

‘SCOTTY’S LIST’

137 FORGOTTEN AIRMEN OF THE VIETNAM WAR

Over the last thirteen years of the Vietnam War 41 Squadron RNZAF undertook 572 flights into the conflict. Each flight took a full crew which included technical ground crew whose role was to ensure that the Squadron’s Bristol Freighters were maintained and serviceable, able to complete their tasks, and get them safely home again.

These ground crew servicemen were rarely armed, they picked up tool boxes and did what was required of them. Despite being a part of this bitter and toxic conflict, many of the ground crew technicians of 41 Squadron have not been acknowledged or recognized for their service in Vietnam.

One of these technicians was former ground engineer Doug (Scotty) Wingfield who, like other technical ground crew, flew into and stayed in Vietnam on numerous occasions. However, ground crew names were seldom recorded in Official Unit Histories or Squadron records, making it very difficult and in many cases impossible for ground crew members to find evidence of their Vietnam service and receive the recognition they deserve.

Many ground crew servicemen have sought recognition from NZDF but have been turned away for lack of evidence. Compounding this situation, many records have been lost, including ten years of the Squadron’s ‘Flight Authorisation Books’ where ground crew names would have been recorded.

After struggling to find evidence of his own service, Scotty Wingfield took on a lone battle to right a wrong for his comrades, a search that has amounted to seven years of research. Scotty’s (Version 3) research now provides evidence of every flight that went into Vietnam and every landing that was made by 41 Squadron during the conflict. Scotty has linked each piece of evidence back to its original source so that it can be located and verified by NZDF. These sources include Air Crew Log Books, Flight Authorisation Books, pay records, photographs and the Squadron’s Unit Histories.

Most importantly, his research identifies the names and ranks of the ground crew members that served in Vietnam, including the date they first entered Vietnam, the locations they stayed at, and the number of sorties they flew into the conflict.

These names are recorded below in what has become known as ‘Scotty’s List’. NZDF advise that they are now utilising Scotty’s List and the Version 3 research behind it as a reference point for enquiries from RNZAF Airmen around Vietnam service.

Scotty’s List provides the names the 137 Ground Crew that served in the Vietnam War alongside Air Crew in the 13 years between 1 December 1962 and 21 April 1975 (when the last Bristol Freighter flew out of Saigon).

Although Scotty has already assisted 25 of these Airmen to receive their Vietnam Medals and Veteran status most of the remaining 137 Ground Crew have yet to receive medallic recognition for their service and confirmation of their status as Vietnam Veterans. Remember these are your Squadron Mates and Scotty needs your help to find these ground crew servicemen.

Here's how you can help.....

1. If you are one of the 137 names below and have not received recognition for your service write directly to NZDF Medals or email them at the address below:

- Advise them that your Vietnam flights and your name are recorded in 'Scotty's List' (Version 3). NZDF Medals have access to this database and will be able to find the evidence, and the source of the evidence to verify your flights.

Personnel Archives & Medals, Private Bag 905, Upper Hutt 5140, New Zealand.
Ph: (04) 527 5280, Email: nzdf.pam@nzdf.mil.nz

2. If you know any of the Airmen on this list, contact them:

- Ask them to get in touch with NZDF Medals at the address above. If they are deceased, contact their family and ask them to get in touch with Scotty who can assist families with Posthumous applications. See Scotty's address below.

3. If you were a ground crew member of 41 Squadron RNZAF and flew into Vietnam between 1 December 1962 and 21 April 1975 and are not on the list below...Scotty may be able to assist with your search, please contact him at:

- Scotty Wingfield, PO Box 33 134, Barrington, Christchurch 8244. NZ
Ph: (03) 3373 644

4. Finally, if you would like to search Scotty's spreadsheets and his original research go to his Veterans page at the Vietnam War web site at the following link.

<http://vietnamwar.govt.nz/veteran/lac-d-wingfield>

On his Veterans page you will find the link to his research:

"All Vietnam Flights by 41 Squadron RNZAF (Version 3) 1 Dec 1962 – 21 April 1975"

Or give him a call and he will email you the Version 3 spreadsheets.

