



On the next page, we mark the passing of those who served this nation. Contributions from comrades and colleagues welcome email robin.ashby.ukdf@gmail.com

Sad to report the deaths of Admiral of the Fleet (Mike) Lord Boyce, a Patron of the U K Defence Forum, and the last of the Dam Busters

BAMBERG Sgt pilot Harold Banburg CBE 17 November 1923 - 28 September 2022. Believed to be 138 Sqn flying SOE and supplies. On demobilisation founded Eagle Aviation, flying into Berlin Airlift, Suez, Aden

BLOUNT Lt Col Anthony Herbert Blount died 18 Dec 22

BOOTH Captain James (Jim) Charles Macaulay Booth RN 9 Jul 1921- 18 Dec 2022 Croix de Guerre N Sea convoys, Combined Ops Pilotage Parties Op Gambit 96 hours in X-23 marked eastern extremity Sword Beach D Day Burma, mine clearance Aegean, East Med

BOYCE Mike, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Boyce of Pimlico. Patron, UK Defence Forum. See full obituary at <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/news/2022/november/08/20221108-tributes-paid-to-admiral-the-lord-boyce-a-great-leader-and-champion-of-submariners>

BROWNLOW Air V-M (Bertrand) John Brownlow CB, AFC 13 Jan 1929 - 25 Sept 2022 National Service, permanent commission. Navigator 12 Sqn (Canberras) 101 Sqn Germany, 213 Sqn (ground attack, nuclear) i/c tspt ops RAF Lyneham supplying Zambia. CO RAF Cranwell.

BURSTALL Lt Cdr David Bryan Burstall died 1 Nov 2022 aged 91

CASTLE-SMITH Col Peter Mauric Castle-Smith MC 10 Oct 1922 - 8 Sept 2022 Royal Engineers 6th Field Sqn at Alamein, Op Blackcock during Op Husky (MC), Salerno, wounded during Op Market Garden (Op Garden) India, Korea, Malaya

CHISHOLM Major Richard Martin Chisholm died 24 Oct 2022 aged 83

CRAIG Maj Gen Robert Peter Craig MD L/RAMC died 10 Oct 2022 aged 82

CRITCHLEY Cdre (Harold) John Critchley died 13 Dec 22 aged 79

DE COURCY-IRELAND Captain Gareth De Courcy-Ireland RN died 12 Nov 22

DEAKIN Lt Col Michael Francis Deakin died 28 Oct 22 Army Air Corps and Middlesex Reg

FREEMAN Lt Col Geoffrey George Turner RA died 6 Oct 2022 aged 91

GARTON-JONES Lt Col John Garton-Jones MBE died 18 Oct 22 aged 92

GILBART-DENHAM Major Brian John Gilbert-Denham died 12 Dec 22 Irish Guards

HAYES Lt Cdr Francis Anthony Murray Hayes died 31 Dec 2022 aged 74

JOHNSON Sqn Ldr George 'Johnny' Johnson died 7 Dec 22 aged 101. Bomb-aimer 617 Squadron The last survivor of the World War Two Dambusters

KENDALL Brig Tony Kendall died 17 Nov 22 Royal Engineers

KIRBY Col Colin S Kirby died Dec 222 RAEC

LAMB Major David Alexander Angus Lamb died 19 Sept 22 aged 85 Royal Signals Reserve

LOVE Flt Lt Peter Victor Love died 11 Oct 2022 MILLS Lt Cdr Robin Gerald Mills died 27 Oct 2022 aged 96

MACKINTOSH Gp Capt Allison Margaret Mackintosh MBE died 16 Nov 22 aged 92

MARSDEN Rear Adm Peter Nicholas Marsden died 15 Dec 2022 aged 90

PARKER Major Sir Michael Parket KCVO CBE died 28 Nov 22 aged 81. Queen's Own Hussars

PIERSON Gp Capt Michael John Walgate MBE died 25 Dec 2022 aged 91

PONSONBY Air Vice Marshall John Maurice Maynard Ponsonby 8 August 1955 – 21 October 2022, Captain Royal Green Jackets. RAF C.O. 78 Sqn Falklands, Bosnia, N Ireland AOC 22 Trg Gp

RAYNER Lt Cdr John Manser Rayner died 20 Oct 2022

ROBERTS Huw Douglas Roberts RAF died 26 Oct 2022 30 Sqn, LXX Sqn

ROWLAND Major Robin (Robert) Todd Rowland 12 Jan 1922 - 9 Nov 2022 Indian Army Royal Declan Horse, 7/2 Punjab Regt Arkhan, Imphal, Kohima, Thailand, Burma

RYAN Wg Cdr Michael Anthony Federick Ryan died 15 Nov 22

SAUNDERS WATSON Cdr Michael Saunders Watson CBE died 8 Nov 2022 aged 88

SCRASE-DICKINS Major Mark Frederick Hakon Scrase-Dickins CMG died 10 Nov 2022 aged 86 The Rifles

SHORT Maj Gen James Henderson Terry Short CB OBE died 16 Oct 22 9th/12th Lancers

SPACIE Maj Gen Keith Spacie CB OBE 21 June 1935 16 Oct 2022 Royal Lincs Regt Malaya MiDc/o 3 Para N Ireland c/o 7th Field Force later Cdr British Forces Falklands Islands

STORER Wing Cdr Richard Anthony Elliot Storer 9 Nov 1933 - 19 Oct 2022 66 Sqn RAF Acklington (Hunters) 83 Sqn RAF Scampton (Vulcan, 2 minute take-off, barrel roll) first Red Arrows team mgr Royal Aircraft Establishment. RAF Cottesmore, RAF Wyton Construction RAF Mount Pleasant (Canberras)

SULLIVAN Lt Col Richard Sullivan died 21 Oct 22

SWAAB Captain Jack Siegfried Swabb MC 15 March 1918 - 29 October 2022 Royal Artillery 127 Field Regt, 51st Highland Division north Africa, post Alamein pursuit. Sicily landings. Sword Beach D+2 Wounded Battle of the Reichwald. Op Plunder. MC May 1945 for cumulative galantry. Regt fired 650,000 shells

TURNER Lt Col Martin Turner RA dies 4 Oct 2022

UDAL John Oliver Udal 2 May 1926 - 12 Sept 2022 Irish Guards 2nd (Armoured) Bn lated 1st Bn occupied Germany (Intelligence) . Palestine. Later District Commissioner, Sudan

WILSHER Lt Col Roy Wilsher died 27 Nov 222 aged 89