

## RAAF F-111 MAJOR ACCIDENTS

Date	Tail	Callsign	SQN	Crew	Location	Cause
28Apr77	136	Falcon 33	6SQN	Baker (USAF)/Clarkson	Armidale -1217h 30.19.2S 151.43.5E	Engine Oil Hot, a/c fire, <u>ejected</u> 9,000' AMSL
29Sep77	133	Falcon 32	6SQN	Noordink/Holt (Qfi)	EVD Range – 1037h 29.19.53S 153.20.22E	Catastrophic birdstrike, <u>ejected</u> out of envelope
25Oct78	141	762 Bravo	6SQN	Rogers/Growder	Auckland, NZ – 1244h	Wheel well hot, a/c fire <u>ejected</u> over water
24Aug79	137	M409C	1SQN	Kelly/Curr	RNZAF Ohakea -1120h	Double engine compressor stall on T/O due water ingestion, <u>ejected</u> on runway
28Jan86	139	Buckshot Colt 1	1SQN	Erskine/Angell (USAF)	40NM East of Moruya, NSW 2024h - 35.56S 151.08E	CFIT during night MARSTK simulating Harpoon
2Apr87	128	Falcon Sabre 1	6SQN	Fallon/Pike (Student)	Tenterfield – 1933h 29.01:55S 152.01:50	CFIT during night toss attack
13Sep93	127	Buckshot 18	1SQN	McNess/Cairns-Cowan	Guyra – 1916h 30.10.39S 151.39E	CFIT during night toss attack
18Apr99	291	Pisces 1	6SQN	Short/Hobbs	Pulau Aur Island, Malaysia 2021h - 02.26.6N 104.31.4E	CFIT during night MARSTK, hit Pulau Aur island
26Jun02	112	Sword 2	6SQN	Barlow/Stewart (Qfi)	RAAF Darwin – 1109h	F2 fuel tank explosion
18Jul06	143	Buckshot Colt 2	1SQN	Komar/Warner	RAAF Amberley – 0945h	Wheels up cable engagement, lost main wheel on T/O

# CRASHED and DESTROYED RAAF AIRCRAFT

17/11/2010

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RAAF TAIL NO: **A8-127**

USAF SERIAL NUMBER: A8-127

**NOTES:** RAAF AIRCRAFT. Aircraft no longer in the RAAF inventory - Crashed at Guyra, NSW on 13 Sep 1993. Hit the ground during a toss bomb manoeuvre on the Guyra Meat Works. High wind, snowing and after dark.

A/C was a 1SQN Jet. The A/C had accrued 4471.6 AFHRs at the time of acceptance by Aircrew.

Last R5 at 2803.5 dated 30 Sep 86

Last R4 at 3824.7 dated 24 Sep 90

Last R3 at 4349.5 dated 26 May 93 At 501WG

Killed

**Pilot: FLTLT J. D. McNESS**



**Navigator: FLTLT M.K. CAIRNS-COWAN**



**DATE CRASHED:** 13/09/1993

**LOCATION:** Guyra, NSW

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**ROLLOUT DATE:**

**GD S/N:** 3

**ACCEPTANCE DATE:**

**MODEL-TYPE:** D1

**TRANSFER DATE:** 6/04/1973

**TYPE VERSION:** F-111C

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RAAF TAIL NO: **A8-128**

USAF SERIAL NUMBER: A8-128

**NOTES:** RAAF AIRCRAFT. Aircraft no longer in the RAAF inventory - Crashed approx 1.5 NM NNE from Tenterfield, NSW on 2 April 1987. Hit ground during low day into night flying exercise. This A/C was configured with a M61-A1 gun and cargo pannier. A/C was a 6SQN asset.

Killed

**Pilot: FLTLT Mark Andrew FALLON**



**Navigator: FLGOFF William George PIKE**



**DATE CRASHED:** 2/04/1987

**LOCATION:** Tenterfield, NSW

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**ROLLOUT DATE:**

**GD S/N:** 4

**ACCEPTANCE DATE:**

**MODEL-TYPE:** D1

**TRANSFER DATE:** 30/04/1973

**TYPE VERSION:** F-111C

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# CRASHED and DESTROYED RAAF AIRCRAFT

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RAAF TAIL NO: **A8-133**

USAF SERIAL NUMBER: A8-133

**NOTES:** RAAF AIRCRAFT. Aircraft no longer in the RAAF inventory - Crashed at Evans Head, NSW, on 29 September, 1977, impacting the ground 16.1 kms from the range. Crash was due to at least three Bird strikes. Ejection was initiated, however failed to save the crew.  
Most of the wreckage was buried on site.  
FLT Noordink was a pilot under training.  
AFHRS were 994.3

Killed

**Pilot: SQNLDR John HOLT**



**Navigator: FLTLT Adam NOORDINK**



**DATE CRASHED:** 29/09/1977

**LOCATION:** Evans Head, NSW

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**ROLLOUT DATE:**

**GD S/N:** 9

**ACCEPTANCE DATE:**

**MODEL-TYPE:** D1

**TRANSFER DATE:**

**TYPE VERSION:** F-111C

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RAAF TAIL NO: **A8-136**

USAF SERIAL NUMBER: A8-136

**NOTES:** This was the first of the Australian F-111's to crash.  
RAAF AIRCRAFT (6SQN). Aircraft no longer in the RAAF inventory - Crashed at Armidale, NSW on 28 April, 1977. Crash was due to Air Duct failure through fatigue cracking.

