



# Our Shared History: War Personnel of the Commonwealth Remembered

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## Case Study 1: Sergeant John “Jackie” Bremner and Halifax Squadron 102

The Halifax Squadron 102 consisted of eight men: Pilot George A. Griffiths (141468 RAFVR), Pilot Sgt Kenneth Frederick Stanbridge (1445546 RAFVR), Sergeant John Bremner (1567605 RAFVR), Navigator Reginald C Wilson (169892 RAFVR), Flight Officer Laurie Underwood (55204 RAFVR), Pilot Officer Eric Arthur Church (170702 RAFVR), Warrant Officer Charles Gordon Dupueis (176437 RCAF) and Sgt John Bushell (1623401 RAFVR) (Aircrew Remembered, 2011).

Sergeant John “Jackie” Bremner was a sergeant of the Royal Air Force and member of the 102 Squadron affectionately known as ‘Old Flo’. Bremner was killed aged 22 alongside three other crewmen, when Luftwaffe ace Leopold Fellerer shot down the Halifax bomber on 20<sup>th</sup> January 1944. The remains of Bremner’s body were located sixty-four years after his death in southeast Berlin near the S Bahn station, which is believed to be where the Halifax bomber crashed. The DNA of the remains was traced back to Bremner’s 88-year-old sister in May 2008, confirming the body to belong to her lost brother, ‘Jackie’ (Aircrew Remembered, 2011).

The 102 Halifax Squadron was based at Pockington in Yorkshire. In addition to the crash of ‘Od Flo’, 7 aircraft were shot down on the same night during the raid on Berlin, amounting to the greatest single loss in bombing raids across both WWI and WWII. In addition to ‘Old Flo’, Captain Fellerer shot down a further three British aircrafts on the night of 20<sup>th</sup> January 1944 (Aircrew Remembered, 2011).

Reginald Wilson, navigator of the former crew and rear gunner John Bushell, were able to parachute to safety before the Halifax bomber landed in a forest on the outskirts of southeast Berlin. Thereafter, Bushell and the remaining living crew members, including Laurie Underwood (bomb aimer) and George Griffiths (pilot) were both taken prisoners of war. In addition to Sergeant Bremner, wireless operator Eric Church, second pilot Kenneth Stanbridge and Canadian mid upper gunner all tragically lost their lives (Hall, 2008).

Sergeant John Bremner was buried with full military honours at the Berlin 1939-1945 Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery at Heerstraße. Those present at the funeral included Bremner’s sister, Marjorie Acon, and the surviving navigator of the ‘Old Flo’ crew, Reginald Wilson (Hall, 2008).



**Figure 1:** Photo of Sergeant John Bremner.

Source: Hall, A. 2008. *War hero is finally buried - 64 years after he was gunned down by a German bomber*. [Online]. [12 June 2023]. Available from: [War hero is finally buried - 64 years after he was gunned down by a German bomber | Daily Mail Online](#)



**Figure 2:** Sergeant Kenneth Stanbridge

Source: Levy, A. 2008. *The RAF bomber pilot who single-handedly recovered the body of the co-pilot and comrade he lost on Berlin raid 60 years ago.* [Online]. [12 June 2023]. Available from: [The RAF bomber pilot who recovered the body of the co-pilot he lost on Berlin raid 60 years ago | Daily Mail Online](#)

**Figure 3:** Marjorie Acon, Bremner's sister, kissing the flag formerly wrapped around her brother's coffin.

Source: Hall, A. 2008. *War hero is finally buried - 64 years after he was gunned down by a German bomber.* [Online]. [12 June 2023]. Available from: [War hero is finally buried - 64 years after he was gunned down by a German bomber | Daily Mail Online](#)

**GRAVES CONCENTRATION REPORT FORM**

BMB/Consent/Pro. D/368  
Germany 768 67. Report No.

The following has been concentrated here:—  
have  
(Name of Cemetery) BERLIN (Heerstrasse) British Cemetery, Germany.  
(Full Map Reference) GGSG 4346, 1/250,000, Sheet 153, NR 7, 725485.

(1) Serial No.	(2) Regt or Corps	(3) Army No.	(4) Name & Initials	(5) Rank	(6) Date of Death	(7) K/A, D/W or Died	(8) Plot	(9) Row	(10) Grave	(11) Date of Reburial	Previous location of grave			Report Number
											Place & Map Ref.			
1			UNKNOWN				VII	C	20	6.12.45	P. R. G.	1 9 14	4468	BAOR/PRE. D/368
2	R. A. F.		"			K/A	VII	C	21			1 9 13	4468	
3	"		"			"	VII	C	22			1 9 12	4468	
4	R. A. F.	1419911	JENKINS. D.W.	SGt F	29.1.44		VII	C	23			1 9 11	4468	
5	"		"			"	VII	C	24			1 9 8	4468	
6	R. A. F.		"			K/A	VII	C	25			1 9 7	4468	
7	"		"			"	VII	C	26			1 9 6	4468	
8	"		"			"	VII	C	27			1 9 5	4468	
9	"		"			"	VII	P	1			1 9 4	4468	
10	"		"			"	VII	P	2			1 9 9	4468	
11	"		"			"	VII	P	3			1 9 10	4468	
12	R. A. F.		"			K/A	VII	P	4			1 12 13	4468	

Date 24 JAN. 47.

\* Where a grave has not already been registered, a Registration Report on A.F.W. 3372 will be prepared, and attached to this FORM.

