

Crews taking part in Operation Chastise (the Dams Raid) 16–17 May 1943

Ranks and decorations as of 16 May 1943. UK national unless stated. **Aus**= Australia, **Can** = Canada, **NZ** = New Zealand, **USA** = USA

'[Service Record](#)' links are to records at www.dambusters.org.uk

'[KIA](#)' links are to records of Commonwealth War Graves Commission, www.cwgc.org. **Dcd** = deceased since end of war.

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Pilot	Flight Engineer	Navigator	Wireless Operator	Bomb Aimer	Front Gunner	Rear Gunner
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AJ-G

First wave: First aircraft to attack Möhne Dam. Mine exploded short of the dam.

Wing Cdr G P Gibson DSO & Bar, DFC & Bar Service Record Other material KIA 20.9.44	Sgt J Pulford Service Record Other material KIA 13.2.44	Plt Off H T Taerum [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 16.9.43	Flt Lt R E G Hutchison DFC Service Record Other material KIA 16.9.43	Plt Off F M Spafford DFM [Aus] Service Record Other material KIA 16.9.43	Flt Sgt G A Deering [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 16.9.43	Flt Lt R D Trevor-Roper DFM Service Record Other material KIA 31.3.44
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AJ-M

First wave: Second aircraft to attack Möhne Dam. Aircraft hit by flak. Mine dropped late, bounced over dam. Aircraft crashed on far side of dam.

Flt Lt J V Hoppood DFC & Bar Service Record 2 Other material KIA 17.5.43	Sgt C Brennan Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Flg Off K Earnshaw [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Sgt J W Minchin Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Flt Sgt J W Fraser [Can] Service Record Other material Survived war. Dcd. KIA 17.5.43	Plt Off G H F G Gregory DFM Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Plt Off A F Burcher DFM [Aus] Service Record Other material Survived war. Dcd.
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AJ-P

First wave: Third aircraft to attack Möhne Dam. Mine veered left after dropping and exploded at side of dam.

Flt Lt H B Martin DFC [Aus] Service Record Other material 2 3 Survived war.Dcd.	Plt Off I Whittaker Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Flt Lt J F Leggo DFC [Aus] Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Flg Off L Chambers [NZ] Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Flt Lt R C Hay DFC [Aus] Service Record Other material KIA 13.2.44	Plt Off B T Foxlee DFM [Aus] Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Flt Sgt T D Simpson [Aus] Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.
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AJ-A

First wave: Fourth aircraft to attack Möhne Dam. Mine dropped accurately, causing small breach. Aircraft crashed on return flight.

Sqn Ldr H M Young DFC & Bar Service Record Other material 2 KIA 17.5.43	Sgt D T Horsfall Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Flt Sgt C W Roberts Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Sgt L W Nichols Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Flg Off V S MacCausland [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Sgt G A Yeo Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Sgt W Ibbotson Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43
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AJ-J

First wave: Fifth aircraft to attack Möhne Dam. Mine dropped accurately causing larger breach, followed by dam collapse.

Flt Lt D J H Maltby DFC Service Record Other material KIA 15.9.43	Sgt W Hatton Service Record Other material KIA 15.9.43	Sgt V Nicholson Service Record Other material KIA 15.9.43	Sgt A J B Stone Service Record Other material KIA 15.9.43	Plt Off J Fort Service Record Other material KIA 15.9.43	Sgt V Hill Service Record Other material KIA 15.9.43	Sgt H T Simmonds Service Record Other material KIA 15.9.43
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AJ-L

First wave: First aircraft to attack Eder Dam. Mine dropped accurately but no breach caused.

Flt Lt D J Shannon DFC [Aus] Service Record Other material 2 Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt R J Henderson Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Flg Off D R Walker DFC [Can] Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Flg Off B Goodale DFC Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Flt Sgt L J Sumpter Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt B Jagger Service Record Other material KIA 30.4.44	Flg Off J Buckley Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.
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AJ-Z

First wave. Second aircraft to attack Eder Dam. Mine overshoot. Aircraft damaged, and shot down on return flight.

Sqn Ldr H E Maudslay DFC Service Record Other material 2 KIA 17.5.43	Sgt J Marriott DFM Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Flg Off R A Urquhart DFC [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	WO A P Cottam [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Plt Off M J D Fuller Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Flg Off W J Tytherleigh DFC Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Sgt N R Burrows Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43
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AJ-B

First wave. Crashed on outward flight.

Flt Lt W Astell DFC Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Sgt J Kinnear Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Plt Off F A Wile [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	WO A A Garshowitz [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Flg Off D Hopkinson Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Flt Sgt F A Garbas [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Sgt R Bolitho Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43
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AJ-N

First wave. Third aircraft to attack Eder Dam. Mine dropped accurately causing breach.

