

## Απώλειες Martin 187 Baltimore στην Ελλάδα 1942-1944



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Ο κατάλογος αφορά σε αεροσκάφη τύπου Martin 187 Baltimore που απωλέσθηκαν στην Ελληνική επικράτεια και τα όριά της. Η περισυλλογή των στοιχείων βασίστηκε σε ημερολόγια (ORBs) της RAAF καθώς και σε αρκετές πληροφορίες από το διαδύκτιο και την βιβλιογραφία που αναφέρεται πιο κάτω.

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**Συνοπτικά οι απώλειες αφορούν σε αεροσκάφη των μοιρών:**

**RAAF:** 454Sqn. **RHAF:** 13Sqn. (13 MEB Μοίρα Ελαφρού Βομβαρδισμού), **RAF:** 203Sqn., 69Sqn. **SAAF:** 15.

### Ακρωνύμια - Συντομογραφίες

**Ag** Air Gunner  
**Bf-109 or Me-109** Aircraft type Messerschmitt  
**cn.** Construction number  
**DBR** Damaged Beyond Repair  
**DFC** Distinguished Flying Cross  
**F/L** Flight Lieutenant  
**F/O** Flight Officer  
**F/Sgt.** Flight Sergeant  
**JG** Jagdeschwader  
**KIA** Killed In Action  
**Ltn** Leutnant  
**MIA** Missing In Action  
**Mk** Mark  
**N** Navigator  
**Ofw or Obfw** Oberfeldwebel  
**ORB** Operations Record Book  
**P** Pilot

**P/O** Pilot Officer  
**POW** Prisoner of War  
**RA** Royal Artillery  
**RAAF** Royal Australian Air Force  
**RAF** Royal Air Force  
**RAFVR** Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve  
**RHAF** Royal Hellenic Air Force  
**RNZAF** Royal New Zealand Air Force  
**SAAF** South African Air Force  
**Sgt.** Sergeant  
**S/Ldr.** Squadron Leader  
**Sqn** Squadron  
**Uffz** Unteroffizier  
**USAAF** United States Army Air Force  
**W/Ag** Wireless operator/Air Gunner  
**W/O** Warrant Officer



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43-8762 Martin A-30A-20-MA to RAF as  
Baltimore V (FW605) 454 or 459Sqn.  
RAAF. ([http://www.adf-  
messageboard.com.au](http://www.adf-messageboard.com.au))



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## Baltimore variants (Marks)

The **Baltimore GR.IIIA** variant supplied to the British under the Lend-Lease program. This variant was equipped with a dorsally-mounted turret housing twin .50-caliber M2 machine guns.

### **Baltimore B. I**

Fitted with 1,600 hp (1,193 kW) Wright GR-2600-A5B radial piston engines, armed with ten 0.303 in (7.7 mm) machine guns, eight fixed Brownings and two flexible Vickers K machine guns; all marks had two fixed 0.303 in (7.7 mm) Brownings in the leading-edge of each wing and four similar fixed guns, two on each side of the lower fuselage aft firing backwards, plus two flexible Vickers guns in dorsal and ventral. 50 aircraft built.

### **Baltimore B. II**

As with the Mk I; defensive armament was increased to 12 0.303 in (7.7 mm) machine guns including twin 0.303 in (7.7 mm) Vickers K machine guns in both the dorsal and ventral positions. 100 aircraft built.

### **Baltimore B. III**

Modified Mk II design defensive armament was increased to 14 0.303 in (7.7 mm) guns and improved with a hydraulically-powered dorsal turret supplied by Boulton Paul in the UK with 4 Browning machine guns. 250 aircraft built.

### **Baltimore B. IIIa (A-30-MA)**

Ordered by USAAF and supplied under Lend-lease to the RAF, two 0.50 in (12.7 mm) machine guns in a Martin-built electrically powered dorsal turret. 281 aircraft built.

### **Baltimore B. IV (A-30A-MA)**

USAAF order, lend-lease to RAF. Four 0.303 in (7.7 mm) Brownings machine guns in the wings. 294 aircraft built.

