

## Απώλειες Bristol Blenheim στην Ελλάδα 1940-1941

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Ο κατάλογος αφορά σε αεροσκάφη τύπου Bristol Blenheim που απωλέσθηκαν στην Ελληνική επικράτεια και τα τότε όριά της. Τα περισσότερα αεροσκάφη αυτού του τύπου καταρρίφθηκαν επί εδάφους.

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

**RAF:** 11Sqn. 14Sqn. 18Sqn. 30Sqn. 45Sqn. 84Sqn. 113Sqn. 203Sqn. 211Sqn. **RHAF:** 32Sqn. (32MB Μοίρα Βομβαρδισμού)

### Bristol Blenheim variants (Marks)

**Blenheim Mk. I** Three-seat twin-engined light bomber, powered by two 840 hp (630 kW) Bristol Mercury VIII radial piston engines, armed with a 0.303 in (7.7 mm) machine gun in the port wing, plus a 0.303 in (7.7 mm) Vickers K gun in the dorsal turret, maximum bombload 1,000 lb (450 kg). 1,552 built. Company designation Type 142M.

**Blenheim Mk. IF** Night fighter version, equipped with an AI Mk III or Mk IV airborne interceptor radar, armed with four 0.303 in (7.7 mm) machine guns in a special gun pack under the fuselage. About 200 Blenheim Mk Is were converted into Mk IF night fighters.

**Blenheim Mk. II** Long range reconnaissance version with extra fuel tankage. Only one Blenheim Mk II was built.

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**Blenheim Mk. III** Projected variant of Bristol Blenheim Mk.I with Bristol Blenheim Mk.IV long nose but without extra fuel tankage of Mk IV.

**Blenheim Mk. IV** Improved version, fitted with protective armour, powered by two 905 hp (675 kW) Bristol Mercury XV radial piston engines, armed with a 0.303 in (7.7 mm) machine gun in the port wing, plus two 0.303 in (7.7 mm) machine-guns in a powered operated dorsal turret, and two remotely controlled rearward-firing 0.303 in (7.7 mm) machine gun mounted beneath the nose, maximum bombload 1,000 lb (450 kg) internally and 320 lb (150 kg) externally. 3,307 built.

**Blenheim Mk. IVF** Long-range fighter version, armed with four 0.303 in (7.7 mm) machine guns in special gun pack under the fuselage. About 60 Blenheim Mk IVs were converted into Mk IVF fighters.

**Blenheim Mk. V** High-altitude bomber version, powered by two Bristol Mercury XV or XXV radial piston engines.

#### Ακρωνύμια - Συντομογραφίες

**AA** Anti-Aircraft

**A/C** Aircraft

**Ag** Air Gunner

**Bf-109 or Me-109** German Aircraft type Messerschmitt

**CR.42** Italian Aircraft type FIAT CR 42 Falco

**DBR** Damaged Beyond Repair

**DFC** Distinguished Flying Cross

**DFM** Distinguished Flying Medal

**F/L** Flight Lieutenant

**F/O** Flight Officer

**F/Sgt.** Flight Sergeant

**FTR** Failed to Return

**G.50** Italian Aircraft type FIAT G 50 Freccia

**JG** Jagdeschwader

**JU.88** German Aircraft type Junkers Ju 88

**KIA** Killed In Action

**LAC** Leading Aircraftman

**LG** Landing Ground

**Ltn** Lieutenant

**ME** Middle East

**Bf-110 or ME-110** German Aircraft type Messerschmitt

**MC.200** Italian Aircraft type Macchi C.200 Saetta

**MC.202** Italian Aircraft type Macchi C.202 Folgore

**MIA** Missing In Action

**Mk** Mark

**M/V** Motor Vessel or Military vessel

**N** Navigator

**Oblt** Oberleutnant

**Ofw or Obfw** Oberfeldwebel

**ORB** Operations Record Book

**P** Pilot **P/O** Pilot Officer

**POW** Prisoner of War

**R.A** Regia Aeronautica

**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

**RTB** Return to base

**SAAF** South African Air Force

**Sgt.** Sergeant

**S/Ldr.** Squadron Leader

**SOC** Struck off Charge

**Sqn** Squadron

**u/c** Undercarriage

**Uffz** Unteroffizier

**USAAF** United States Army Air Force

**u/s** Unserviceable

**W/Ag** Wireless operator/Air Gunner

**W/Cdr.** Wing Commander

**W/O** Warrant Officer

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Bristol Blenheim Mk.I 'UQ-D' L8376 "The Porpoise" of No. 211 Squadron RAF,  
on the ground at Paramythia, Greece. © IWM (ME(RAF) 2598



