

Aircraft Crashes on Cairnsmore

Near the summit of Cairnsmore of Fleet is a memorial stone to those who lost their lives as a result of aircraft crashing into the hill. 7 of the 8 crashes took place during wartime. The stone was lifted into place by a helicopter on 8th August 1980, the 40th anniversary of the first crash.



<p>First Crash: 8th August 1940 Heinkel III H4 Leutnant A Zeiss Age 25 Unteroffizier G T Von Turckheim Age 31 Unteroffizier W Hajesch Age 21 Unteroffizier W Mechsner Age 23 from NG 1 Staffel of Kampfgeschwader 4 Soesterburg Air Base Holland</p>	<p>Second Crash: 2nd March 1942 Blackburn Botha L6539 Aircraftsman D J Thom Age 20 from No 10 Air Observer School RAF Dumfries</p>
<p>Third Crash: 17th April 1942 Avro Anson W2640 Sergeant A C H Allen Age 21 Mister W Paterson Age 31 from No 1 Observer Advanced Flying Unit of RAF Wigtown</p>	<p>Fourth Crash: 22nd September 1942 Avro Anson DJ126 Flight Sergeant B H Vye RCAF Age 21 Sergeant A W Hawkes Age 29 Leading Aircraftsman R D Hume Age 22 Leading Aircraftsman G A Horne Age 20 Aircraftsman G O M Rawson Age 20 from No 9 Air Gunners School RAF Llanowrog</p>
<p>Fifth Crash: 22nd February 1944 Avro Anson EG485 Pilot Officer J M Cooley RCAF Age 30 Warrant Officer J J M Ward Age 23 Flight Sergeant M C Simpson RCAF Age 19 from No 10 Observer Advanced Flying Unit RAF Dumfries</p>	<p>Sixth Crash: 12th June 1944 Avro Anson N9589 Sergeant W A Edwards Age 23 Sergeant H W G Rennison Age 31 Sergeant R O Beggs RNZAF Age 29 Flight Sergeant B B Haytom Age 21 Flight Sergeant A W Wauchope RAAF Age 27 from No 4 Observer Advanced Flying Unit RAF West Freugh</p>
<p>Seventh Crash: 9th July 1944 Avro Anson W5140 Flight Sergeant R S T Hide Age 22 Pilot Officer A A Goodill RCAF Age 26 Sergeant T J Malone Age 24 from No 1 Observer Advanced Flying Unit RAF Wigtown</p>	<p>Eighth Crash: 28th March 1979 McDonnell Douglas Phantom RFF4C 68 0566 Captain T J Seagren USAF Age 26 Captain R V Spalding USAF Age 31 from 1st Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron RAF Alconbury</p>