Signed: [Signature]  
Rank & Appointment: [Signature]  
D, D, G, R. S. PRE. NO. 11.44. 1946

**Figure 4:** Grave Concentration form John Bremner

Source: Commonwealth War Graves Commission. 2023. *SERGEANT JOHN BREMNER.* [Online]. [12 June 2023]. Available from: <https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2918593.JPG>

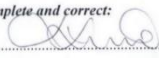
**GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM** Schedule  
No. 146A

FILE REF: CEM 19474, REC 8/1, REC 8/2/187

COUNTRY: GERMANY

PLACE OF BURIAL: BERLIN 1939-1945 WAR CEMETERY

*Certified complete and correct:*

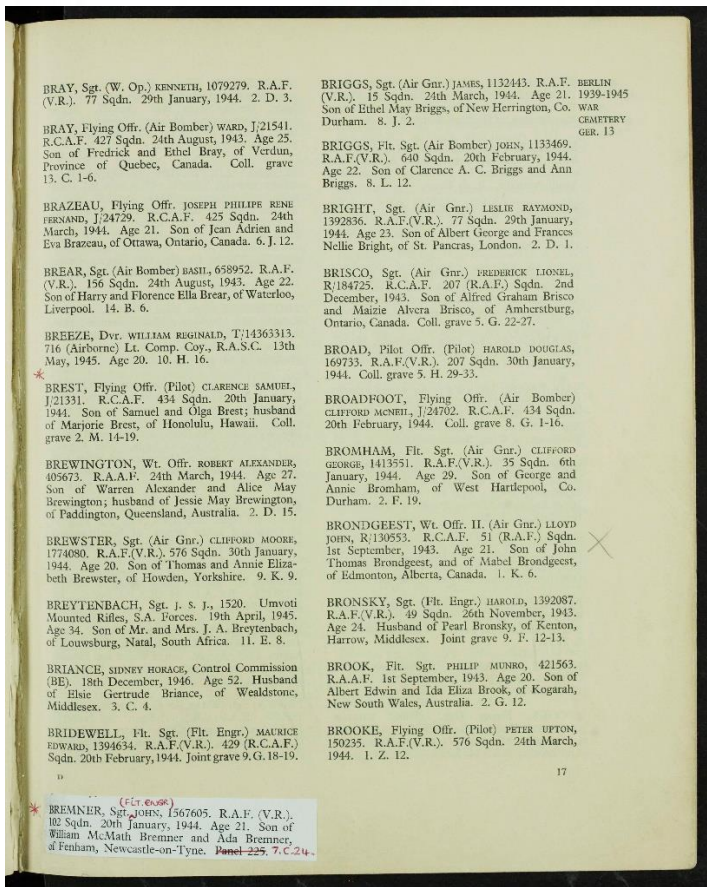
Signature:  Date: 23 October 2008

Location	No. & Rank	Initials, Name & Honours	Unit	Date of Death	How marked
Plot 7 Row C Grave 24	1567605 Sergeant (Flt Engr)	J Bremner	102 Sqdn. R.A.F. (V.R.)	20/01/1944	CH

Authority Reburial report Form A signed by C Connerty-Ketels, NEA  
Reburial Date 16/10/2008

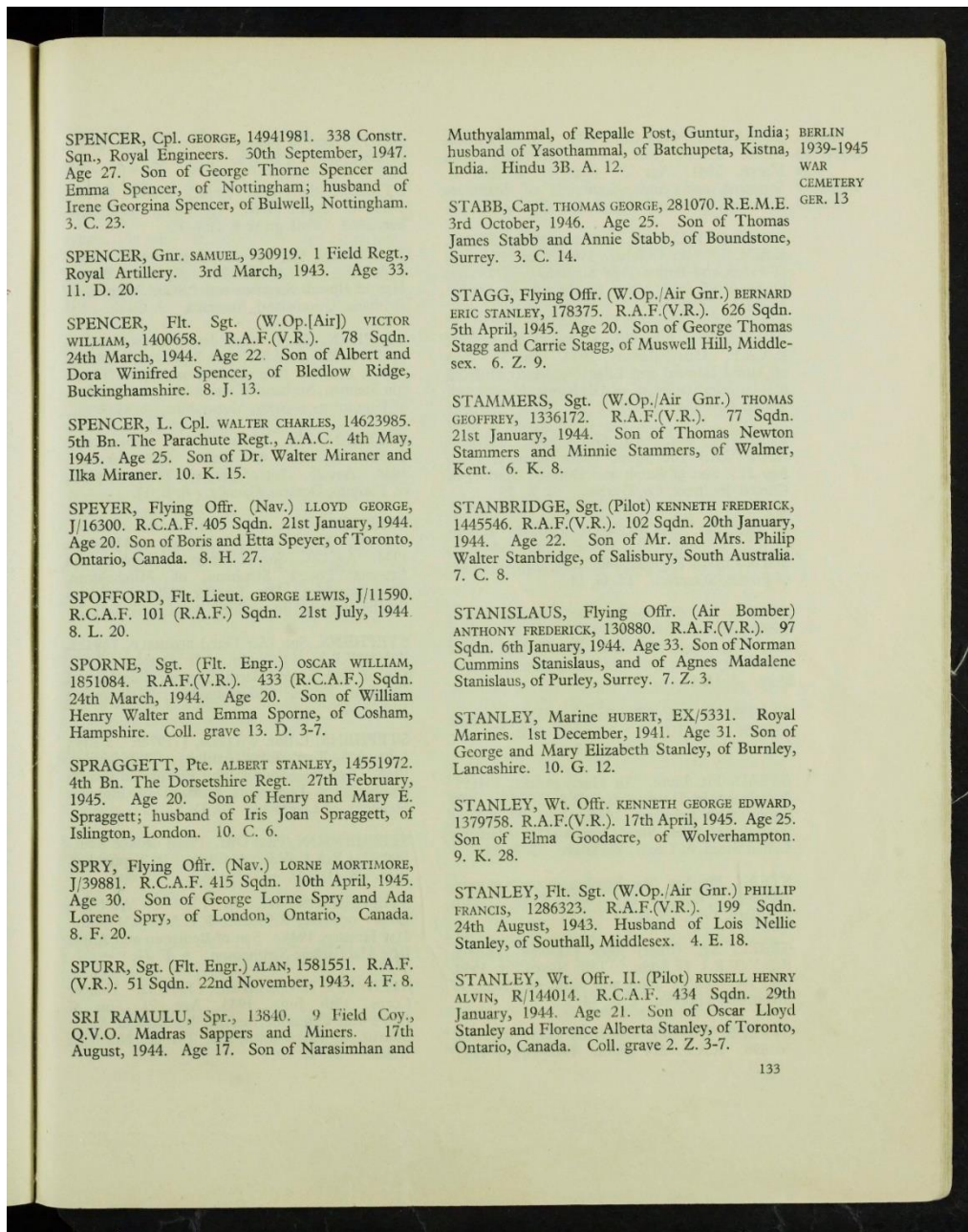
**Figure 5: Grave Registration of Sergeant John Bremner by Commonwealth War Grave Commission**

