

ANZAC REMEMBRANCE CIO



RNZAF Sargeant 415062 Alan James Craig



Born in Auckland, New Zealand on the 7th November 1921, Alan attended Mount Albert Grammar School where he enjoyed a good game of rugby. As a matter of coincidence, one of the 23 buried in Stonefall – William Ingram was the same age as Alan and went to the same school. Whether they were in the same class... who knows?

When Alan left school he helped his father on the family farm near Taumaranui before enlisting on the 7th September 1941. He carried out his initial training in New Zealand, was awarded his flying badge on 21st June 1942 and embarked eight days later to the United Kingdom where he arrived in early July. Alan was posted to No.7 Advanced Flying Unit in Peterborough to train on Miles Master aircraft. Approximately eight weeks after arriving in England, Sergeant 415062 Alan Craig lost his life during a night time solo flying exercise. He was a pilot and just 20 years old when he died on Tuesday 8th September 1942.



Flying Officer 412380 Robert Langfield Percival Browne



Robert was born in Buxton England on 26th November 1914 to parents Charles and Eleanor Browne. The family later emigrated to Australia where they set up home in Manly Vale, New South Wales. When Robert left school he worked as a Business Manager and later married Barbara who was also from Manly.

Robert was also at the No.7 Advanced Flying Unit in Peterborough when he undertook a training exercise in a Miles Master DL401 aircraft. Robert was a pilot and 27 years old when he struck a tree during that exercise and crashed near Elton village just after midnight on the 9th November 1942. Together with him on that flight was Flying Officer Pilot James Douglas Crabbe who was an aviator with the RAFVR

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