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NAMES A-G	RANK	DATE 1 ST ENTERED VIETNAM		NAMES H-M	RANK	DATE 1 ST ENTERED VIETNAM		NAMES N-Y	RANK	DATE 1 ST ENTERED VIETNAM
Allison	Cpl	15/12/64		Hall	Cpl	4/11/66		Neagle	F/Sgt	13/1/71
Anderson	W/O	15/2/63		Hancock	LAC	23/1/67		Norris	Cpl	15/2/63
Atkinson	Sgt	21/3/74		Hansen	Cpl	14/11/74		Oakes	Cpl	6/11/73
Barlow	LAC	14/10/70		Hardy	LAC	13/1/67		Ockwell S.D.	LAC	4/4/63
Barnett	F/Sgt	9/4/69		Harlick	F/Sgt	26/6/68		Perry	F/Sgt	26/10/71
Bate	LAC	18/7/74		Harrison	F/Sgt	2/1/74		Piper	Sgt	30/9/66
Bennie	Cpl	16/8/65		Hawks	W/O	26/4/72		Pool	LAC	6/7/65
Benny	Cpl	10/4/65		Hay	LAC	4/12/72		Price	Sgt HCM	18/12/72
Brownie	LAC	9/10/72		Hibbard	LAC	2/2/65		Prowse	Sgt	7/12/69
Camody	LAC	21/2/74		Hibbart	Sgt	23/10/63		Quinn	F/Sgt	15/6/65
Carmichael C.N.	Cpl	27/10/64		Hill E.	LAC	7/8/63		Rae	F/Sgt	9/4/69
Chady	LAC	27/4/64		Hoare	Cpl	17/11/69		Reid G.	Cpl	27/10/64
Chaney	Cpl	1/2/72		Holmes	Cpl	17/4/63		Riddal	F/Sgt	4/12/72
Chapman	W/O	9/11/66		Holmes	Cpl	21/5/66		Rintoul	LAC	19/1/65
Claridge I.S.	LAC	28/7/64		Humphries R.	Cpl	20/2/64		Roberts G.L.	LAC	10/2/64
Clements	F/Sgt	27/12/66		Jamieson	Cpl	4/6/69		Salt	LAC	23/12/71
Clemons	Sgt	1/3/73		Jarvis	LAC	1/3/73		Sanders G.T.	LAC	14/10/64
Colbeck	Sgt	18/8/72		Jarvis	Cpl	18/7/74		Sandiland	Cpl	4/6/69
Collins	LAC	15/4/64		Keedwell	Cpl	9/12/66		Scruton	LAC	11/12/63
Conroy	F/Sgt	15/10/63		Kerr	LAC	24/2/75		Senior	F/Sgt	18/5/65
Cooper	F/Sgt	16/8/65		Killington	Sgt	9/11/66		Simons	LAC	27/3/63
Cooper J.	Cpl	20/2/64		King	Cpl	5/12/74		Smith	Sgt	9/11/66
Cox	LAC	7/12/69		Knight	Sgt	30/9/66		Smith	LAC	7/12/69
Creighton	Cpl	4/12/72		Lamb	Cpl	21/5/66		Smith W.E.	Sgt	28/7/64
Crook	Sgt	23/7/69		Lanaway	Cpl	13/1/71		Sowry	Cpl	27/3/63
Cumming	LAC	5/12/74		Lazarus	Sgt	24/7/72		Steer	LAC	14/10/70
Currie	W/O	17/11/69		Lewis C.	Cpl	12/5/64		Taylor	LAC	20/1/64
Day	LAC	19/8/63		Lowden	LAC	26/5/64		Taylor	Sgt	9/11/66
Didham D.W.	LAC	15/12/64		Mackie	LAC	4/4/72		Taylor	F/Sgt	19/1/65
Dix	LAC	2/2/65		Macks	LAC	5/3/63		Tebbs	LAC	4/4/63
Downard K.L.	LAC	26/5/64		Mankelow	Cpl	2/8/73		Thompson	LAC	9/4/69
Downs	LAC	31/5/63		Mansfield	LAC	17/4/63		Thompson R	LAC	6/6/74
Doyle	Cpl	15/10/65		Marfell	Cpl	10/4/65		Tolhurst P.A.	LAC	15/2/63
Duncan	Cpl	4/4/72		Marshal	Sgt	10/11/64		Veluta	LAC	4/12/72
Elford R.N.	LAC	31/5/63		Mathews	Cpl	1/3/73		Wallis	LAC	26/5/64
Ellis R.	Cpl	14/10/64		Maunsell	LAC	23/7/69		Weeks P.T.	LAC	21/4/64
Elvin	LAC	10/11/64		McAssey	F/Sgt	9/6/71		Weir	LAC	17/11/69
English	Cpl	23/8/71		McCullough G.A.	LAC	19/8/63		Wheeler P.R.	LAC	21/4/64
Fanning	Cpl	6/7/65		McDonald W.J.	Cpl	15/12/64		Williams	Sgt	10/4/65
Fishley	Cpl	9/3/65		McEwan	Sgt	1/3/72		Wood	LAC	26/4/72
Ford	LAC	14/7/64		McGregor	Cpl	27/8/66		Woodhams	Cpl	13/1/71
Garvin	Cpl	1/3/73		McKinstry	Sgt	27/8/66		Woodward R.L.	Cpl	10/11/64
Gebbie	LAC	15/4/64		Morgan	Sgt	9/11/66		Woolsey B.E.	LAC	14/7/64
Geer R.G.	LAC	10/2/64		Morris	Cpl	5/9/69		Yeo	Sgt	14/10/70
Goodall	Cpl	9/12/66		Morris	Cpl	21/3/74				
Griffiths	LAC	13/1/67		Mortram	Cpl	9/3/65				
				Murphy	Cpl	5/9/69				

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