Source: Commonwealth War Graves Commission. 2023. *SERGEANT JOHN BREMNER*. [Online]. [12 June 2023]. Available from: <https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc4104643.JPG>



**Figure 6: Grave Registration Confirmation for Sergeant John Bremner from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Source: Commonwealth War Graves Commission. 2023. *SERGEANT JOHN BREMNER*. [Online]. [12 June 2023]. <https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc5748725.JPG>



**Figure 7:** Official grave registration for Kenneth Stanbridge

Source: Commonwealth War Graves Commission. 2023. *SERGEANT KENNETH FREDERICK STANBRIDGE*. [Online]. [12 June 2023]. Available from: <https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc5748970.JPG>

**GRAVES CONCENTRATION REPORT FORM**

BAOR/Concen/Pre.D/389  
Report No. *Germany 768E-72*

The following <sup>has</sup> ~~have~~ been concentrated here:-  
 (Name of Cemetery) BERLIN (Heerstrasse) British Cemetery, Germany.  
 (Full Map Reference) GSGS 4346, 1/250,000, Sht N.53, MR Z.725485.  
(IN THE CITY OF BERLIN)

(1) Serial No.	(2) Regt. or Corps	(3) Army No.	(4) Name & Initials	(5) Rank	(6) Date of Death	(7) K/A, D/W or Died	(8) Plot	(9) Row	(10) Grave	(11) Date of Reburial	Previous location of grave Place & Map Ref.	Report Number *
1	R. A. F.		UNKNOWN X			K/A	VII	P		6.12.46	P. R. G. 1 6 11	BAOR/PRE.D/4468
2	"		"			"	VII	8			GSGS 4346 1/100,000, Sht N. 53-504.	4469
3	"		"			"	VII	9			Collect Collect Collect Collect Collect.	4469
4	"		"			"	VII	C	10			4469
5	"		"			"	VII	C	11			4469
6	"		"			"	VII	C	12			4469
7	"	(VR) ✓ 1436651	JARVIS, F.	SJT	29.1.44	"	VII	C	13			4469
8	"	✓ 1678297	BRAY, K.	SGT	"	"	VII	C	14			4469
9	"	1678297	UNKNOWN X			"	VII	C	15			4469
10	"	(VR) ✓ 105186	ANDREWS, R. J.	P/LT	20.1.44	"	VII	C	16			4469
11	"		UNKNOWN X			"	VII	C	17			4469
12	"					"	VII	C				4469

Date: 21 JAN. 47. (Signed) *[Signature]*  
 Rank & Appointment: COL.  
 D. D. G. R. S. PSS.5085. 12.44. 50M

\*Where a grave has not already been registered, a Registration Report on A.F.W. 5372 will be prepared, and attached to this FORM.

Figure 8: Grave Concentration Report Form for Kenneth Stanbridge

Source: Commonwealth War Graves Commission. 2023. SERGEANT KENNETH FREDERICK STANBRIDGE. [Online]. [12 June 2023]. Available from: <https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2918585.JPG>

Form H/2  
 Contract No:- SCHEDULE "A" Page No:6  
 Name & Address of firm:- BERLIN 1939-1945 WAR CTY., GERMANY No.10

1192/1/T/9 1445246 Sergeant K. F. Stanbridge Pilot Royal Air Force 20th January 1944 Age 22 (Cross) Quo vadis	VII.C.8	51	1192/1/T/9 1436651 Sergeant F. Jarvis Wireless Operator Royal Air Force 29th January 1944 Age 21 (Cross) For you, dear, peace; For us, sweet memories. Mum, dad and Jack <b>HS/5595</b>	VII.C.13	56
1192/1/G3/6 An Airman Of the 1939-1945 War Royal Air Force (Cross) Known unto God	VII.C.9	52	1192/1/G3/6 An Airman Of the 1939-1945 War Royal Air Force (Cross) Known unto God	VII.C.14	57
1192/1/G3/6 An Airman Of the 1939-1945 War Royal Air Force (Cross) Known unto God	VII.C.10	53	1192/1/T/9 1678297 Sergeant E. Newton Air Gunner Royal Air Force 30th January 1944 (Cross)	VII.C.15	58
1192/1/G3/6 An Airman Of the 1939-1945 War Royal Air Force (Cross) Known unto God	VII.C.11	54	1192/1/G3/6 An Airman Of the 1939-1945 War Royal Air Force (Cross) Known unto God	VII.C.16	59
1192/1/G3/6 An Airman Of the 1939-1945 War Royal Air Force (Cross) Known unto God	VII.C.12	55	1192/1/G3/6 An Airman Of the 1939-1945 War Royal Air Force (Cross) Known unto God	VII.C.17	60

Figure 9: Headstone Reference for Sergeant Kenneth Stanbridge

Source: Commonwealth War Graves Commission. 2023. SERGEANT KENNETH FREDERICK STANBRIDGE. [Online]. [12 June 2023]. Available from: <https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc3481167.JPG>

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Commonwealth War Graves Commission. 2023. *SERGEANT KENNETH FREDERICK STANBRIDGE.* [Online]. [12 June 2023]. Available from: <https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2918585.JPG>

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. 2023. *SERGEANT KENNETH FREDERICK STANBRIDGE.* [Online]. [12 June 2023]. Available from: <https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc3481167.JPG>

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. 2023. *SERGEANT JOHN BREMNER.* [Online]. [12 June 2023]. Available from: [Sergeant John Bremner | War Casualty Details 1530375 | CWGC](https://www.cwgc.org/records/sergeant-john-bremner-war-casualty-details-1530375)

## Case Study 2: No 550 Squadron Lancaster III JA BQ-H Flight Sergeant Robert E Woodger 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> February 1944

The squadron originally based in North Killingholme, Lincolnshire was made up of a total of seven men: flight sergeant Robert Edward Woodger (577057 RAF, age 20), sergeant David Lynn Jones 1652460 RAFVR, age 21), navigator John David McIntosh (J/86431 RCAF, age 21), air bomber Andrew Hunter Stockton (J/92026, RCAF, age 20), air gunner Sergeant Richard Walter Wivell 1611961 RAFVR, age 21), air gunner Sergeant Victor Huge Mate (1590753, RAFVR, age 19) and air gunner Sergeant Donald Willsdon (1420600 RAFVR; age 20). The No 550 Squadron set off for Berlin, but German controllers located the bombers rapidly. Later that evening the Lancaster crashed during the raid at Tribohm. The crew were initially buried in Tribohm Cemetery but were relocated to the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery in 1949 (Aircrew Remembered, 2022).

