

Canal Creek Memorial Service

On December 6th, 2003 a group in Australia held a memorial of the "Canal Creek" crash at the exact site of the crash. Notes and pictures of the memorial are included in this document. The organizer of this memorial was Mary O'Brien of the Capricorn Coast Historical Society Association in Australia. Peter Murray and Cheryl Cooper, both from Australia, have, along with Mary and several others, been a great help to me over the years as I try to understand more about the Canal Creek crash. They have very generously allowed use of their pictures and written materials on this site.

(Program from the day of the Canal Creek Memorial Service)

**ROLL
of
HONOUR**

US Armed Services Personnel

T/Sgt. Carlos M. BANE 33181909	Pte. Herbert J. MATHIAS 35255439
C GM Frank CARLINE 606-97-59	2/Lt. John R. POWELL 0-810036
2/Lt. Wm. R. CRECELIUS 0-888625	Maj. Hoyt A. ROSS 0-350627
Sgt. Charles DOLAN 32337024	Lt. Wm. SAMUELSEN 0-182874
Sgt. Robert S. FAZIO 12192190	T/Sgt. John L. SHUPE 13035323
Lt. Harry GILLIES 0-2035039	Capt. Robert J. SIMONS 50563
2/Lt. Wm B. GRAHAM 0-80087	W/O Thomas SMITH W 2107140
W/O Herbert JOHNSON W2114890	Capt. George SNYDER 0-443462
Lt. Ernestine KORRANDA N 647331	GM 3/c Jack H. STAGGS 03825977
Capt. Orlen N. LOVERIN 0-730936,	Lt. Rebecca WILLIAMS N-721585
DFC, Air Medal with Oak Leaf cluster.	

Australian Non-Combatants

Harold (Arnold George) DICK, War Photographer Dept. of Information
Nigel James B. MACDONALD, Representative YMCA, 62/333
William Bramwell TIBBS, BEM, Adjutant, Salvation Army.

Australian Defence Personnel

LAC Donald C. CAMERON, 426040
Capt. Alexander W. R. GEDDES, SX4886, Mentioned in Dispatches 3 times.
Capt. Crawford D. MOLLISON, VX912
LAC Raymond K. OSTER, 115325
Pte. Benjamin RASMUSSEN, Q271392
Cpl. Thomas W. SHARD, Q148539
Cpl. William B. SLEEP, NX150010
Capt. John H. WEIR, NX333

In Memory
of the
Men and Women
of the

**United States and Australian Armed
Services and Support Personnel**

who died at

Canal Creek
Central Queensland

19 December 1943

"Lest We Forget"

Commemorated on this 6th day of December 2003

by the

Capricorn Coast Historical Society

This occasion has been made possible through the kind permission of
Rodney and June Jacobsen, present owners of Canal Creek Station.

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C-47 Tail Number VHCHR, crashed 8:50 am hours, 19th December 1943

Presented by the Capricorn Coast Historical Society Ass.

National Anthem of the United States of America

National Anthem of Australia

Welcome by the President of CCHS, Helena Moxham

Speaker, Mary O'Brien

(Background and circumstances leading to the C-47 Crash at Canal Creek.)

Service conducted by Graham Ivers of the Salvation Army

Reading the Names and Placing of flowers

The Last Post – Bugler, Graham Ivers

One Minute of Silence for the Fallen

Recital of the Ode

Reveille – Bugler, Graham Ivers

Closure by Col Benson Hon. Colonel US Fifth Air Force, Kentucky Colonel,

Mackay Historian, Vietnam Veteran

Inspection of Crash Site

Move to location near the homestead for morning tea.

Speaker: Mary O'Brien

(The story of the aftermath of the Crash)

Morning Tea Served

These following pictures were provided by Cheryl Cooper. Cheryl's father, Mr. Frank Rumpf, also took the black & white photos below in late afternoon on December 19, 1943 after the bodies had been removed from the crash site. He was one of the four people nearby that witnessed the crash and is pictured in a few of the pictures below holding an umbrella.















<http://www.ozatwar.com/ozcrashes/qld56.htm>

<http://aviation-safety.net/database/record.php?id=19431219-0>

<http://500thbsq-b25s.com/mem/canalcreek.html>