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SQUADRON LEADER PERCY MACGREGOR WATT

23 Nov 1939 Hampden I (L4034) 49 Squadron

Crashed in very poor visibility while practicing ZZ landings at RAF Waddington. Eye witnesses say the Hampden suddenly appeared out of the gloom flying at about 10 feet off the ground and heading for the watch office. The pilot then banked steeply to starboard and tried to climb away. In doing so he collided with the hangar killing the entire crew and a number of airmen some from 50 squadron who were working in the hangar and were crushed when one of the engines came through of the roof.

Pilot S/L P McG Watt
Cp1 Keating
AC1 Taylor
AC2 Talbot

On the ground

AC1 McGarvie
LAC Kelly
Cpl Cooke
Cp1 Henderson
AC2 Bastow