Flight Officer John David MacIntosh, son of John David McIntosh and of Nellie Emmeline McIntosh of Horseshoe Bay, British Columbia Canada, is buried in 1939-1945 War Cemetery (Government of Canada, 2022).

- Andrew Hunter Stockton, son of Bryan and Louise E Stockton of Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada, is buried at Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery
- Sergeant Richard Walter John Wivell, son of Sydney and Ethel Lansdown Wivell, of Norbury, Surrey, England, buried at Berlin 1939-195 War Cemetery
- Sergeant Victor Hugo Mate, son of James Thomas Mate and step mother Evelyn Mate, buried at Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery

### Biography of Andrew Hunter Stockton

Stockton was born in Sussex, New Brunswick on August 18<sup>th</sup> on 1923. His father was a professional painter and he had two brothers, Bryan Alfred and Charles William. He served in the Royal Canadian Airforce for eleven months before he was reported missing after an air raid on Germany February 15<sup>th</sup> 1944. He was presumed to be killed in action (Aircrew Remembered, 2022).

In his youth Stockton attended Sussex High School, later enrolling on an Aero-Engine Mechanics course at Moncton High School between the years 1941-1942. In his leisure time, Stockton enjoyed sports, including swimming, football and hockey. Following his training as a pilot, on 9<sup>th</sup> February 9<sup>th</sup> 1942, Stockton joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. In the following years, Stockton would be based at Moncton, Belleville, Oshawa, Trenton, St Johns and Halifax. Whilst based in Oshawa, Ontario, Stockton had an accident during his first solo flight, when his Tiger Moth crash landed. However, he fortunately was not injured and left of the United Kingdom on 17h April 1943. This was where he was allocated to Squadron 550. Shortly after in January 1944 during one of the squadrons first mission in Berlin, Stockton was presumed to be killed in action (Aircrew Remembered, 2022).



**Figure 10:** Andrew Hunter Stockton

Government of Canada. 2022. *In memory of:*  
**Pilot Officer Andrew Hunter Stockton.** Available from:  
[https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline\\_content\\_modal\\_2](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline_content_modal_2)



**Figure 11:** Andrew Stockton's Resting Place

Government of Canada. 2022. *In memory of:*  
**Pilot Officer Andrew Hunter Stockton.** Available from:  
[https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline\\_content\\_modal\\_1](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline_content_modal_1)

R.C.A.F. A.47  
Part 1.

## ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE SERVICE BOOK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICERS  
AND AIRMEN**

1. You will be held responsible for the safe custody of the book.
2. You will always carry the book on your person both at home and abroad.
3. You must produce the book whenever called upon to do so by a competent authority, civil, naval, military or air.
4. You must not alter or make any entry in this Book (except as regards short form of Will on page 16, see instructions on pages 12 to 15), and disobedience of this order will be treated as a serious offence.
5. Should you consider that any entry in the book is lacking or incorrect, or should you lose the book, you will report the matter to your immediate superior in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Any change in name or address of person to be informed of casualties must be reported immediately to your Commanding Officer.

Air Force No. ~~87775~~ <sup>892026</sup> Surname..... STOCKTON  
Christian Names (in full)..... Andrew Hunter  
Date of Birth..... 18-8-23 Religion..... M.C.  
Date of Enlistment/Appointment..... 7-2-42  
Married (M), Widower (W) or Single (S)..... S  
Occupation in Civil Life.....  
Clerk  
Signature of Holder..... A.H. Stockton  
Name and Address of Next-of-Kin.....  
Name, Address, and Relationship of Person to be informed  
of Casualties.....  
Mrs. Davis Stockton (mother)  
Sussex Avenue, M.B.  
Certified Correct.....  
Date..... Place.....

**Figure 12:** Royal Canadian Air Force Service Book

Government of Canada. 2022. *In memory of:*  
**Pilot Officer Andrew Hunter Stockton.** [Online]. [13 June 2023]. Available from:  
[https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline\\_content\\_modal\\_3](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline_content_modal_3)

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No. 550 Squadron,  
Royal Air Force Station,  
North Killingholme,  
Lincolnshire.

Ref: 550S/S.1015/11/P.1. 16th February, 1944.

Sir,

LANCASTER III J.A. 934 "H" - Missing night of 15th/16th  
February 1944.

I have the honour to refer to this Unit's signal A.26 dated  
16th February 1944, and to make the following report.

2. The following crew were detailed to flying in Lancaster  
aircraft J.A. 934 to attack targets in BERLIN.

577057	Sgt.	Woodger R.E.	Pilot
1652460	Sgt.	Jones D.L.	F/Engineer
R.157638	F/Sgt.	McIntosh J.D.	Navigator
R.154553	Sgt.	Stockton A.H.	Air Bomber
1611961	Sgt.	Wivell R.W.J.	WOP/Air.
1590753	Sgt.	Mate V.H.	Air Gunner
1420600	Sgt.	Willsdon D.	Air Gunner

3. The aircraft which had been previously tested, took off  
from Base at 17.29 hours on 15th February 1944. Nothing further  
was heard and the aircraft and crew were accordingly reported  
"Missing".

4. Other aircraft of this Squadron attacked the same target  
but did not report more than the usual amount of night fighter  
and flak opposition.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Sgd: J.J. Bennett,  
Wing Commander.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Air Ministry,  
Kingsway,  
London, W.C.2.