### **Baltimore B. V (A-30A-MA)**

USAAF order, Upgraded with two 1,700 hp (1,268 kW) Wright R-2600-29 radial piston engines, Wings fitted with 0.50 in (12.7 mm) machine guns. 600 aircraft built.

### **Baltimore GR. VI (A-30C-MA)**

Two prototypes were built for maritime reconnaissance. They included a lengthened fuselage, accommodations for extra fuel tanks and a torpedo, and a Radome in nose. The whole program was cancelled in April 1944. (900 cancelled).

**575 aircrafts transferred from the USAAF to RAF.**



Listed by date

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A/A	Date	Serial/Code	Type/Mark	History/Crew/Remarks
<b>1942</b>				
1	15/06/42	<b>AG715</b>	Baltimore Mk.I	<p><b>69Sqn. RAF.</b> Missing from reconnaissance over Ionian Sea.</p> <p>Took off from Luqa at 06:50 to carry out a sea patrol, and subsequently failed to return. Plane and crew lost without trace.</p> <p>P/O Arthur Hedley PATRICK (P) 65571 MIA F/Sgt Allen Dawe HARRIS (N) AUS407119 RAAF MIA Sgt. William Dennis WARBURTON (W/Ag) 1100943 MIA Sgt. Ernest Charles SANDERS (Ag) 1382510 MIA All commemorated on the Malta Memorial.</p> <p>cn.1457</p>
<b>1943</b>				
1	20/07/43	<b>FA292/O</b>	Baltimore Mk.III	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Crashed into sea off Crete.</p> <p>Sgt. A.J KING 1237225 RAF (P) KIA Sgt. L.J.S JAQUES 1534425 RAF (N). KIA Sgt. J.B AITKIN 656651 RAF (W/Ag) KIA Sgt. R.W PLUCK 1332330 RAF (W/Ag) KIA</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30 cn.41-27874 to RAF as Baltimore IIIA FA292</p>
2	23/07/43	<b>AG869/U</b>	Baltimore Mk.III	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Lost in Crete. Operation Thesis.</p> <p>Lost without trace and although an initial SOS was received from Doug Blomley's crew (FA247) and the position fixed on the south coast of Crete west of Ierapetra, nothing further was heard.</p> <p>W/O Francis Paul BAYLY 407402 RAAF (P) KIA W/O Louis Willis MOON 401011 RAAF (N) KIA W/O Donald Bruce GILES 407498 RAAF (W/Ag) KIA W/O John Endacott GODDARD 406692 RAAF (W/Ag) KIA</p> <p>cn. 1609</p>



3	23/07/43	<b>AG995</b>	Baltimore Mk.III	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Lost in Crete. Operation Thesis.</p> <p>S/Ldr. L.H FOLKARD 40102 RAF (P) POW          F/O W.W DYER 117015 RAF (N) POW          W/O Keith Stewart WEDGEWOOD 401260 RAAF (W/Ag) KIA          F/O D.F HUTCHINSON 403691 (W/Ag) POW</p> <p>cn. 1737</p>
4	23/07/43	<b>FA224</b>	Baltimore Mk.IIIA	<p><b>454Sqn.</b> MIA on mission to Crete. Operation Thesis.          Lost without trace and although an initial SOS was received from Doug Blomley's crew (FA247) and the position fixed on the south coast of Crete west of Ierapetra, nothing further was heard.</p> <p>W/O Geoffrey William HARNETT 400987 RAAF (P) KIA          F/O John Frederick RICH 400998 RAAF (N) KIA          F/O Christopher Frederick COX 407493 RAAF (W/Ag) KIA          W/O Ronald Oswald HARRIS 401624 RAAF (W/Ag) KIA</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-27806 to RAF as Baltimore IIIA FA224</p>
5	23/07/43	<b>FA247</b>	Baltimore Mk.IIIA	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> MIA on mission to Crete. Operation Thesis.</p> <p>P/O L.D BLOMLEY 141732 RAFVR (P) KIA          P/O John FLETCHER 401188 (N) KIA          F/Sgt. Edgar Francis BAKER 403248 (W/Ag) KIA          P/O Beresford Stanley REILLY 401583 (W/Ag) KIA</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-27829 to RAF as Baltimore IIIA FA247.</p>
6	23/07/43	<b>FA390/A</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Hit by flak, over Kastelli, and ditched offshore Crete. Salvaged in surf. Operation Thesis.</p> <p>F/Sgt. R.G AKHURST 149940 DFM RAF (P) Safe          Sgt. E.S NICTERLEIN 407814 (N) Safe          F/Sgt. R.H. LAWRENCE 406677 (W/Ag) Safe          F/Sgt. J.H BASTIAN 406685 (W/Ag) Safe</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-27972 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA390.</p>
7	23/07/43	<b>FA409</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> MIA on mission to Crete. Operation Thesis.          Lost without trace and although an initial SOS was received from Doug Blomley's crew (FA247) and the position fixed on the south coast of Crete west of Ierapetra, nothing further was heard.</p> <p>F/O C.A IRVINE NZ411409 RNZAF (P) POW          F/O Arthur Frederick BETTERIDGE 400772 (N) KIA          F/Sgt. M.F McLURG 404378 (W/Ag) POW          F/Sgt. D.W BAKER NZ404044 RNZAF (W/Ag) POW</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A cn. 41-27991 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA409.</p>