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A/A	Date	Serial/Code	Type/Mark	History/Crew/Remarks
<b>1940</b>				
1	03/06/40	?	Blenheim Mk.?	<b>32MB (Μοίρα Βομβαρδισμού) RHAF</b> Crashed in bad weather along with a Fairey-III DBR Almyros, Magnesia, 5 km SW Nea Anchialos AFB Fatalities: 0
2	14/11/40	<b>L1378</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>84Sqn.</b> Missing from attack on Koritsa area. Attacking troops at Koritza, shot down by Fiat CR 42s.  Crew: Sgt. William Frederick Sidaway (P) 565797 RAF Age 25 KIA. Sgt. Arthur James William Friend (N) 812272 RAAF Age 19 KIA. Sgt. Clifford Philip Hoare (W/Ag) 751805 RAFVR Age 25 KIA.
3	14/11/40	?	Blenheim Mk.?	<b>32MB (Μοίρα Βομβαρδισμού) RHAF.</b>  Σμηναγός ΣΤΑΜΑΤΙΟΣ ΧΑΡΑΛΑΜΠΟΥΣ του Νικολάου: Γεννήθηκε στη Μαλεσίνα Φθιώτιδας το 1918. Σμηναγός ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ ΠΑΠΑΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ του Θεοδώρου: Γεννήθηκε στην Αράχωβα Λακωνίας το 1909. Σκοτώθηκε στις 14 Νοεμβρίου 1940, Ανθυποσμηναγός ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΣ ΚΟΥΛΗΣ του Γεωργίου: Γεννήθηκε στη Νάουσα Ημαθίας το 1918.  Σκοτώθηκαν στις 14 Νοεμβρίου 1940, όταν επιστρέφοντας από επιτυχή αποστολή βομβαρδισμού εναντίον του αεροδρομίου της Κορυτσάς, το αεροσκάφος Blenheim στο οποίο επέβαιναν, χτυπήθηκε από εχθρικό πυροβόλο προστασίας του αεροδρομίου και εξερράγη στον αέρα.  Πηγή: Αυτοί ήταν οι ηρωικοί αεροπόροι που έπεσαν στο μέτωπο το 1940   Ειδήσεις και νέα με άποψη <a href="http://www.iefimerida.gr/node/74064#ixzz3CEHfH9bC">http://www.iefimerida.gr/node/74064#ixzz3CEHfH9bC</a>

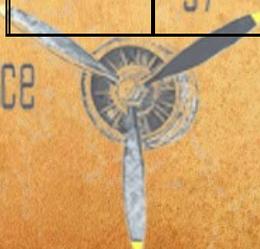


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4	15/11/40	<b>L1120</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>30Sqn.</b> Crash-landed N.E of Koritsa, Greece.  Damaged by CR.42 of Sergente Maggiore Domenico Tufano 393a Sqn. R.A & crash landed in flames.  Crew: Sgt. Eric Borlase Childs (P) 566516 RAF Age 22 KIA. Sgt. Donald Stott (N) 526089 RAF Age 23 KIA. Sgt. John George Stewart (W/Ag) 566189 RAF Age 24 KIA.
5	15/11/40	<b>L1389</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>84Sqn.</b> Missing from attack on Koritsa area. Attacking bridges and troop concentrations near Koritza the aircraft flew into a mountain.  Crew: F/L Arthur Frederick Mudie (P) 40558 RAF Age 22 KIA. F/Sgt. Edward Harry Lord (W/Ag) 365751 RAF Age 32 KIA. LAC William John Stockwell Chick (W/Ag) 538738 RAF KIA.
6	21/11/40	<b>L1166</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>30Sqn.</b> Lost in bad weather during reconnaissance mission. Ran out of fuel returning from Tepeleni; bellylanded successfully on beach, Zagora, Greece.
7	24/11/40	<b>L8511</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>84Sqn, 211Sqn.</b> Missing Durazzo (on the Adriatic coast of Albania). First reported missing later [reported] at Corfu where they had force-landed with u/c up due to hydraulic gear being rendered u/s when a/c was hit twice with AA shells.  Badly damaged crash landed on a beach in Corfu. No-one injured, the crew were "richly feted by Greek villagers" before getting back to the squadron some time in Nov 1940.  Crew: S/Ldr. James Richard Gordon-Finlayson (GF or "The Bish") (P) DFC 36078 RAF. P/O Gerald Davies (N) 44072 RAF. P/O Arthur Charles Geary (W/Ag) DFC 79188 RAF.
8	28/11/40	<b>L1385</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>84Sqn.</b> Missing Durazzo.  Crew: P/O "Dicky" Bird, R. (P) POW. Sgt. Davies, S. (N) POW. Sgt. Scott, E. (W/Ag) POW. Died later of a throat infection.