Figure 13: Military Report of 16th February 1944

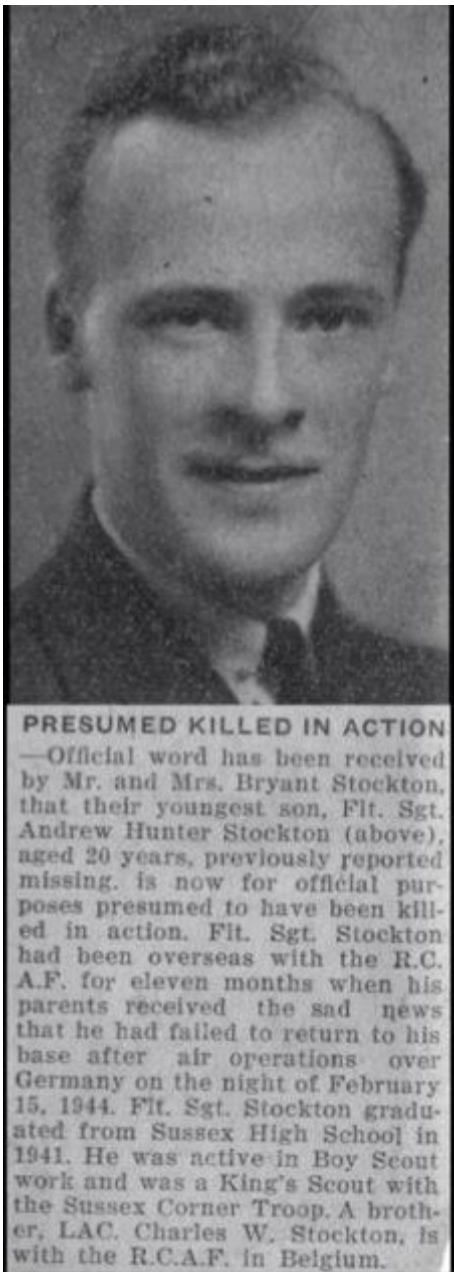
Government of Canada. 2022. *In memory of:*

**Pilot Officer Andrew Hunter Stockton.** [Online]. [13 June 2023]. Available from:  
[https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline\\_content\\_modal\\_4](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline_content_modal_4)



**Figure 14:** Memorial to Andrew H Stockton

Government of Canada. 2022. *In memory of: Pilot Officer Andrew Hunter Stockton.* [Online]. [13 June 2023]. Available from: [https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline\\_content\\_modal\\_13](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline_content_modal_13)



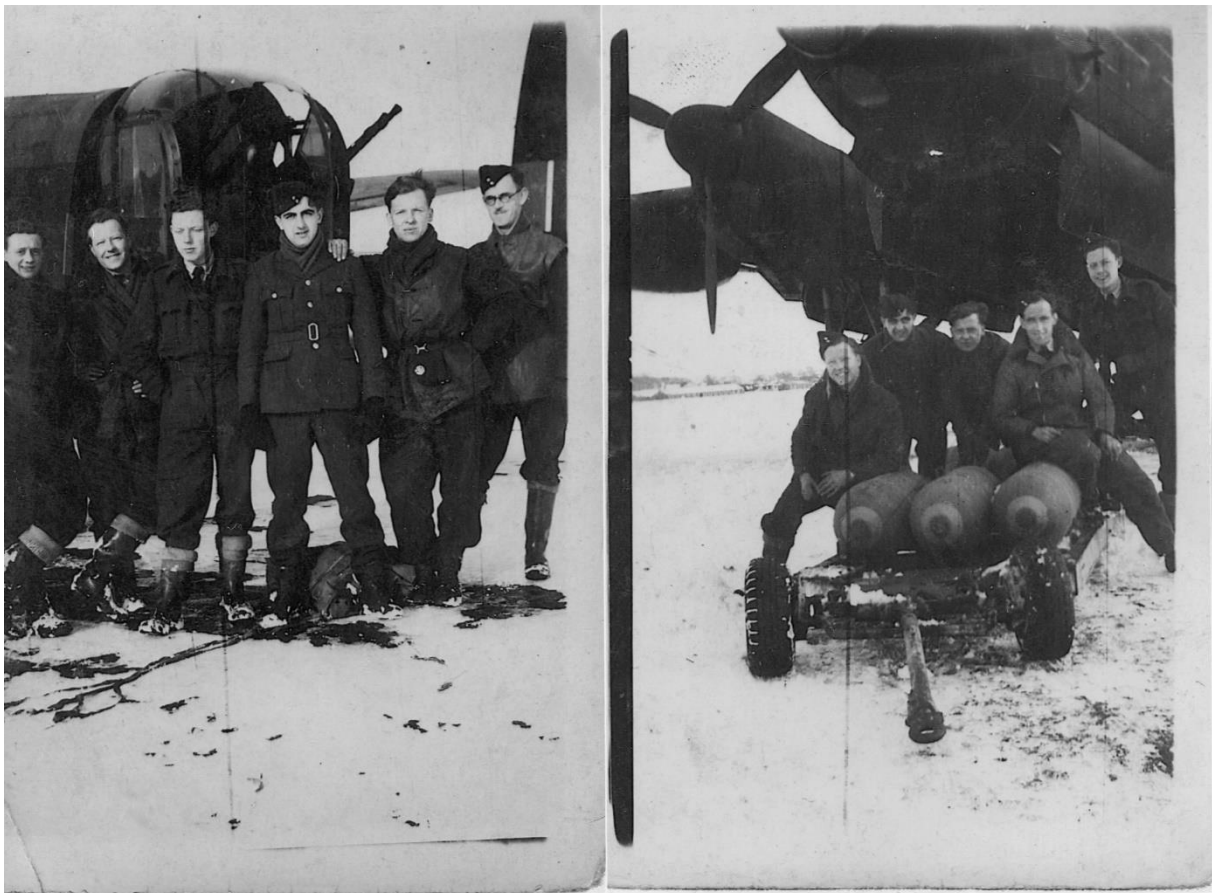
**Figure 15:** Dedication to Andrew H Stockton in local newspaper

Government of Canada. 2022. *In memory of: Pilot Officer Andrew Hunter Stockton.* [Online]. [13 June 2023]. Available from: [https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline\\_content\\_modal\\_10](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline_content_modal_10)