8	14/08/43	<b>FA238</b>	Baltimore Mk.IIIA	<b>203Sqn. RAF.</b> Hit water taking evasive action off Greek coast. DBR. USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-27820 to RAF as Baltimore IIIA FA238.
9	17/09/43	<b>FA428</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	? <b>Sqn.</b> Crashed into Aegean Sea. USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-28010 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA428.
10	17/09/43	<b>FA649</b>	Baltimore Mk.III	<b>15SAAF.</b> Crashed on Astipalaia. F/L Theodore Dufton ALEXANDER 542272V Age 20 KIA F/L John Hornbrook COCK 314189V Age 17 KIA F/L S. MEYER 103955V Age 23 KIA F/Sgt. J.A MYBURGH 206020V KIA USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-28231 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA649.
11	21/09/43	<b>FA574/S</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Missing Aegean. Sgt. P.S KENNEDY 413609 (P) POW Sgt. A.F LIEBICH 416220 (N) POW Sgt. N FISHER 406979 (W/Ag) KIA Sgt. J.A GANLY 414481 (W/Ag) POW USAAF Martin A-30A cn. 41-28156 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA574.
12	02/10/43	<b>FA360</b>	Baltimore Mk.IIIA	<b>15SAAF.</b> Missing on reconnaissance over Aegean. F/L Florizel Oxley GRIFFIN 206659V Age 21 KIA F/L Arthur Abraham LEWIN 103674V Age 28 KIA 2 crew members unknown USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-27942 to RAF as Baltimore IIIA FA360.
13	05/10/43	<b>FA557</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<b>203Sqn. RAF.</b> Crashed into Aegean sea. Sgt. H.W ROBINSON 905788 RAFVR and his crew ? P.A.W GWYNNE 61951 RAFVR ? G.W BRIDGEWATER 950835 RAFVR ? R.E DODDINGTON 1257520 RAFVR USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-28139 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA557.
14	24/10/43	<b>FA483/B</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<b>13Sqn. RHAF.</b> MIA on mission to Crete. Offensive reconnaissance off Cape Lithinos, Kavos Muros and Gavdos, Crete. Took off at 10:07 piloted by F/O N Coskinas, RHAF, and was ditched near the island of Gavdos on being shot down. The RNZAF wireless operator-air gunner and an RHAF airman, both wounded, sank with the aircraft. Coskinas and the fourth crew member, also of the RHAF, survived and were captured. The New Zealander is commemorated on the Alamein Memorial.

