

RAAF Townsville July 1945 (75 years on)

04 July 1945 General MacArthur announces liberation of all the Philippines.

04 July 1945 Nr.86 Sqn Bohle River. Kittyhawk A29-460 piloted by 5624 F/Off Graham STROUT and Kittyhawk A29-484 piloted by 422541 P/Off Philip Ross EVANS collided in mid air just north of Townsville. A29-484 made a forced landing at Garbutt and A29-460 returned to Bohle River. Neither pilot was injured.

07 July 1945 Nr.86 Sqn Bohle River. P-51 Mustang A68-506 on transfer from Nr.84 Sqn suffered tail wheel collapse after landing, due to hydraulic failure, and the tail was damaged. A68-506 was issued to Nr.3 Aircraft Depot.

07 July 1945. 143716 LAC Charles Robert ROUSE aged (20) Attached to Nr 6 Transport & Movements Office Townsville, died in Townsville after a ground accident and is buried in the Belgian Gardens War Cemetery grave E.A.6.

30 July 1945. 283943 F/ Lt. Edward Coles SWAN aged (29) of Nr.13 (A.R.D) Aircraft Repair Depot Breddan. Casualty, died (cause undetermined). He is buried in the Charters Towers War Cemetery grave B.15.

31 July 1945 Townsville. Nr. 93 Sqn Beaufighter Mark (21) A8-126 made a crash landing at Garbutt. The wreck was converted to components.

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