**Figure 16:** Photo of Squadron 550 from March 1944

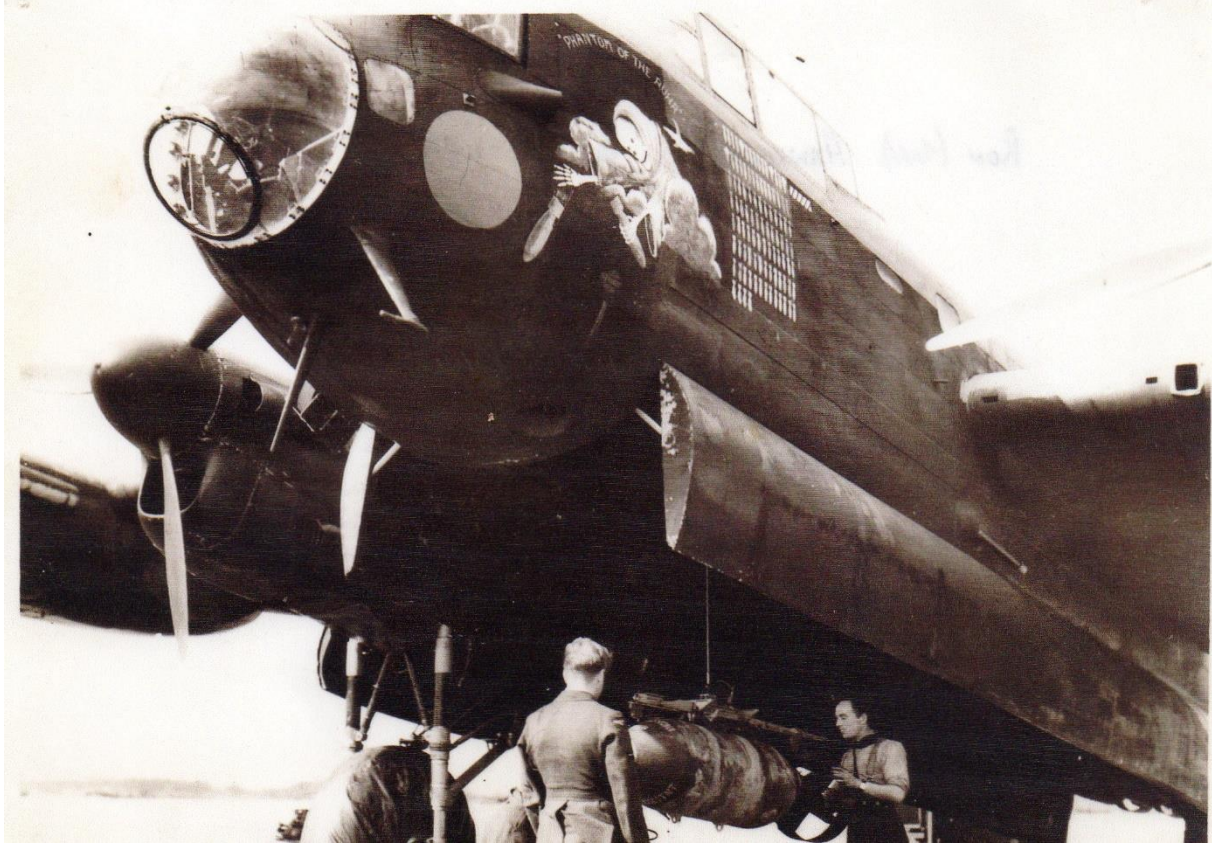
550 Squadron Association. 2022. *Photos of 550 Squadron*. [Online]. [13 June 2023]. Available from:  
[http://550squadronassociation.org.uk/images/550-sqdn-group-photo-1944/3733122314\\_49f4bbd6fc\\_b.jpg](http://550squadronassociation.org.uk/images/550-sqdn-group-photo-1944/3733122314_49f4bbd6fc_b.jpg)



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**Figure 17:** Photo of Squadron 550 taken in 1944/1945

550 Squadron Association. 2022. *Photos of 550 Squadron*. [Online]. [13 June 2023]. Available from:  
<http://www.550squadronassociation.org.uk/images/550-sqdn-group-photos/BombingUp-InTheSnow.jpg>



**Figure 18:** Photo of Aircraft preparing for raid, 100<sup>th</sup> Operation, taken at RAF station North Killingholme in 1944

550 Squadron Association. 2022. *Photos of 550 Squadron*. [Online]. [13 June 2023]. Available from: [http://www.550squadronassociation.org.uk/images/550-sqdn-group-photos/BQ-B\\_BombingUp.jpg](http://www.550squadronassociation.org.uk/images/550-sqdn-group-photos/BQ-B_BombingUp.jpg)

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Government of Canada. 2022. *In memory of: Pilot Officer Andrew Hunter Stockton*. [Online]. [13 June 2023]. Available from: [https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline\\_content\\_modal\\_2](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline_content_modal_2)

Government of Canada. 2022. *In memory of: Pilot Officer Andrew Hunter Stockton*. [Online]. [13 June 2023]. Available from: [https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline\\_content\\_modal\\_1](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline_content_modal_1)

International Bomber Command. 2023. *STOCKTON, ANDREW HUNTER*. [Online]. [13 June 2023].

Available from:

[Stockton A - International Bomber Command Centre \(internationalbcc.co.uk\)](http://internationalbcc.co.uk)

550 Squadron Association. 2022. *Photos*. [Online]. [13 June 2023]. Available from:

[P5115863.JPG \(668x870\) \(550squadronassociation.org.uk\)](http://550squadronassociation.org.uk)

## **Case Study 3: No. 625 Squadron Lancaster III JB122 CF-H P/O Roy Gallop, 31.01.1944**

History of the Squadron before the crash:

On 28<sup>th</sup> November 1943 Sergeant Gallop joined the 625 Squadron. The crew in 1943 consisted of bomb aimer Sergeant P Rawlings, flight engineer Sergeant F Rawstron, navigator Sergeant FT Price, wireless operator Flight Sergeant P Moylan mid gunner Sergeant Jones and rear gunner Sergeant D:G Wightman.

Sergeant Gallop made a second trip to Berlin on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1943 2ith Warrant Officer E:S. In the course of the operation, the two gunners would be wounded and taken to Rauceby hospital. On 16<sup>th</sup> December, Gallop returned to Berlin with replacement gunners. However, the mission was abandoned at 5pm when the aircraft could not get close enough to the ETA bombs safely (Aircrew Remembered, 2019).