				<p>Ήταν ένα από τα τέσσερα πρώτα Baltimore που παρέλαβε η Μοίρα το Σεπτέμβριο του 1943.          Το αεροσκάφος εκτελούσε αποστολή έρευνας και προσβολή στόχων στη Νότια Κρήτη και κατάρριφθηκε από αντι-αεροπορικά πυρά στη φάση βομβαρδισμού στόχων στο λιμάνι της Γαύδου.          Έχασαν τη ζωή τους:</p> <p>Έφεδρος Ανθυποσημηναγός ΠΟΛΥΜΕΝΑΚΟΣ Παναγιώτης του Κωνσταντίνου 24 ετών, βομβ/στής και          W/O Graham Nelson BANKS, (W/Ag) NZ411736 RNZAF - Age 25</p> <p>Οι δύο άλλοι ως αιχμάλωτοι εστάλησαν στη Γερμανία:          Υποσημηναγός, ΚΟΣΚΙΝΑΣ Νικόλαος, κυβερνήτης, και          ΤΣΙΡΙΚΟΓΛΟΥ Παναγιώτης, πλοηγός.</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-28065 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA483.</p>
15	28/10/43	<b>FA458</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>15SAAF.</b> Missing from sweep over Aegean Sea.</p> <p>F/L Charles Murray de Villiers BOOYSEN 328725V Age 19 KIA          F/L Ian M MEIRING 205714V Age 23 KIA          W/O Izak H POTGIETER 279828V Age 19 KIA          4<sup>th</sup> crew member unknown. KIA</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A cn. 41-28040 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA458.</p>
16	28/10/43	<b>FA659</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>15SAAF.</b> Missing on antishiping sweep over Aegean Sea.</p> <p>Captain Petrus A VAN VELZEN P/102692V Age 24 KIA          W/O Christeen J RABIE 577388V Age 20 KIA          F/L Geoffrey Clifford GEERDTS 102541V Age 21 KIA          F/L Edward A THOMAS 328911V KIA</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A-MA cn. 41-28241 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA659.</p>
17	28/10/43	<b>FA525</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>? Sqn.</b> Missing from anti-shipping sweep over Aegean Sea.          All crew KIA.          USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-28107 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA525.</p>
18	08/11/43	<b>FA523/W</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Missing from shipping reconnaissance near Naxos.</p> <p>They reported sighting enemy forces during a morning patrol and were later spotted by another Baltimore, but that was the last sighting. Lost without trace.</p> <p>F/O William M 'Jock' CLARKSON, RAFVR (Pilot) 133764 KIA.          F/O Douglas Victor MANSELL, RAFVR (Nav.) 135913. KIA.          Sgt. Thomas Norman GIBSON, RAFVR (WOP/AG) 1385020 KIA.          Sgt. Charles Edward ROY LANE, RAFVR (WOP/AG) 1314918 KIA.          All commemorated on Alamein Memorial, Egypt.</p>