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9	01/12/40	<b>K7103</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>30Sqn.</b> Iced up, engines cut, spun through cloud, force landed near Khalkis.
10	02/12/40	<b>L8466</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>211Sqn.</b> Force landed at Araxos, Greece, on return from raid to Valona. Force-landed at 1600 hours at Araxos on return journey.  1305 hours. Nine aircraft bombed the Power House, ammunition dumps and the harbour at Valona. It was a successful raid, bombs being observed to burst on the jetty and among buildings. Fires were started and one building was demolished. The leading flight was attacked by enemy fighters and in the ensuing fight one CR 42 was last seen going down vertically with its engine on fire as a result of our rear gunners' cross fire.  Crew: P/O Pickersgill Sgt Taylor Sgt Duffy.
11	05/12/40	<b>?</b>	Blenheim Mk.?	<b>30Sqn.</b> Hit by AA force landed on return. Southwest of Agrinio.
12	06/12/40	<b>K7100</b>	Blenheim Mk.IF	<b>30Sqn.</b> FTR, damaged by ground fire, force landed on Corfu (Karousades).
13	07/12/40	<b>L1535</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>55Sqn, 211Sqn.</b> Flew into hills near Lamia, Greece.  1300 hours. Nine aircraft armed with 250lb bombs took off at 07:10 hours to bomb shipping at Valona. One fairly large vessel received a direct hit and bombs burst near others.  The operation was repeated, aircraft taking off at 1300 hours. This time the aircraft met extremely rough weather with low cloud over the hills and severe icing conditions. Only two of our aircraft reached their objectives and these were intercepted by enemy fighters which prevented observation of results. Five aircraft returned without having reached their target, the remaining two crashing into hills on the outward journey. The crew found near aircraft and were buried at Lamia by the Greek Orthodox church.  Crew:



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				P/O Guy Inglis "The Airedale" Jerdein (P) 42312 RAF Age 22 KIA. Sgt. James Ernest "Jimmy" Barber (N) 746793 RAFVR Age 21 KIA. Sgt. John Munro (W/Ag) 638862 RAF Age 21 KIA.
14	07/12/40	<b>L4926</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	45Sqn, <b>211Sqn</b> . Flew into hills near Agrinion, Greece. 1300 hours. Nine aircraft armed with 250lb bombs took off at 07:10 hours to bomb shipping at Valona. One fairly large vessel received a direct hit and bombs burst near others.  The operation was repeated, aircraft taking off at 1300 hours. This time the aircraft met extremely rough weather with low cloud over the hills and severe icing conditions. Only two of our aircraft reached their objectives and these were intercepted by enemy fighters which prevented observation of results. Five aircraft returned without having reached their target, the remaining two crashing into hills on the outward journey. Crew weres buried at Agrinion by the Greek Orthodox Church.  Crew: P/O P.L. Pickersgill (P) 41957 KIA. Sgt. H. Taylor (N) 745958 KIA. Sgt. H.A. Hallett (W/Ag) 650433 KIA.
15	07/12/40	<b>L8455</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>84Sqn</b> . Missing Valona (now Vlores in Albania). Shot down on interception by CR 42s of 150 Gruppo R.A.  Crew: F/L L.P. Cattell (P) Sgt. H.A.E. Taylor (N) Sgt. F.L. Carter (W/Ag)
16	07/12/40	<b>L8457</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>84Sqn</b> . Missing Valona. Shot down on interception by CR 42s of 150 Gruppo R.A.  Crew: Sgt. M.P. Cazalet (P) Sgt. K.J. Ridgewell (N) Sgt. Foster. (W/Ag) POW.
17	14/12/40	<b>L8514</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	84Sqn, <b>211Sqn</b> . Engine cut; tipped up on landing, Araxos, 14/12/40 and left Greece May 41  0725 hours. Nine aircraft raided Valona. Aircraft force-landed at Araxos on the return flight due to petrol

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				<p>shortage. Believed bogged and up on its nose.</p> <p>Crew: F/O Buchanan Sgt. Stack Sgt. Pattison</p>
18	22/12/40	<b>L4818</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<p><b>84Sqn.</b> FTR damaged by fighters while bombing Kucove oilfield; crash landed at base, Greece.</p> <p>Damaged by an Italian Fiat G.50 R.A over Kucera, Albania but landed safely in Greece. SOC.</p>
19	26/12/40	<b>L1482</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<p><b>211Sqn.</b> Damaged by fighters in raid on Valona, crash landed at Menidi, and abandoned.</p> <p>Aircraft landed with retracted undercarriage due to hydraulic system being rendered u/s by fighter action.</p> <p>Crew: P/O Herbert Sgt. Dunnet Sgt. Hughes</p>
20	30/12/40	<b>B252</b>	Blenheim Mk.?	<p><b>32MB (Μοίρα Βομβαρδισμού) RHAf.</b> Crashed on takeoff, bombs onboard exploded killing the crew. Greece. DBR.</p> <p>Αντισμήναρχος ΠΑΝΑΓΙΩΤΗΣ ΟΡΦΑΝΙΔΗΣ του Βασιλείου: Γεννήθηκε στην Αθήνα το 1908.</p> <p>Επισμηναγός ΜΙΧΑΗΛ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΑΚΗΣ του Ιωάννη: Γεννήθηκε στη Σπηλιά Χανίων το 1904.</p> <p>Ανθυποσμηναγός ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ ΓΚΙΚΑΣ του Ιωάννου: Γεννήθηκε στις Λεύκες Πάρου το 1911.</p> <p>Σκοτώθηκαν στις 30 Δεκεμβρίου 1940, όταν το αεροσκάφος στο οποίο επέβαιναν, κατέπεσε στο έδαφος μετά την απογείωση του από το αεροδρόμιο Καζακλαρ της Λάρισας, με αποτέλεσμα να εκραγούν οι βόμβες του.</p> <p>Πηγή: Αυτοί ήταν οι ηρωικοί αεροπόροι που έπεσαν στο μέτωπο το 1940   Ειδήσεις και νέα με άποψη <a href="http://www.iefimerida.gr/node/74064#ixzz3CEJN0TtT">http://www.iefimerida.gr/node/74064#ixzz3CEJN0TtT</a></p>
21	31/12/40	<b>L1540</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<p>55Sqn, <b>211Sqn.</b> Missing 20m S of Valona after fire.</p> <p>Nine aircraft bombed stores and store buildings South of Valona</p>

