

11b Polish Forces graves in Barrow Cemetery



Plt P Struniewski
15/02/1945



St Sierz L Trzebiatowski
13/04/1945

Where are the graves?

At the far end of the Cemetery, go past the Catholic Chapel and turn left down the furthest path. At the furthest point, they are in a row on the right, near other CWGC headstones.

Kpl T Krol
08/03/1942



Kpl E H Ciurkot
27/12/1943



Pilot Officer Pawel Struniewski (Born 24 Feb 1918) was based at Rednal Shropshire. He was in the 61 O.T.U. (Operational Training Unit) where pilots practised in Spitfires and Mustangs.

Starszy sierżant (Flight sergeant) Leon Trzebiatowski (Born 22 October 1919 in

Kościerzyna) was based at Walney Airfield, where the 10 Air Gunnery School (AGS) was based. He died in an accident at Fleetwood. This was in a Wellington, and five of the seven crewmen died.

Kapral Tadenski (Tadeusz according to CWGC) Krol (Born 15 Dec 1918 in Kłonice, Częstochowa, Poland) was based at Walney. His plane (Boulton Paul Defiant N1811) crashed somewhere between Ocean Road & Biggar Village on Walney Island. <http://aviation-safety.net/wikibase/wiki.php?id=1537> reports that it crashed after hitting telegraph wires & hedge during air gunnery exercise.

Kapral Henryk Eugeniusz Ciurkot died when his Miles Martinet attempted an emergency landing on Biggar Bank. He survived the crash but died a short time later.¹ He was born in Dębica, Poland on 16 May 1921.²

Boulton Paul Defiant planes were prone to accidents. All but the Lindal crash below were of Walney planes. Other RAF Squadron's had similar experiences (See link to 96 Squadron below).

28-JUL-1942 RAF 10 AGS N1612 Walney Airfield Stalled rolled & crashed on take-off with prop in course pitch. 2 died

20-AUG-1942 RAF 10 AGS N3449 1m north of Millom Crashed into sea after engine failure. 2 dead

06-OCT-1942 RAF 10 AGS T3943 Walney Airfield DBR in overshoot on landing.

01-FEB-1943 RAF 10 AGS N3507 Askam-in-Furness Lost control & crashed. 2 dead.

08-FEB-1943 RAF 10 AGS T4119 Walney Airfield Hit & DBR by N1579 while parked.

14-FEB-1943 RAF 6 FPP N1551 Lindal Abandoned after loss of control in cloud while being ferried.

24-FEB-1943 RAF 10 AGS AA299 Walney Airfield DBR in bellylanding after undercarriage failure.

19-MAR-1943 RAF 10 AGS N3428 Forcelanded after undercarriage failed to lower & DBR.

27 March 1943 RAF 10 AGS N3459 Biggar Bank, Walney DBR in forced landing after engine failure.

18-APR-1943 RAF 10 AGS N1630 Walney Airfield Overshot landing in bad visibility, swung & undercarriage collapsed, DBR

21-APR-1943 RAF 10 AGS N1735 Walney Airfield DBR after engine cut on approach & aircraft swung on landing collapsing undercarriage.

28-APR-1943 RAF 10 AGS T4074 Fleetwood DBR in forced landing on beach after engine failure.

27-MAY-1943 RAF 10 V1173 Walney? Crashed. Pilot & passenger killed.

<http://aviation-safety.net/wikibase/dblist.php?AcType=dfnt>

Links: RAF Rednal <http://www.abct.org.uk/airfields/rednal> <http://www.controltowers.co.uk/R/Rednal.htm>

96 squadron crashes: http://www.rafcranage.org.uk/RAF_Cranage/Boulton_Paul_Defiant.html

Translatable Dutch site on the Boulton-Paul Defiant <http://www.luchtoorlog.be/bpd.htm>

¹ Some information from 'The Warbirds of Walney' John Dixon Pixel Tweaks publications 2014

² Places and dates of birth from the Polish Air Force in Great Britain website: <http://listakrzystka.pl/en/>