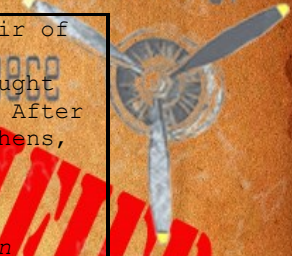
				USAAF Martin A-30A cn. 41-28105 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA523.
19	10/11/43	<b>FA669/O</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Lost on mission over the Aegean Sea. in Greece After carrying out a photo recce of the Stampalia &amp; Cos area, reported sighting an invasion fleet of 14 landing craft escorted by seven aircraft.</p> <p>F/Sgt J.H JOINER 409204 (P) KIA F/Sgt J GILVARRY 414222 (N) KIA F/Sgt J.A.H MAY 420230 (W/Ag) KIA F/Sgt D.S NEST 420248 (W/Ag) KIA</p>
20	13/11/43	<b>FA446</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p>USAAF Martin A-30A cn 41-28251 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA669.</p> <p>? Sqn. MIA on mission to island of Kos, Greece. USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-28028 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA446.</p>
21	19/11/43	<b>FA672</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Lost near Crete, after reporting engine trouble.</p> <p>Sgt. C FROST 1433361 RAF (P) KIA Sgt. F.A CHEETHAM 1437917 RAF (N) KIA Sgt. D BUMFREY 1128115 RAF (W/Ag) KIA Sgt. H.R PEEL 1129991 RAF (W/Ag) KIA</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A cn 41-28254 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA672.</p>
22	22/11/43	<b>FA656</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>15SAAF.</b> Collided with FA667 and ditched in Aegean. Ditched in Aegean Sea after collision with Baltimore FA667 (41-28249) USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-28238 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA656.</p>
23	22/11/43	<b>FA667</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>15SAAF.</b> Collided with FA656 and ditched in Aegean. Ditched in Aegean Sea after collision with Baltimore FA656 (41-28238) USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-28249 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA667.</p>
24	29/11/43	<b>FA602</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Shot down near Island of Cos, Aegean Sea.</p> <p>F/O K.E ADAMSON 409785 (P) KIA F/O A.P.S MILLIGAN 141561 RAF (N) KIA F/Sgt. G.E MARLAND 415544 (W/Ag) KIA F/Sgt. F.L.W PRITCHARD 416995 (W/Ag) KIA</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A cn. 41-28184 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA602.</p> <p>Claimed by Ltn. Hannes "Hans" Loffler of 7./JG 27 East of Insel Kos. Bf-109</p>
25	03/12/43	<b>FW282/P</b>	Baltimore Mk.V	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Missing over Aegean. Shot by ME-109 and ditched 300 yards from the northern shore of Antikythera.</p> <p>P/O (later F/L) William Alroy Hugh 'Alan' HORSLEY, (P) 403828</p>





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				<p>RAAF. POW at Stalag Luft III. P/O Colin William WALKER, (W/Ag.) 403291 RAAF KIA. W/O John 'Shorty' GARTSIDE, (W/Ag.) NZ 404599 RNZAF KIA. F/L Leslie Norman ROW, (N) 117013 RAEVR KIA.</p> <p>Upon release from POW camp, Horsley was finally able to recount what happened. Whilst photographing part of the coast of Greece, two Me-109s located our aircraft and approached but we avoided action and later secured photographs. After despatching reports by radio we lost altitude and flew low level near the sea and altered course near Seriphos to avoid giving our location. When in sight of Kythera two more Me-109s with long-range tanks approached from the direction of Crete. We prepared for action. The Me-109s delivered seven attacks, during which the aircraft was set on fire in the port wing, the intercommunications systems destroyed, and Pilot Officer Walker and Warrant Officer Gartside wounded - extent unknown. Avoiding action had taken us nearer Antikythera; two avenues lay open:</p> <p>1) to crash land on Antikythera, and 2) to ditch nearby.</p> <p>I decided on the latter and indicated to my crew who answered with visual signals (thumbs up). I then jettisoned the top hatch, and F/L Row opened his hatch immediately in front of me. I then throttled back for precautionary landing and selected a spot on the northern shore of the island which appeared broken, and afforded a possible spot to land. When the aircraft landed on the sea, I hit my head on the front part of the open hatch, having raised my seat for landing. When I regained consciousness the aircraft was submerged at the nose, and sea water was up to my neck. I released my safety harness, stood up and the aircraft submerged under me. I swam over the spot where the aircraft submerged, but no-one else left the aircraft, which sank in deep water about 300 yards from the northern shore of Antikythera. I then swam to shore in full sight of the spot until picked up by some fishermen from Antikythera.</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A-10-MA cn. 43-8439 to RAF as Baltimore V FW282.</p>
26	04/12/43	<b>FA548/R</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Shot down by ME-109 while on patrol over the Aegean Sea near Greece.</p> <p>F/L David Valentine PAUL (Pilot) DFC 403215 RAAF POW W/O George Townson AGG (N) 400954 RAAF POW W/O Jim RENNIE (W/Ag) 645357 RAF POW W/O Ralph Mervyn SIMPSON (W/Ag) 406684 RAAF. He was seen to parachute out, but not heard from again, so presumed KIA.</p> <p>They were on a recce near Laurion harbour when attacked by two Me-</p>