Pilot: USAF Exchange Pilot Capt Bill Baker (Billy Bang out)  
Nav: FLTLT David Allan Clarkson

A/C crashed one Klm off the New England Highway 24 k NE of Armidale.

Killed

**Pilot: CAPT William BAKER**



**Navigator: FLTLT David Allan CLARKSON**



**DATE CRASHED:** 28/04/1977

**LOCATION:** Armidale, NSW

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**ROLLOUT DATE:**

**GD S/N:** 12

**ACCEPTANCE DATE:**

**MODEL-TYPE:** D1

**TRANSFER DATE:**

**TYPE VERSION:** F-111C

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RAAF TAIL NO: **A8-137**

USAF SERIAL NUMBER: A8-137

**NOTES:** RAAF AIRCRAFT. Aircraft no longer in the RAAF inventory - Crashed at RNZAF Base, Ohakea on 24 August, 1979. Crash was due to water ingestion from a wet runway on take off, which caused a double compression stall.

**Pilot:** FLGOFF KELLY

Killed

**Navigator:** FLTLT CURR

**DATE CRASHED:** 24/08/1979

**LOCATION:** Ohakea, NZ

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**ROLLOUT DATE:**

**GD S/N:** 13

**ACCEPTANCE DATE:**

**MODEL-TYPE:** D1

**TRANSFER DATE:**

**TYPE VERSION:** F-111C

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RAAF TAIL NO: **A8-139**

USAF SERIAL NUMBER: A8-139

**NOTES:** RAAF AIRCRAFT. Aircraft no longer in the RAAF inventory - Crashed at Moruya, NSW (off coast) on 28 January 1986. Cause unknown. Lost at sea. A8-139 impacted the water whilst flying a simulated Harpoon profile.

**Pilot:** FLTLT Steven Mathew ERSKIN

Killed

**Navigator:** CPT Gregory Spence ANGELL

**DATE CRASHED:** 28/01/1986

**LOCATION:** Moruya, NSW

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**ROLLOUT DATE:**

**GD S/N:** 15

**ACCEPTANCE DATE:**

**MODEL-TYPE:** D1

**TRANSFER DATE:**

**TYPE VERSION:** F-111C

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RAAF TAIL NO: **A8-141**

USAF SERIAL NUMBER: A8-141

**NOTES:** RAAF AIRCRAFT. Aircraft no longer in the RAAF inventory - Crashed into the sea 26.5 nm from Whenuapai Island and near the peninsular town of Coromandel. A/C took off from RNZAF Base, Ohakea on 25 October, 1978. Crash was due to bleed air leak and fire in the Main Wheel Well. Crew ejected and survived the crash. The module landed in the water in the Hauraki Gulf.

**Pilot: WGCDR D.N. ROGERS**

Killed

**Navigator: FLTLT P. GROWDER**

**DATE CRASHED:** 25/10/1978

**LOCATION:** Ohakea, NZ

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**ROLLOUT DATE:**

**GD S/N:** 17

**ACCEPTANCE DATE:**

**MODEL-TYPE:** D1

**TRANSFER DATE:**

**TYPE VERSION:** F-111C

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RAAF TAIL NO: **A8-143**

USAF SERIAL NUMBER: A8-143

**NOTES:** RAAF AIRCRAFT. (Recon)  
Aircraft suffered a full wheels up crash landing at Amberley RAAF Base on 18/7/06. Both crew survived unhurt - they remained with the aircraft. The aircraft lost a Main Wheel on takeoff.  
1SQN Aircraft Call sign COLT TWO  
Loss of Main Wheel on takeoff. Aircraft landed taking the arrestor hook cable wheels up. Uneconomical to repair due to the short period to PWD.

**Pilot: Flying Officer Peter Komar**

Killed

**Navigator: Flight Lieutenant Luke Warner**

**DATE CRASHED:** 18/07/2006

**LOCATION:** AMBERLEY

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**ROLLOUT DATE:**

**GD S/N:** 18

**ACCEPTANCE DATE:**

**MODEL-TYPE:** D1

**TRANSFER DATE:** 6/09/1973

**TYPE VERSION:** F-111C

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# CRASHED and DESTROYED RAAF AIRCRAFT

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RAAF TAIL NO: **A8-291**

USAF SERIAL NUMBER: 68-291

**NOTES:** Originally built for STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND (SAC).  
Converted to F111G on 1/7/91.  
This A/C was transferred to the RAAF inventory as A8-291.

The Aircraft crashed into Pulau Air Island (South China Sea) on 19 April 1999 during exercises off Butterworth. Both the crew were killed.

The A/C was a 6SQN asset  
A/C AFHRS - 6340.5

**Killed**

**Pilot: FLTLT Anthony SHORT**

**Navigator: SQNLDR Stephen HOBBS**

**DATE CRASHED:** 19/04/1999

**LOCATION:** Pulau Air Island

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**ROLLOUT DATE:** 11/08/1970

**GD S/N:** 63

**ACCEPTANCE DATE:** 30/01/1971

**MODEL-TYPE:** B1

**TRANSFER DATE:** 1/06/1991

**TYPE VERSION:** FB-111A

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