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		<b>UQ-P</b>		<p>Three CR 42s and one unidentified monoplane were encountered. The port engine of one of our aircraft caught fire at 7,000 feet 20 miles South of Valona. This aircraft left the formation and nothing further has been heard of it.</p> <p>Last seen by the Flight Leader Doudney (L8541) 20 miles South of Valona in flames but under control.</p> <p>Crew: Sgt. S.L. Bennett 74295 (P) MIA. Sgt. W.H. Tunstall 749318 (N) MIA. Sgt. L.R. France 580854 (W/Ag) MIA.</p>
<b>1941</b>				
1	01/04/41	<b>T2382</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<p><b>84Sqn.</b> Crashed at Kephissia, Greece, DBF, cause not known. Crashed during a routine flight.</p> <p>Crew: P/O Don J. Boehm 39453 RAAF. KIA Sgt. K.G Lee. KIA. LAC H. Jackson. KIA.</p>
2	06/01/41	<b>L1487</b> "The Maestro"	Blenheim Mk.I	<p><b>211Sqn.</b> Missing Valona.</p> <p>Nine aircraft took off from Menidi on the morning of 6 January 1941 to bomb the Valona foreshore from 4,000ft. The bombing was good, but the formation was met with intense accurate AA. Intercepted by six R.A Fiat G 50bis fighters they sought refuge in the cloud cover.</p> <p>Last seen in cloud near Valona, their aircraft had been hit in the starboard engine by fighter gunfire. With that engine dead and the port engine also losing power, Campbell was forced to ditch "Maestro" in the sea, South of the port area.</p> <p>The three crew members were able to get onto the wing of the floating aircraft but the dinghy failed to inflate. Campbell's leg was broken, his crew both injured.</p> <p>Beharrel was rescued by an Italian destroyer, while Campbell and Appleyard were able to swim ashore. All three were ultimately made captive and held in various PoW camps in Italy, including Campo PG78 at Sulmona</p> <p>Failed to return. Last seen South of Valona. Beharrell reported on Italian wireless as Prisoner of War.</p>

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				<p>Crew:  F/O R.D. (Bobby) Campbell (P) 41373 RNZAF POW.  Sgt. John H. Beharrel (N) 751077 POW.  Sgt. Ray "Apple" Appleyard (W/Ag) 613211 POW.  All three men survived to return to home and family.</p>
3	10/01/41	<b>L8501</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	55Sqn, 84Sqn, 211Sqn, 113Sqn, <b>84Sqn</b> . Ran out of fuel and crash-landed Araxos, DBR, presumed lost during evacuation.
4	02/02/41	<b>N3580</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>11Sqn</b> . Hit ridge on forced landing in bad weather 3m SE of Salonika and u/c collapsed; left Greece.
5	02/02/41	<b>T2235</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>11Sqn</b> . Missing over sea in icing conditions between Abu Sueir and Eleusis.
6	05/02/41	<b>L4833 VA-U</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<p><b>84Sqn</b>. Crash-landed Greece, DBR  Damaged on raid to Valona, crashed on single-engine landing at Menidi, starboard propeller entered cockpit killing pilot.  The aircraft suffered a failure of the port engine on landing at Minidi airfield with fatal consequences.</p> <p>Crew:  F/L R.A. Towgood (P) KIA. Buried in Greece.  Sgt. Somerville (N) Unhurt.  The air gunner was also unhurt.</p>
7	06/02/41	<b>L1393</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<p><b>84Sqn</b>. Ditched (near a small island) in golf of Corinth in bad weather (in very poor visibility) on return from Tepeleni.</p> <p>Crew:  F/O A. Nicholson (P) RAF Safe.  P/O Richard George Charles Day (N) 79746 RAFVR Drowned.  Sgt. Anthony John Hollist (W/Ag) 759073 RAFVR Age 19 MIA.</p>
8	13/02/41	<b>T2347</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<p><b>11Sqn</b>. Damaged by G.50 during raid on Berat, engine cut force landed, a/c abandoned.</p> <p>Crew:  P/O J. Hutchinson (P)  Sgt. J.F. Adamson  Sgt. W.T. Jackson  Sgt. O.L.G. Traherne</p>
9	18/02/41	<b>L6662</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	113Sqn, 203Sqn, <b>84Sqn</b> . Caught in slip stream on take-off, swung and u/c collapsed, Paramythia; abandoned on evacuation.