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				<p>109's. They ditched and were subsequently picked up by a pair of German Arado Ar-196 seaplanes. The Me-109's gun fire hit the starboard wing and the port fuel tank, which subsequently caught alight. Turret gunner Simpson had bailed out, but was lost. After rescue and initial interrogation, the three were taken to Athens, then Salonika and finally into a Stalag in Germany.</p> <p>From Janete Agg, daughter of W/O George Agg:  <i>My Dad, George Townson Agg, was a Navigator on a 454 Squadron aircraft shot down on 4 Dec 1943. He ended up in POW camp with all of the crew, except for the one crew member who bailed out instead of staying with the plane when it ditched. The aircraft was FA578 (from Dad's log book, recovered when he got out of POW camp), pilot was Dave Paul - there is information about him at</i>  <a href="http://www.awm.gov.au/sites/default/files/2011_007_06_BACKGROUNDER%20DAVID%20PAUL%20DFC_4.pdf">http://www.awm.gov.au/sites/default/files/2011_007_06_BACKGROUNDER%20DAVID%20PAUL%20DFC_4.pdf</a>  <i>A couple of bits from Dad's diary note at 9:40 am on that day said:</i>  <i>"Shot down by two Me109F East of Keos. After ditching &amp; going down with plane - swam to the surface &amp; through burning petrol. We were picked up by two Arado 196. ..."</i>  <i>"Jimmie burnt a bit but rest of us (Dave &amp; I) OK. (No news of Ralph)."</i></p> <p><i>Some websites have the aircraft that they were shot down in as FA548, and this matches with</i>  <a href="http://www.joebaugher.com/usaf_serials/1941_4.html">http://www.joebaugher.com/usaf_serials/1941_4.html</a>.  <i>Although Dad's logbook says FA578, it was filled in by someone other than Dad, after the aircraft went missing. It may be that whoever filled it in did so incorrectly, and that when Dad got his log book back after the war, he didn't remember, or check that the number was correct. The OTHER sources of information as quoted at</i>  <a href="http://www.454-459squadrons.org.au/454members/pauld.html">http://www.454-459squadrons.org.au/454members/pauld.html</a> .</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A cn. 41-28130 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA548.</p>
27	12/12/43	<b>FA527</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>15SAAF</b>. Missing from offensive sweep Aegean.</p> <p>F/L C.A.E CHADWICK 206388V KIA          F/L John William FOREST 328239V Age 27 KIA          F/L Clifford Graham HEHER 103784V Age 25 KIA          F/L I.D MURRAY 212438V Age 22 KIA</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-28109 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA527.</p>
28	13/12/43	<b>FW315/F</b>	Baltimore Mk.V	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF</b>. Lost over the Aegean Sea.</p> <p>F/O D TODHUNTER 403230 (P) KIA</p>



				<p>P/O R.C.K ANDERSON 400956 (N) KIA  W/O R.R DONALDSON 407146 (W/Ag) KIA  W/O W.G WARD 407979 (W/Ag) KIA</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A-10-MA cn.43-8472 to RAF as Baltimore V FW315.</p> <p>Claimed by Major Ernst Düllberg Stab III./JG 27 S. Georgios.  Knights cross. 45 victories.</p>
29	30/12/43	<b>FA559</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Lost on patrol over the Aegean Sea.</p> <p>F/Sgt. A PATERSON 411180 (P) KIA  F/O D.N ARMITAGE 142457 RAF (N) KIA  F/Sgt. C.E McEVOY 415540 (W/Ag) KIA  F/Sgt. L.K NICHOLL 415383 (W/Ag) KIA</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A cn.41-28141 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA559.</p> <p>Possible claimed by Ofw. Moycis Rudolf of 7./JG 27 North of insel Crete, the date that this claim is mentioned in some sources is 31/12/43</p>
<b>1944</b>				
1	20/02/44	<b>FA554</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p>454Sqn. RAAF, <b>15SAAF.</b> Shot down by fighter Leros.</p> <p>W/O Patrick Brougham McNEILL 573006V Age 19 KIA  F/L Peter Carel de Bruyn OTTO (P) 103649V Age 23 KIA  F/L C. DU TOIT 327508V Age 19 KIA  F/L G.R COOK POW.</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A cn.41-28136 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA554.</p> <p>Claimed by Uffz. Günter Striebel of 7./JG 27 20 km southeast of Rhodes just over the sea at 0910</p>
2	22/02/44	<b>FW329</b>	Baltimore Mk.V	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Missing while shadowing convoy S of Melos.</p> <p>F/Sgt. B.E RAWLINGS 413504 (P) KIA  W/O D.H PADMAN 415218 (N) KIA  F/Sgt. T KING 420798 (W/Ag) KIA  W/O G.R BARKER 413941 (W/Ag) KIA</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A-10-MA cn.43-8486 to RAF as Baltimore V FW329</p> <p>Claimed by Ltn. Hans-Gunnar Culemann of 7/JG 27 NNW of Iraclion 500m 12:25.</p>
3	23/02/44	<b>FA471</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>15SAAF.</b> MIA on mission to Candia, Crete.  One of two Baltimores on a long range shipping reconnaissance of</p>



