

RAAF Townsville April 1945 (75 years on)

Events in chronological order:

06 April 1945 RAAF P-40N Kittyhawk, A29-1185(#44-47805 Piloted by 439836 FOFF Keith Henry KEARNEY, aged (24), collided with RAAF P-40N Kittyhawk, A29-1220 (#44-47918) Piloted by 412195 F/Lt James Alexander SEE, aged (23), one mile east of Ross River airfield near Townsville.

The aircraft and pilots were attached to Nr 84 Squadron RAAF. Both pilots were killed as a result of this collision when both aircraft crashed and burnt. They are buried in the Belgian Gardens War Cemetery in graves C.D.13 and C.D.12 respectively.

12 April 1945 Death of President Roosevelt; succeeded by Harry H. Truman.

17 April 1945 USAAF Boston A-20 aircraft #42 86748, departed Rockhampton for Cairns. Last radio contact Innisfail. (17deg 33min S. 146deg 01min E)

23 April 1945 3817 F/Sgt Patrick Joseph CROWLEY (Clerk Stores) aged (30). Attached to Nr 6 Transport & Movements Office Townsville, died in Nr 3.M.R.S. from injuries sustained when struck by a (USA utility truck) in Eyre Street Townsville. He is buried in the Belgian Gardens War Cemetery grave C.D.15.

28 April 1945 139087 AC1 Robert George THOMAS, aged (19). Attached to Nr 84 Squadron. Died at Macrossan after a ground accident. He is buried in the Belgian Gardens War Cemetery grave C.D.16.

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