Jack Stanley's pilot and crew mate Tom Munro. Born in Edinburgh on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 1910, Jack emigrated with his parents to Christchurch and received his secondary education at Otago Boys High School. Tom trained in Wigram before leaving for the UK. When he died on the 10<sup>th</sup> September, he left behind wife Dorothy and son George who lived in Linwood, Christchurch. Tom was 31 years old.

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FREDERICK REX HIGGOTT

Fred was born in Christchurch on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 1921 to parents Clarence and Anita Higgott. Attending West Christchurch District High School and then Christchurch College, Fred took up a plumbing apprenticeship when he left school. Fred was enlisted in January 1941 at RAF Initial Training wing in Levin. Fred embarked for England in August 1941 where he completed his training on Wellington and Stirling heavy bombers. Pilot Fred Higgott carried out a number of bombing raids over Germany and Italy. On the 24<sup>th</sup> October 1942, Fred was the pilot of a Stirling when it caught fire shortly after take-

off and crashed. Seven aviators were lost, including Fred who had just turned 21 years of age.



MARSHALL



STANLEY



MUNRO



HIGGOTT

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PETE NASH FOR LAYING  
THE ANZAC REMEMBRANCE CROSSES ON OUR BEHALF**