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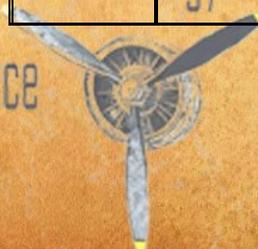
10	20/02/41	<b>L8542</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	? Sqn. Damaged by G.50s over Albania, 20/02/41 and returned Paramythia safely but a/c DBR; abandoned Greece, May 1941
11	21/02/41	<b>L1379</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	84Sqn. Engine cut on takeoff and u/c raised to stop. Paramythia, 21/02/41. DBR. Left behind in Greece 05/41.
12	23/02/41	<b>T2388</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	11Sqn. Lost height in icing conditions and flew into hill, Myrosilion, Greece.
13	27/02/41	<b>T2399</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	11Sqn. Hit by CR.42s while bombing Valona, crash landed Paramythia a/c DBR
14	27/02/41	<b>N3579</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	11Sqn. Hit by CR.42s while bombing Valona, crash landed Paramythia; a/c DBR
15	08/03/41	<b>L1392</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	84Sqn. Crash-landed Greece, 8 March 1941 Abandoned April 1941. Damaged on the night of 08/03/41. The pilot, Sgt. A. Gordon, and his crew were uninjured.  The damage was classed as repairable but this did not happen due to the German onslaught in April and so the aircraft was abandoned.
16	22/03/41	<b>L1490 LJR</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	211Sqn. Hit and destroyed by strafing MC.200s at Paramythia.
17	22/03/41	<b>L8531</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	211Sqn. Hit and set on fire by strafing MC.200s R.A at Paramythia, 4x250 bomb load exploded. Destroyed on the ground.
18	22/03/41	<b>L8533</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	211Sqn. Hit and destroyed by strafing MC.200s at Paramythia.
19	29/03/41	<b>R2780</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	11Sqn. Swung on landing and u/c collapsed, Almyros, 29/03/41; abandoned in Greece.
19	30/03/41	<b>L1390</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	84Sqn. Hit by flack, Elbasan, crash landed, 30/03/41; presumed abandoned on evacuation May 41
20	06/04/41	<b>K7096</b>	Blenheim Mk.IF	30Sqn. Destroyed on the ground by enemy a/c.
21	06/04/41	<b>L9383</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	113Sqn. Crash landed at Niamata, (Νιάματα Λάρισσας) on return from raid to Petris.
22	06/04/41	<b>T2168</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	113Sqn. Overshot landing into canal, Niamata LG, Greece on return from Petris.
23	08/04/41	<b>Z5877</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	84Sqn. Crashed in forced landing in bad weather at Kereechori.

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24	08/04/41	<b>T2247</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>11Sqn.</b> Engine cut on take-off; belly landed, Almyros, Greece.
25	10/04/41	<b>K7095</b>	Blenheim Mk.IF	<b>30Sqn.</b> FTR, shot down a Ju-88 over Athens, hit by return fire, caught fire and crashed.  Engaged a Ju.88 in searchlights at 8,000ft NW of Athens. As it attacked, it was hit by return fire & burst into flames.
26	11/04/41	<b>K7107</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>30Sqn.</b> Destroyed on the ground by enemy attacks.
27	13/04/41 16:07	<b>L1434</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	84Sqn, <b>11Sqn.</b> Missing 13/04/41; Hit over Albania and ditched Prespa Lake. Two engines and part of the wing recovered and preserved Hellenic AF Museum.  Ordered from Paramythia for the third operation of the day to attack the German troop concentrations on the Florina-Monastir Road, near the Greek-Yugoslavia border. After dropping their bombs, all six aircraft were attacked by German Bf 109's and destroyed within four minutes. The aircraft L1434 crashed into Lake Prespa, Albania at 1607 hours and was recovered in June 1993. The aircraft is now on display in the Tatoi Museum, Athens.  Crew: F/L L.B. "Buck" Buchanan (P) DFC 211Sqn. S/Ldr. L.E. Cryer (N) Sgt. G. Patterson (W/Ag)
28	13/04/41	<b>L8449</b> "The Saint"	Blenheim Mk.I	30Sqn, <b>211Sqn.</b> Missing Monastir. (Florina-Monastir road) Aircraft shot down in flames, to crash not far from Mikrolimni on the shore of Lake Mikri Prespa.  F/O Allan Clement Godfrey (P) Safe. In August 1941, he was awarded the DFC, and later the Greek DFC. Sgt. J.B.T. "Peggy" O'Neill (N) KIA Rest in Phaleron War Cemetery Sgt. J. "Jack" Wainhouse (W/Ag) KIA Rest in Phaleron War Cemetery
29	13/04/41	<b>L8478</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	30Sqn, <b>211Sqn.</b> Missing Monastir. (Florina-Monastir road) Seen circling the village of Vigla, climbing into fog shrouded mountain, found next day 50ft below summit. Shot down or collision?  Crew:

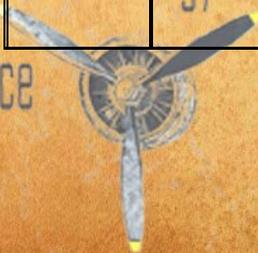
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				S/Ldr. Antony Thornburn Irvine (P) 36090 RAF CO 211Sqn. KIA. P/O Gerald Davies (N) 44072 RAF Age 24 KIA. P/O Arthur Charles Geary (W/Ag) 79188 RAF KIA.
30	13/04/41	<b>L4819</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>211Sqn.</b> Under attack, Herbert took evasive action and turned East, climbing to avoid the hill-tops. Nearing the village of Trigonon, his aircraft hit, Herbert gave the order to bail out. The Blenheim crashed close to the village. Only one parachute was seen, partly open, descending into the forest where the airman was later found dead in the branches. All three men lie in Phaleron War Cemetery.  Crew: F/O R.V. "Herbie" Herbert (P) KIA. W/Cdr. P.B. "Paddy" Coote (N) KIA. F/Sgt. W.N. "Jock" Young (W/Ag) KIA.
31	13/04/41	<b>L8664</b> <b>UQ-S</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>211Sqn.</b> Under attack, severely hit in flames. A/c crashed on the Northern side of the Mikrilomni-Karies road, near Karies, about 2 miles from the lake, not far from the crash-site of Jimmy James' (L1539). The three men did not survive. Godfrey (L8449) and James were able to bury their friends, however, they are among the missing 211s commemorated on the Alamein Memorial.  Crew: F/O C.E.V. "Tommy" Thompson (P) KIA P/O P. Hogarth (N) KIA Sgt. W. Arscott (W/Ag) KIA
32	13/04/41	<b>L1539</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>211Sqn.</b> Near the village of Karies (Karia) A/c came under Me 109 cannon fire. His crew dead, James was able to bailout at low level, spraining an ankle. The aircraft crashed just South of the Mikrilomni-Karies road, near Karies, about 2 miles from Lake Mikri Prespa and the village of Mikrolimni. James was able to reach Larissa with the other survivor, P/O Alan Godfrey, (L8449) having buried those of their friends they could find. Waring was not among them.  Crew: F/Sgt. A.G. "Jimmy" James (P) Successfully bailed out of the aircraft and was reported MIA. Sgt. A. "Andy" Bryce (N) KIA Sgt. A.J. "Pongo" Waring (W/Ag) MIA.



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33	14/04/41	<b>T2177</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>113Sqn.</b> Damaged by "friendly" AA when attempting to drop un-fused bombs for NZ Sappers to destroy a bridge, crash landed at Larissa. A/c further damaged by air attack 15/04/41, abandoned on evacuation.
34	15/04/41	<b>T2054</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>113Sqn.</b> Destroyed on ground at Niamata by enemy attacks. [Lost in Greece 05/41]  Large numbers of Bf 109s roamed the Larissa Plain strafed Niamata, home of 113Sqn. All then of its unprotecting Blenheims, fuelled and bombed up for a further raid against the advancing tanks, were wrecked.
35	15/04/41	<b>T2069</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>113Sqn.</b> Destroyed on ground at Niamata by enemy attacks. [Lost in Greece 05/41]
36	15/04/41	<b>T2169</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>113Sqn.</b> Destroyed on ground at Niamata by enemy attacks. [Lost in Greece 05/41]
37	15/04/41	<b>T2182</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>113Sqn.</b> Destroyed on ground at Niamata by enemy attacks. [Lost in Greece 05/41]
38	15/04/41	<b>T2186</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>113Sqn.</b> Destroyed on ground at Niamata by enemy attacks. [Lost in Greece 05/41]
39	15/04/41	<b>T2216</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>113Sqn.</b> Destroyed on ground at Niamata by enemy attacks. [Lost in Greece 05/41]
40	18/04/41	<b>L1391</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>84Sqn.</b> Hit by G.50 on sortie to Elbasan, badly damaged, 30/03/41; managed to RTB safely, a/c repaired but lost on 18/04/41.  As was his usual practice, the aircraft went off alone to bomb German troop concentrations in the Larissa area, where he was jumped by two Me 110's and shot down. The aircraft was forced landed in the sea and strafed by Bf 109's. The local residents buried the crew in the village of Keramidi, under the shadow of the mountain of Mavroun.  Crew: S/Ldr. H.D. Jones (P) F/Sgt. J. Webb (N) Sgt. H. Keen (W/Ag).  Presumed shot down by Luftwaffe pilot Ofw. Petermann Werner at Amphiklia. (5/JG77) Bf 109 E-7 Werk#3487 "Black 1". Στο ιστορικό του Petermann έχουν πιστωθεί 9 καταρρίψεις.