				<p>Iraklion (Candia) Bay, Crete, Greece. Attacked at 0812 hrs, by five Me 109 fighters off Dhia Island, Crete. This aircraft was last seen heading 040 and flying into low cloud. Failed to return to base, almost certainly shot down by these fighters.</p> <p>W/O Guy VAN ALPHEN (W/Ag) 572187V Age 21 KIA  W/O O.C SPARGO (W/Ag) 544027V Age 25 KIA  F/L Neville St. Leger SEATON (Nav.) 542404V KIA  F/L Cecil Peter PEACHEY (P) 180275V KIA</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30 cn.41-28053 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA471.</p> <p>Claimed by Ltn. Hayessen, Hans Joachim "Hayo" of 7/JG 27 East of Dia Nordkuste Kreta 07:28</p>
4	27/02/44	<b>FA499/U</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Missing on reconnaissance, believed ditched 150nm SW of Cape Matapan.</p> <p>F/O A.W DAWE 416940 (P) KIA  W/O J ROWE 415359 (N) KIA  F/Sgt. J.A SIEBERT 416897 (W/Ag) KIA  F/Sgt. R.D WILLIAMS 415370 (W/Ag) KIA</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A cn. 41-28081 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA499.</p>
5	03/03/44	<b>FW300</b>	Baltimore Mk.V	<p><b>454sqn. RAAF.</b> The aircraft ditched approximately 10 miles south of Melos Island.</p> <p>F/Sgt. Allan Wilfred Joseph KEMPNIICH, MID, 413608 RAAF (P) KIA.  W/O John Edward STAPLETON, 416898 RAAF (W/Ag) KIA.  F/Sgt. Francis James BROWN, 421787 RAAF (N) POW.  W/O Jack Dudley SEYMOUR, 409187 RAAF (W/Ag) POW.</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A-10-MA cn.43-8457 to RAF as Baltimore V FW300.</p> <p>Claimed by Ltn. Hans-Gunnar Culemann of 7/JG 27 at 09.35 50km vor insel Milos 50m.</p>
6	03/03/44	<b>FA601/N</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>454sqn. RAAF.</b> Missing on mission to Suda bay Crete. Flying Officer Scott flew to Suda Bay, and no signal of any kind has been received from him. An O-A - enemy fighter signal - was received from Flight Sergeant Kempnich (FW300), after which nothing was heard. It seems fairly obvious that he was shot down. In Flying Officer Scott's case the probability is that he was attacked so suddenly that he had no chance to send out a message. It was his third trip into the Aegean.</p> <p>F/O Frank Neville SCOTT, 143288 RAFVR (P) Age 25 KIA.  F/O Arthur LEWIS, 144611 RAFVR (N) KIA.  F/O Edward Vincent MAGEE, 16162 RAFVR (W/Ag) KIA.</p>



