**ROLL OF HONOUR – SX 33581 CPL Leonard Ronald LISHMUND**

**19th December 1945**



**SX33581 CPL LR LISHMUND**

(23 Jan 1926 – 19 Dec 1945: aged 19 yrs)

**Service Details**

Leonard Ronald Lishmund was born in Kingscote, South Australia on 23 January 1926. Prior to his service Leonard worked as a junior assistant (PMG) before enlisting on 24 April 1944 in Wayville, South Australia. He enlisted as a Pte with the service number SX3358 and moved through the ranks to Corporal prior to his passing.

Corporal Lishmund was the son of Frederick Clifford and Ada Mary Lishmund and he is survived by his sister Doreen Lishmund, of North Adelaide.

Corporal Lishmund emplaned from Moratai on No.35 Sqn RAAF Dakota A65-83 (VHCIZ), which went missing on a medivac flight between Ambon and Darwin on 19 Dec 1945 over the Arafura Sea.

Corporal Lishmund body has never been recovered.

Flight Details Log:

Signal Received to the effect that Squadron aircraft VH-CLZ is overdue on flight from Ambon to Darwin. Crew comprises Flying Officer F. Robinson (Captain), Flight Lieutenant N.J. Hazle (Co-Pilot), Pilot Officer G. Connell (Wireless Operator Air Gunner) and Sergeant P. Bodley (Navigator). There are also 21 passengers on board.

*https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21405773/leonard-ronald-lishmund*

*https://pacificwrecks.com/aircraft/c-47/A65-83.html*

No. 35 Squadron Operations Record Book:

A50 Entry dated 20 December 1945:

Received advice from D.T.M. (Directorate of Transport and Movements) Melbourne, that Naval Authorities at Darwin had received message “All Alive”. Bearings were obtained on signal but searches were negative.

A50 Entry dated 21 December 1945:

In terms of lives lost, the disappearance of A65-83 with twenty five lives is one of the worst accidents in the history of the RAAF. No trace of the crew or passengers has been found despite an extensive search lasting 17 days.

**Unit:** 66th Battalion, Australian Infantry, 2nd AIF.

**Fate:** Died at sea (between Ambon and Darwin), 19 December 1945

**Cause of Death:** Accidental (Aircraft accident)

**Memorial Details:** Column 6 Ambon Memorial, Ambon, Maluku, Indonesia. Panel 71, Commemorative Area, Australian War Memorial, Canberra, ACT, Australia. WWII Honour Roll, National War Memorial of SA, North Terrace, Adelaide, Australia.

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