

Montorgueil incident (25 June 1944):

**Account of incident by Jock McKinnon, published in 10 Sqn Association, Newsletter, No.16
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'We were the crew of the aircraft who dropped the bombs that hit another aircraft which immediately broke up; the wing hit another aircraft which exploded. Sitting in the tail I saw the fuselage of the first one twisting and turning below me and two or three parachutes open, but at that time I didn't know it was our bombs doing the damage. This was on the Sunday morning June 25th 1944... It was only when we got in the crew bus that Jack our bomb-aimer said, "I'm sorry Ray", to the pilot, that we knew we had been the cause; it was accidental and hushed up.

We were hurriedly moved by the CWC right to the CO Gp/Capt Thompson who explained in war these things happen. The sore part was another Scottish mid-upper wanted to fill me in for not getting my pilot to "move over" as he put it; anyhow as I was a tail gunner I could not see down and forward. We settled it that night behind the Blacksmiths Arms where we used to drink; he blacked my eye, and I broke his nose and knocked out his two front teeth. We didn't go sick and Harry Hull [the Gunnery Leader] turned a blind eye so we kept on flying. Strange but three years later, I met this chap at Pocklington, and we became the best of friends.'