

RAAF Townsville October 1945 (75 years on)

04 October 1945 439481 F/Sgt William Henry Maroney W/O.A.E (aged 23) attached to Nr 36 Squadron, died in Townsville after a ground accident.

F/Sgt Maroney was riding on the running board of a RAAF Tender on the tarmac area at Garbutt when the tender door flew open and the F/Sgt was thrown to the ground. He sustaining head injuries and was conveyed to Nr.3 Medical Receiving Station where he died on the same day.

F/Sgt Maroney is buried in the Belgian Gardens War Cemetery grave E.A.2.

05 October 1945 RAAF Mustang A68-549 (44-12479) of Nr.86 Sqn piloted by F/Sgt T. McCrohan was damaged by a bird strike at 3,000 feet above the Bohle River Airfield.

The aircraft was issued to Nr 13 ARD on 17 October 1945 for conversion to components.

10 October 1945 RAAF Nr 28 Radar Station Fitzroy Island, disbanded.

16 October 1945 RAAF Kittyhawk P-40N20 A29-481 (42-104703) of Nr. 86 Sqn piloted by F/Sgt Peter F. Howard on a test flight, after a routine 80 hour inspection, encountered power failure after take off.

The pilot managed a difficult forced landing suffering only minor injuries. The aircraft was written off

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