

# Aircrew Remembered

## **Sgt. John Hamilton Orr**

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Sgt. John Hamilton Orr. Alamein Memorial. Panel 278. Born on the 13th September 1921 in Lower Hutt. Educated at Hutt Valley High School. A clerk for Catts-Patterson Ltd, advertising agents, Wellington.

Served 7 months in territorial army prior to enlisting at Levin as a pilot under training on the 27th July 1941. With No. 4 Elementary Flying Training School 07th September 1941. No. 3 Flying Training School on the 18th October 1941. Pilots Badge awarded on the 29th November 1941 and promoted to sergeant on the 10th January 1942.

Embarked for England on the 30th January 1942. No. 3 Personnel Reception Centre on the 14th March 1942. No. 9 Pilot Flying Unit 20th April 1942. 57 Operational Training Unit on the 09th June 1942.

Embarked for Sierra Leone 28th September 1942 and arrived on the 16th October 1942. Lagos, by air to Egypt via Sudan in November 1942. No. 1 Middle East Training School 05th December 1942. No. 2 Advanced Flying Unit 15th December 1942. 239 Wing Training Flight on the Kittyhawk 23rd January 1943. Joined 260 squadron on the 23rd February 1943 and carried out 6 operational sorties. A total of 357 flying hours logged.

Son of Robert Richard (died 08th April 1962, age 73) and Myra Kinniburgh Orr (née Hill - died 1977, age 85, married 1912), Lower Hutt, New Zealand.

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