


Corporal RAF 979801	Kenneth Crooks	Grantham Road	Source: Returning Forces List
Born	17 July 1919 Bingham		
War Service	<p>Joined 1940 (Forces War Records)</p> <p>PoW record: 153 Maintenance Unit [Nat Archives - formed at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, June 1941 (MU)].</p> <p>PoW date 8 March 1942, held by Japanese. Rangoon was overrun 8th March. Remnants of no 221 group RAF moved to Magwe and Akyab island, but it would seem Kenneth was probably taken prisoner during that action.</p> <p>Newspaper report 29/9/1945 'Ex -Prisoners of War 'more locals on the way home' Cpl Kenneth Crooks RAF of 2 Grantham Road, Bingham is in Colombo.</p> <p>[Wikipedia]: Rangoon was initially defended relatively successfully against Japanese air raids, by small RAF detachments reinforced by a squadron of the American Volunteer Group, better known as the "Flying Tigers". The majority of the airfields were between Rangoon and the Axis advance and as the Japanese gained use of the airfields in Tenasserim, the amount of warning the Rangoon airfields could get of attack decreased, and they became more and more untenable</p>	<p>Nottingham Evening Post 6 February 1943</p>  <p>The newspaper clipping is titled "Local War Casualties" and contains several short notices. The first notice mentions Pte. R. N. Lyon, who was killed in action in North Africa. The second notice mentions Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crooks, who have not heard from their second son, Cpl. Kenneth Crooks, R.A.F., for 13 months. The third notice mentions Gunner E. Sydney Robinson, who is now known to be a prisoner of war in Italy.</p>	
1939 Register	<p>Rosedene, 2 Grantham Road Bingham</p> <p>Henry Crooks, b. 13 Apr 1890</p> <p>Winifred Crooks, b. 23 May 1893</p> <p>Kenneth Crooks, b. 29 July 1919</p> <p>Maurice WB Crooks, b. 11 October 1924</p> <p>Margaret E Crooks, b. 11 Oct 1924</p> <p><i>Closed record</i></p>	<p>School Attendance Officer</p> <p>Unpaid domestic duties</p> <p>Shop assistant boot and shoe</p> <p>Errand boy, drapery stores</p> <p>School</p> <p><i>Probably Marie</i></p>	Note: brother George was a police constable in Nottingham.
Marriage	We have found no records for marriage of Kenneth Crooks.		

Parents and siblings (pre and post WW1) (Free BMD)	Siblings, all Bingham registry: George, Sep 1917 Kenneth, Sep 1919 Maurice, Dec 1924 Margaret E, Dec 1924 Marie L, Dec 1924	NB mistype in FBMD re Maurice's mother name.	
April 1916	Henry Crooks married Winifred Clarke in Nottingham April 1916		
Father's Family Census 1911	30 Liddington Street, Basford Grandfather: Samuel Crooks, b. 1853 Bulwell Grandmother: Louisa Crooks, b. 1863 Bertha, b 1887 Father: Henry, b.1890 Basford Frank, b 1895 George, b. 1897 Willie, b. 1902	Pit Banks man, coal sorter Ass't Overlooker Clerk County Education Office Errand boy, jeweller shop Errand boy ironmonger shop school	
Mother's Family Census 1911	Mother Winifred Lilian Clark, b. 1893 Potterspur, Northamptonshire	Kitchen maid St Andrews Mental Hospital Northampton	Died 6/7 September 1965 53 Grantham Road, Radcliffe on Trent Cremated Wilford
Post 1945			
Death/probate	No record of Kenneth's death found.		