Later on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1944, the squadron returned to Berlin in poor weather conditions. The cloud was described as continuous and bombs were dropped over Berlin at 03.17am. The following night, the crew would battle against severe weather conditions, as reports describe 'severe icing encountered in an electric storm of Bremen during which all instruments froze up and the aircraft went into an uncontrolled dive losing height from 19 5000 feet to 3000 feet before control was regained' (Aircrew Remembered, 2019).

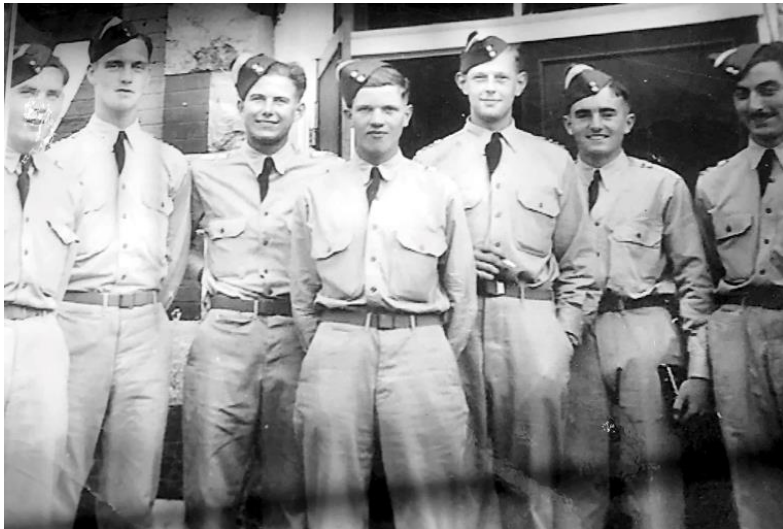
On 30<sup>th</sup> January, the crew took part in their final operation. Two men in the crew were filling in for others as 'spare bods', including Sergeant SJ Harrison and Flight Officer A:J Norman. Two of the men from Warrant Officer JD Owen were also volunteered as spare bods to other crews. These two crews were said to share the same bus (Aircrew Remembered, 2019).

These two incidents narrate the story of the coat of arms of the 625 Squadron, namely the golden link which symbolizes the camaraderie. The golden chain also demonstrates how when one of the members of the crew were lost in an accident, the psychological impact of the loss on the remaining men resulted in accidents in which the remaining me of the crew would lose their lives, like a thread unravelling a ball of wool.

The incident:

The Lancaster III K.E. 7683 departed from Kelstern at 16:52 pm on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1944 for a raid on Berlin. Approximately three hours later, an aircraft of similar build was said to have crashed at LINUM N 53/X 4875, a village thirty miles North-West of Berlin.

Accounts of villagers such as Herr A Kemp report seeing the Lancaster shot down in mid air, exploding before the debris landed within a 1-kilometer radius of Linum.



**Figure 19:** Squadron 625

Aircrew Remembered. 2019. *No. 625 Squadron Lancaster III JB122 CF-H P/O. Roy Gallop*. [Online]. [14 June 2023]. Available from: [30/31.01.1944 No. 625 Squadron Lancaster III JB122 CF-H P/O. Roy Gallop \(aircrewremembered.com\)](https://aircrewremembered.com/30/31.01.1944_No._625_Squadron_Lancaster_III_JB122_CF-H_P/O._Roy_Gallop)

The No. 625 Squadron consisted of the following men, all of whom were killed:

- Pilot Roy Gallop 171215, age 18.
- Flight Engineer Sergeant Stanley John Harrison 1652715, RAFVR; age 21.
- Navigator George Arthur Prigg 1323852 RAFVR Age 23.
- Air bomber Peter Rawlings 1323852 RAFVR, age 23.
- Flight Sergeant and Air Gunner Patrick Moylann 420478, age 21
- Air Gunner: Alexander James Normandin J27320 RCAF, age 23
- Air Gunner David Walter Thomas Johnson DFC 1013070 RAFVR, age 30.

Following the crash, a total of seven bodies were removed from the aircraft and buried in Linum Cemetery.. No military personnel were available to give the crew the military honours they deserved. Their dates of death were not listed on the gravestones. It was not until Frau Kate Schleh visited the cemetery ion 30<sup>th</sup> October 1946 that the bodies were identified as belonging to the No. 625 Squadron (Aircrew Remembered, 2019).

Official exhumations of the crew were performed by Capt Jones of 56 G:C:U and the bodies were relocated to the Berlin 1939-1945 War Grave Cemetery in Heerstraße (Aircrew Remembered, 2019).

### Roy Gallop

Gallop was born the son of William G Gallop (a Baker) and Louisa J Gallop nee Pickett on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1925 in Essex. He was the second youngest of four children, William L C Gallop, George P Gallop and Joan L Gallop.

In his early years, Gallop worked at the family bakery as a roundsman. It is expected that Gallop was as young as sixteen when he enrolled in the Royal Air Force.

On 10<sup>th</sup> November 1942, Gallop completed his training as a pilot in the US in the class of 42J. Gallop is thought to be the NO. 625 youngest ever pilot to be killed in action, losing his life at the age of 18 (Aircrew Remembered, 2019).



**Figure 20:** Roy Gallop, photo taken from his training as a pilot in America

Aircrew Remembered. 2019. No. 625 Squadron Lancaster III JB122 CF-H P/O. Roy Gallop. [Online]. [14 June 2023]. Available from: [30/31.01.1944 No. 625 Squadron Lancaster III JB122 CF-H P/O. Roy Gallop \(aircrewmemo.com\)](https://www.aircrewmemo.com/30/31.01.1944%20No.%20625%20Squadron%20Lancaster%20III%20JB122%20CF-H%20P/O.%20Roy%20Gallop)