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41	19/04/41	<b>T2348</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>11Sqn.</b> Shot down by Bf-109s near Kozani, Greece.  Crew: Sgt. H. Murphy 2 crew members unknown.
42	21/04/41	<b>N3560</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>11Sqn.</b> Evacuating nine airmen to Crete, tyre burst, swung and u/c collapsed on landing at Heraklion. A/c abandoned there.
43	22/04/41	<b>L1481</b> <b>UQ-B</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	211Sqn, <b>11Sqn.</b> Missing between Heraklion and Menidi. Returning from Heraklion to Menidi after evacuating personnel attacked by CR.42s, ditched off Argos.
44	27/04/41	<b>L9237</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>203Sqn.</b> Shot down on convoy escort off Crete.
45	28/04/41	<b>L9044</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV F	<b>203Sqn.</b> Damaged by AA fire from convoy off Porto Rafti harbour NE of Athens; engine cut, ditched 1m E of Rethimno, Crete, 28/04/41. A/c recovered and is exhibited at Hellenic AF Museum.  Ανεγκύσθηκε από τη θάλασσα το καλοκαίρι του 1996 και μεταφέρθηκε στο Μουσείο Αεροπορίας, όπου έπειτα από εργασίες αποκατάστασης εκτίθεται στο κοινό. Χτυπήθηκε κατά λάθος από βρετανικό αντιτορπιλικό και κατέπεσε ανοιχτά του Ρεθύμνου.
46	.../04/41	<b>V5372</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	ME. Lost in Greece.
47	.../04/41	<b>Z5769</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>11Sqn.</b> Lost in Greece
48	.../04/41	<b>Z5885</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>11Sqn.</b> Lost in Greece 04/41; destroyed by enemy a/c on the ground
49	06/05/41	<b>V5424</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	ME. Lost in Greece.
50	07/05/41	<b>L8444</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	<b>113Sqn.</b> Lost in Greece or Crete.
51	16/05/41	<b>?</b>	Blenheim Mk.?	<b>45Sqn.</b>  Crew: P/O P.J. Vincent (P) P/O S.C. Niven (N) RNZAF F/Sgt. O.B. Thompson (W/Ag) F/Sgt. S.C. Cordy

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52	23/05/41	<b>V5624</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	700TU, <b>45Sqn.</b> Missing from raid on Maleme.
53	25/05/41	<b>T2003</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>14Sqn.</b> Shot down by Bf-109s during raid on Maleme. In the sea. All crew MIA
54	25/05/41	<b>T2065</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>14Sqn.</b> Shot down by Bf-109s over Suda Bay during raid on Maleme. In the sea. All crew MIA
55	25/05/41	<b>V5510</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>14Sqn.</b> Missing Maleme. Presumed shot down by the same two Bf-109s belonged to II/JG77. In the sea. All crew MIA
Two out of three previous aircrafts shot down by Luftwaffe pilot Ofw. Schmidt Rudolf at Maleme. (5/JG77) Bf 109 E-4 Werk#5365. Στο ιστορικό του Schmidt έχουν πιστωθεί 42 καταρρίψεις.				
56	26/05/41	<b>T2339</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>11Sqn.</b> Shot down by Bf-109s during raid on Maleme.  Crew: Sgt. N.A. Thomas Two unknown crew members POWs.  Shot down by Luftwaffe pilot ObLt Hockner of 6/JG 77.
57	26/05/41	<b>V5592</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>45Sqn.</b> Shot down by Bf-109s during raid on Maleme.  V5592, escaped only to get lost in the desert on its return, and finally crashed.  Crew: P/O J. Robinson (P) Sgt. W.B. Longstaff (N) MIA Sgt. A.E. Crosby (W/Ag) Rescued after walking for four days.  Shot down by Luftwaffe pilot Oblt. Hockner of 6/JG 77.
58	.../05/41	<b>L8466</b>	Blenheim Mk.I	8Sqn, <b>211Sqn.</b> Lost in Greece 05/41
59	.../05/41	<b>L9300</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	ME. Lost in Greece 05/41
60	.../05/41	<b>L9342</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	ME. Lost in Greece 05/41

