Sgt Gordon Kenneth Bartlett 407190 RAAF

Gordon was born on 8 July 1920 in Sydney, NSW, Australia the son of Sqn Ldr John Royston Bartlett RFC MC and Florence Maud Bartlett nee Clucas.

At the outbreak of war, Gordon was employed as a Survey Cadet with the Department of Lands, South Australia. In July 1940, he enlisted in the RAAF and trained as an Observer before being posted onto 226 Sqn. In May 1941, the Sqn arrived at RAF Wattisham and converted to Blenheims where they were to be deployed in anti shipping operations against fringe targets in NW Europe.

On 20 September 1941, the crew departed Wattisham in Blenheim IV (V6422) on a daylight raid, one of eight 226 Sqn Blenheims, and part of a force of 48 Blenheims and 6 Hampdens tasked with carrying out an extensive series of sea sweeps and escort for raids to targets just beyond the French coastline. The Squadron attacked an enemy convoy of 14 ships off the Hook of Holland with post flight reports stating 4 were successfully hit. Whilst on the attack run, the aircraft was caught in the blast from the bombs of a preceding Blenheim and crashed into the sea. This was one of two Sqn aircraft and crews lost during this operation. Gordon's body was recovered for burial in Holland.

Also killed were : Sgt James Cecil Valentine Colmer RAFVR Sgt Leslie Trevor RAFVR

Gordon is buried in the Amsterdam New Eastern Cemetery, Noord-Holland, Netherlands

Gordon is commemorated on Wall Panel 127