

# Vale Bob Montgomery

*Rest in Peace, Lest We Forget*

Vale Bob 'Monty' Montgomery, RAAF Pilot: F-111C First Ferry Crew 1968 and 13 OPCON; who passed away at home on Tuesday, 12 February 2026



NO 13 F111C OPERATIONAL CONVERSION COURSE  
11 Feb 80 - 14 Jul 80

Back: (Left to Right) FLTLT P.T. SALVAIR FLTLT S.H. ASPINALL FLTLT R.N. BEECROFT  
FLTLT G.D. SHEPHERD

Front: (Left to Right) FLTLT R.J. PARSONS WGCDR R.J. MONTGOMERY WGCDR P.J. HACKETT  
WGCDR A.T. PEARSON



WGCDR BOB MONTGOMERY

*Monty's last F-111C flight*



*Monty's last F-111C flight (A8-148) - RAAF Base Amberley - 19 Jun 84  
With FLTLT Mike 'Boggy' Smith, Navigator No 1 SQN*



[Monty was also part of the first six F-111 ferry crew teams in 1968](#)

## Departure Australia For F111 Training, USA, 11Feb 1968.

The First F111 Ferry Team comprising 6 Crews departed for Mather AFB, near Sacramento, California, 11Feb1968.

The Crews were:

### Pilots

Wg Cdr Henry A Hughes (Bill)  
Sqn Ldr John I Thomson (Jock)  
Flt Lt Peter J.O. Hackett  
Flt Lt Errol J McCormack (Mac)  
Flt Lt Robert J Montgomery (Bob)  
Flt Lt Walter F Walters (Wal)

### Navs.

Sqn Ldr David R Marks  
Sqn Ldr Thomas D Wright  
Flt Lt Leonard R O'Neill (Blue)  
Flg Off Christopher J T Lake (Chris)  
Flt Lt Frank E Burttt  
Flt Lt Lancelot J Halvorson (Halvo)



Standing L-R: Tom Wright, Dave Marks, Pete Hackett, Bill Hughes, Jock Thomson, Wal Walters, Lance Halvorson, Bob Montgomery.

Kneeling: Blue O'Neill, Errol McCormack, Chris Lake, Frank Burttt.

## First Ferry F111 Crews, Nellis AFB, 22 Jul 1968.



**Pilots, L-R: Bob Montgomery, Wally Walters, Errol McCormack, Bill Hughes, Jock Thompson, Pete Hackett.**