

PNG Mission Pilots

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Fritz Loose - started flying in NG in 1935
Edward Hartwig - after World War 2 (killed in a plane crash in 1951 between Goroka and Madang)
Charles Mellies and Brian Hutchins - 1952
Ray Jaensch - 1953 (killed in a crash)
Tom Johnson
Bob Hutchins
Brian McCook
Dave Sherer - (killed in a plane crash in the USA)
Stan Read
Keith Latz
Jim Lindsey
Doug McCraw
Ian Roennfeldt
Phil Stacey
Howard Schutte
Terry Zadow
Warren Bridge
Alan Stray
Glen Sampson
Dan Treakle
Bronte Zadow
Graham Koch
Neville Krieg
Gavin Hoskin - (killed in a crash)
Terry Cat
Bill ? - (crashed with Helmut Horndash on board)
Ross Dunhill - former Navy pilot (killed in a crash) (Think I got this right, he crashed on the way back from Garaina)

I quote from page 579 of the 100-year history book: "During its 30 years of service, including the years before World War II, Lutheran Aviation had an excellent record. Approximately 30,000 passengers were carried over rugged country, and only 3 passengers lost their lives during that time."