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61	.../05/41	<b>R3918</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	ME. Lost in Greece 05/41.
62	.../05/41	<b>T2238</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	ME. Lost in Greece 05/41. <b>11Sqn.</b> FTR, iced up, forced landed in river bed in Pindos Mountains in bad weather enroute from Larissa to Paramythia
63	.../05/41	<b>T2248</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	ME. Lost in Greece 05/41.
64	.../05/41	<b>T2341</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>11Sqn.</b> Lost in Greece 05/41.
65	.../05/41	<b>T2342</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>11Sqn.</b> Lost in Greece 05/41.
66	.../05/41	<b>T2390</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	- Lost in Greece 05/41.
67	.../05/41	<b>T2391</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	- Lost in Greece 05/41.
68	.../06/41	<b>T2183</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>113Sqn.</b> Lost in Crete.
69	08/11/41	<b>Z7801</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>18Sqn.</b> Shot down in raid on convoy off Cephalonia. Failed To Return, shot down (into the sea) by flak while attacking convoy of Cephalonia; Crew: Sgt. H. Vickers (P) KIA Sgt. G. Lowe KIA. Sgt. Daniels KIA.
70	08/11/41	<b>Z7922</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>18Sqn.</b> Shot down in raid on convoy off Cephalonia. Failed To Return, shot down by flak while attacking convoy of Cephalonia; Crew: Sgt. R. Morris (P) KIA. P/O P. Clark KIA. Sgt. J. Kelly KIA.
71	08/11/41	<b>V5961</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>107Sqn.</b> Failed To Return, crashed into ship's mast on shipping strike off Greece;

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				Crew: Sgt. W. Hopkinson KIA. Sgt. I. Hamilton KIA. Sgt. J. Gibson KIA. All buried in Phaleron War Cemetery, Athens
72	19/11/41	<b>Z7895</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>18Sqn.</b> Shot down by flak attacking convoy in Ionian Sea. Date mentioned in some sources 08/11/41. Failed To Return, shot down by flak while attacking convoy in Ionian Sea;  Crew: F/L Gerald Cowes Pryor KIA. Sgt. D. Mills KIA. Sgt. T. Buckley KIA.
73	11/12/41	<b>Z7802/Q</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>18Sqn.</b> Received a direct hit in the port side wing, from shore batteries, although seemed to still be in control. Was last seen heading out to sea, but not gaining any height, were upon was set upon by two CR.42s. (Eye witness account taken from a Greek gentlemen and an ex Member of 18Sqn).  According to RAF Air Historical Branch shot down over Argostoli Harbour 12th December 1941.  Crew: F/Lt Everest George Edmunds (P) D.F.C 403312 RNZAF Sgt. Sigurd Edger Hedin (N) D.F.M 1001649 RAFVR Sgt. Martin John Mills (W/Ag) 924027 RAFVR  Bodies were recovered from the sea and first buried Argostoli, now at Athens War Cemetery.
74	12/12/41	<b>Z7613</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>18Sqn.</b> Lost through flak in a raid on Argostoli.  W/Cdr Eustace Sweeting Barnes DFC RAFVR KIA. Sgt William B. Allan 755584 KIA. 3 <sup>rd</sup> crew member unknown.
75	13/12/41	<b>Z7800</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<b>? Sqn.</b> T/o Luqa, Malta. One of six Blenheims sent to attack shipping in Argostoli Harbour, Kefelonia, Greece. Located in the harbour were the M/V's the Iseo, Capo and Orso, and five "Navigatori" class, destroyers, the Vivaldi, Da Noli, Maloncello,



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				<p>Da Recco and the Zeno. Failed to return. Shot down by either AA of fire from the harbour, or ships guns or when attacked by a single Macchi fighter that was on patrol at the time.</p> <p>Crew: Sgt. A.J. Lee (P) 925684 RAFVR POW Sgt. R. Haggett (N) 925435 RAFVR POW Sgt. Ambrose John Comeau (W/Ag) R.65203 RCAF POW.</p>
76	13/12/41	<b>Z7858/M</b>	Blenheim Mk.IV	<p><b>18Sqn.</b> Lost through flak in a raid on Argostoli.</p> <p>Crew: Sgt. Frank Jury (P) Sgt. Tom Black (N) Sgt. Dennis Mortimer (W/Ag)</p> <p>On the 13th of December 1941, five Bristol Blenheim light bomber aircraft, belonging to No.18 Squadron based in Luqa, took off for a raid on enemy shipping in Argostoli Harbour. A short distance into the flight, Blenheim 'M' (s/n Z7858) was attacked by an Italian Macchi C.202 and sustained damage to its port engine. The propeller was shot off and the pilot, Sgt Frank Jury, turned his aircraft back to Malta.</p> <p>An attempt to land was quickly abandoned and ditching the aircraft was the only option left. After jettisoning its bomb payload the pilot ditched his craft nearby a Maltese fishing boat off Dellimara. The pilot, his navigator (Tom Black) and air-gunner Sgt Dennis Mortimer, survived with minor injuries.</p> <p>The wreck found lying at a depth of 42 meters, some 800 meters due east of Xrobb l-Ghagin, Dellimara (Marsaxlokk). SSE of Malta.</p> <p>Is referred in this list to avoid confusion with other aircraft wrecks may possibly found in the future near Argostoli area.</p>



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