

## APPENDIX 2

### AIRCREW LOSSES SUFFERED BY RAAF CATALINA UNITS

The table below records a total of 225 Catalina aircrew lost on operational and non-operational missions during WWII. This number does not include crew members who died of natural causes, disease, crashes in other aircraft types and non-aircraft accidents. Adding fatalities from these causes increases the number of Catalina crew member deaths in WWII to 320.

In addition, three Catalina groundcrew were killed in the line of duty:

- On 28 February 1942, LAC “Jack” Nancarrow, who had been servicing Catalinas moored at Napa Napa in Port Moresby Harbour, was killed during a strafing attack by Japanese Zero fighters.
- On 20 June 1945, armourers LAC Richard Graham and LAC Walter Strang were killed when A24-206 was being loaded with depth charges from a boat in Darwin harbour. A depth charge was accidentally released and sank to its ignition depth during this procedure. The munition detonated, destroying A24-206 and killing Graham and Strang.

DATE SERIAL UNIT	SUMMARY OF INCIDENT	FATALITIES
8 December 1941 A24-15 No. 11 Squadron	Struck a hill after a night take-off at Port Moresby, killing the entire crew of eight. A RAAF Court of Inquiry attributed the crash to pilot error.	F/O Lincoln Sloan (captain) F/Lt Nelson Reid Cpl Neville Ernst Cpl Eric O'Donnell LAC Charles Matheson AC1 Arthur Magee AC1 George Peterson AC1 Keith Sidey
15 January 1942 A24-11 No. 11 Squadron	Crashed while attempting to take-off from Kavieng as part of a combined strike against Truk by six Catalinas from Nos. 11 and 20 Squadrons. The aircraft bounced during its take-off run, crashed, broke its back and sank in 100 feet of water. The entire crew of eight was killed.	S/Ldr Tom Davies (captain) F/O Russel Hender Cpl Henry Hornby LAC Fred Anthony LAC Leslie Hoare LAC John Marks LAC Charles Ogilvie LAC Brian Wilcox