				<p>Sgt. Walter Percy CULLEN, 657499 RAF (W/Ag). KIA.</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A cn.41-28183 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA601.</p> <p>Claimed by Uffz. Hans Giese of 7/JG 27 at 09.07 N Cape Sparta.</p>
7	02/04/44	<b>FW404</b>	Baltimore Mk.V	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Missing on reconnaissance off Leros.</p> <p>Setting off on a recce of Leros at 05:00, nothing was ever heard of the crew and it was believed they flew into the water before first light.</p> <p>F/O Harold Edward JARVIS, RAAF (P) 417083 KIA.</p> <p>F/O Robert "Bob" John BROWNING, RAAF (N) 420533 KIA.</p> <p>W/O Andrew HAMILTON, RAAF (W/Ag) 412433 KIA.</p> <p>W/O Bernard "Bernie" George STOKES, RAAF (W/Ag) 413447 KIA.</p> <p>All commemorated on Alamein Memorial, Egypt.</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A-10-MA cn. 43-8561 to RAF as Baltimore V FW404.</p>
8	02/06/44	<b>FW399/T</b>	Baltimore Mk.V	<p><b>454Sqn. RAAF.</b> Missing off Crete.</p> <p>W/O G.W LIEELS 420215 (P) KIA</p> <p>F/O E.E QUINLAN 425216 (N) KIA</p> <p>W/O M.J.G SCHULTZ 410818 (W/Ag) KIA</p> <p>F/O M.C SHORT 417242 (W/Ag) KIA</p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30A-10-MA cn. 43-8556 to RAF as Baltimore V FW399.</p>
9	18/12/44	<b>FA563</b>	Baltimore Mk.IV	<p><b>13Sqn. RHAF.</b> Dove into ground at Tzumaides, Crete.</p> <p>Συνετρίβει στο οροπέδιο Λασιθίου Κρήτης κοντά στο χωριό Τζερμιάδα.</p> <p>Ανθυποσμηναγός, ΚΩΣΤΗΣ Ευάγγελος του Νικολάου, κυβερνήτης, από τον Οξύλινο Ευβοίας, γεννήθηκε το 1920.</p> <p>Επισμηνίας, ΔΙΚΑΙΟΣ Αλέξανδρος, ναυτίλος, από την Αλεξάνδρεια, γεννήθηκε το 1917.</p> <p>Ανθυποσμηναγός, ΤΖΕΝΑΚΗΣ Ιπποκράτης, ασυρματιστής πολυβολητής, από το Τζερμιάδα Λασιθίου Κρήτης, γεννήθηκε το 1917.</p> <p>Επισμηνίας ΚΟΥΛΕΠΑΚΗΣ Βασίλειος, πυροβολητής αέρος, από την Αλεξάνδρεια, γεννήθηκε το 1924.</p> <p>Στο αεροσκάφος επέβαιναν εκτός του πληρώματος και δυο ακόμη στρατιωτικοί</p> <p>α. Άγγλος στρατιώτης T. Morris 79471, 5 BS Μονάδας.</p> <p>β. Άγγλος στρατιώτης Πυροβολικού 1140131 RSTR Parent Unit RA Field</p> <p>Κανείς δεν επιβίωσε της συντριβής.</p> <p>Περισσότερες πληροφορίες στο</p> <p><a href="http://www.patris.gr/articles/48901?PHPSESSID=#.U N4NGOtIoo">http://www.patris.gr/articles/48901?PHPSESSID=#.U N4NGOtIoo</a></p> <p>USAAF Martin A-30 cn. 41-28145 to RAF as Baltimore IV FA563.</p>



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**UNCONFIRMED CLAIMS ON BALTIMORES BY LUFTWAFFE PILOTS:**

23 Apr 1944	Hans-Joachim Hayessen	7./JG 27	Baltimore	800m	07:28	bei Insel Dia (vor Kreta)
24 Jan 1944	Franz Busen	7./JG 27	Baltimore	Low Level	10:26	40km S Gaudurra (Rhodes)
24 Jan 1944	Franz Busen	7./JG 27	Baltimore	2000m	10:26	40km S. Gaudurra (Rhodes)

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