Plt Off L G Knight [Aus] Service Record Other material 2 KIA 16.9.43	Sgt R E Grayston Service Record Other material Survived war	Flg Off H S Hobday Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Flt Sgt R G T Kellow [Aus] Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Flg Off E C Johnson Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt F E Sutherland [Can] Service Record Other material Survived war	Sgt H E O'Brien [Can] Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.
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AJ-E

Second wave. Crashed on outward flight.

Flt Lt R N G Barlow DFC [Aus] Service Record Other material 2 KIA 16.5.43	Plt Off S L Whilliss Service Record Other material KIA 16.5.43	Flg Off P S Burgess Service Record Other material KIA 16.5.43	Flg Off C R Williams DFC [Aus] Service Record Other material KIA 16.5.43	Plt Off A Gillespie DFM Service Record Other material KIA 16.5.43	Flg Off H S Glinz [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 16.5.43	Sgt J R G Liddell Service Record Other material KIA 16.5.43
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AJ-W

Second wave. Aircraft badly damaged by flak on outward flight. Returned to base with mine intact.

Flt Lt J L Munro [NZ] Service Record Other material Survived war	Sgt F E Appleby Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Flg Off F G Rumbles Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	WO P E Pigeon [Can] Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt J H Clay Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt W Howarth Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Flt Sgt H A Weeks [Can] Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.
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AJ-K

Second wave. Crashed on outward flight.

Plt Off V W Byers [Can] Service Record Other material 2 KIA 16.5.43	Sgt A J Taylor Service Record Other material KIA 16.5.43	Flg Off J H Warner Service Record Other material KIA 16.5.43	Sgt J Wilkinson Service Record Other material KIA 16.5.43	Plt Off A N Whittaker Service Record Other material KIA 16.5.43	Sgt C McA Jarvie Service Record Other material KIA 16.5.43	Flt Sgt J McDowell [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 16.5.43
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AJ-H

Second wave. Aircraft badly damaged and mine lost, flying low over sea on outward flight. Returned to base.

Plt Off G Rice Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt E C Smith Service Record Other material KIA 21.12.43	Flg Off R MacFarlane Service Record Other material KIA 21.12.43	WO C B Gowrie [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 21.12.43	WO J W Thrasher [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 21.12.43	Sgt T W Maynard Service Record Other material KIA 21.12.43	Sgt S Burns Service Record Other material KIA 21.12.43
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AJ-T

Second wave. First aircraft to attack Sorpe Dam. Mine dropped successfully but failed to breach dam.

Flt Lt J C McCarthy DFC [USA] Service Record Other material 2 Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt W G Radcliffe [Can] Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Flt Sgt D A MacLean [Can] Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Flt Sgt L Eaton Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt G L Johnson Service Record Other material Survived war	Sgt R Batson Service Record Other material Survived war	Flg Off D Rodger [Can] Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.
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AJ-C

Third wave. Crashed on outward flight.

Plt Off W H T Ottley DFC Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Sgt R Marsden Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Flg Off J K Barrett DFC Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Sgt J Guterman DFM Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Flt Sgt T B Johnston Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Sgt H J Strange Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Sgt F Tees Service Record Other material Survived war
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AJ-S

Third wave. Crashed on outward flight.

Plt Off L J Burpee DFM [Can] Service Record Other material 2 KIA 17.5.43	Sgt G Pegler Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Sgt T Jaye Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Plt Off L G Weller Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Flt Sgt J L Arthur [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	Sgt W C A Long Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43	WO J G Brady [Can] Service Record Other material KIA 17.5.43
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AJ-F

Third wave. Second aircraft to attack Sorpe Dam. Mine dropped successfully but failed to breach dam.

Flt Sgt K W Brown [Can] Service Record Other material 2 Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt H B Feneron Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt D P Heal Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt H J Hewstone Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt S Oancia [Can] Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt D Allatson Service Record Other material KIA 16.9.43	Flt Sgt G S MacDonald [Can] Service Record Other material Survived war
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AJ-O

Third wave. Only aircraft to attack Ennepe Dam. Mine dropped successfully but failed to breach dam.

Flt Sgt W C Townsend DFM Service record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt D J D Powell Service Record Other material KIA 16.9.43	Plt Off C L Howard [Aus] Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Flt Sgt G A Chalmers Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt C E Franklin DFM Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt D E Webb Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.	Sgt R Wilkinson Service Record Other material Survived war.Dcd.
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AJ-Y

Third wave. Did not reach Sorpe Dam because of navigation problems and weather conditions. Returned with mine intact.

Flt Sgt C T Anderson Service Record Other material KIA 23.9.43	Sgt R C Paterson Service Record Other material KIA 23.9.43	Sgt J P Nugent Service Record Other material KIA 23.9.43	Sgt W D Bickle Service Record Other material KIA 23.9.43	Sgt G J Green Service Record Other material KIA 23.9.43	Sgt E Ewan Service Record Other material KIA 23.9.43	Sgt A W Buck Service Record Other material KIA 23.9.43
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