**Figure 21:** Roy Gallop, headstone information

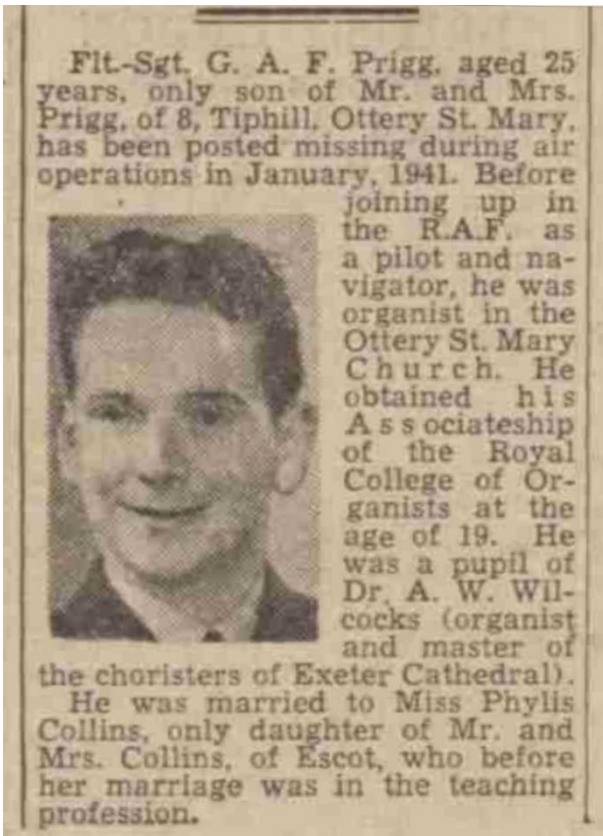
Commonwealth War Graves Commission. 2023. Roy Gallop. [Online]. [14 June 2023]. Available from: [Flight Sergeant Roy Gallop | War Casualty Details 2079535 | CWGC](https://www.cwgc.org/details/details.aspx?ref=2079535)

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BERLIN 1939-1945 WAR CTY., GERMANY No.28					
1192/1/7/9	Coll.Gr. 130	Z/1200/1/A/8	V.H.25	135	
Pilot Officer R. Gallop					
Royal Australian Air Force					
30th January 1944 Age 29					
(Cross)					
"There's not a joy the world can give Like that it takes away..."					
1192/1/7/9	Coll.Gr. 131	Z/1200/1/A/8	V.J.21	136	
1652715 Sergeant S.J. Harrison					
Flight Engineer Royal Australian Air Force					
22nd March 1945 Age 27					
(Cross)					
His duty done To God and man					
We often sit and wonder why The best Are always first to die					
1192/1/7/9	Coll.Gr. 132	Z/1200/1/A/8	V.K.3	137	
1013070 Warrant Officer D.W. Johnson, RFC.					
Air Gunner Royal Australian Air Force					
30th January 1944 Age 30					
(Cross)					
In loving memory Of a dear son and brother. Mother, Beatrice, Muriel, Reg.					
Z/1200/1/A/8	Coll.Gr. 133	Z/1200/1/A/8	V.K.5	138	
490478 Flight Sergeant P. Moylan					
Royal Australian Air Force					
30th January 1944 Age 21					
(Cross)					
Loved son Of Mr. & Mrs. H.J. Moylan Of Moss Vale, N.S.W. R.I.P.					
Z/1200/1/A/8	Coll.Gr. 134	Z/1200/1/A/8	V.K.7	139	
1323555 Flight Sergeant P. Rawlings					
Air Bomber Royal Australian Air Force					
30th January 1944 Age 23					
(Cross)					
Loved dearly in life And living yet In the hearts of those Who never forget					
Forward - Ever onward					

## George Arthur Prigg

Born at Honiton in Devon in 1923, Flight Sergeant George Arthur J Prigg was the only child of plumber George Bernard Prigg and Mabel Florence Prigg nee Hawker.

The family were based at 24 Paternoster Row, Ostery St Mary in Devon.



At the age of 20, Prigg married Phyllis M Collins at Escot PARISH Church Honiton in Devon. It was at this church that Prigg was the community organist. He was also a lead chorister at Exeter Cathedral (Aircrew Remembered, 2019).

**Figure 22:** Newspaper clipping containing dedication to George Arthur Prigg

Proctor, J. 2019. *WW2 RAF BOMBER COMMAND AIRMEN SERGEANT NAVIGATOR G A J PRIGG RAFVR 625 SQUADRON*. [Online]. [20 July 2023]. Available from: [ww2-RAF-Bomber-Command-airman-Sergeant-Navigator-G-A-J-Prigg-RAFVR – 625 Squadron - Jcproctor.co.uk](http://ww2-RAF-Bomber-Command-airman-Sergeant-Navigator-G-A-J-Prigg-RAFVR-625-Squadron-Jcproctor.co.uk)

**Figure 23:** Graves Concentration Report Form for George Arthur Prigg

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. 2023. *Graves Concentration Report Form for George Arthur Prigg*. [Online]. [20 July 2023]. Available from: <https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2917953.JPG>

**GRAVES CONCENTRATION REPORT FORM** D.A.D.G.R.E.

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Report No.

The following <sup>has</sup> been concentrated here: <sup>have</sup>  
(Name of Cemetery) Berlin (Zoostrasse) British War Cemetery  
(Full Map Reference) 5628 436 1/250 000 811 33  
GERMANY

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	Previous location of grave	
Serial No.	Regt. or Corps	Army No.	Name & Initials	Rank	Date of Death	K/A, D/W or Died	Plot	Row	Grave	Date of Burial	Place & Map Ref.	Report Number
1	R.A.F. BAAF	827220	NORRARDIN, A.J.M.	S/O	25.1.44		V	H	15	15-5-47		56/001/301/22
2	R.A.F.	1013070	JOHNSON, DWT. (DPO)	S/O	25.1.44		V	H	16	15-5-47		56/001/301/23
3	R.A.F. BAAF	489/30478	MURRAY, P.	S/S	25.1.44		V	H	17	15-5-47		56/001/301/23
4	R.A.F.	171215	GALLOP, R.	S/O	25.1.44		V	H	18	15-5-47		56/001/301/23
5	R.A.F.	139803	FRIDG, G.A.J.	S/O	25.1.44		V	H	19	15-5-47		56/001/301/23
6	R.A.F.	132352	RAWLINGS, P.	S/S	25.1.44		V	H	20	15-5-47		56/001/301/23
7	R.A.F.	152715	HARRISON, S.J.	Sjt	25.1.44		V	H	21	15-5-47		56/001/301/23
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Date: 17/5/47  
Authy: GR/1710/A/12 dated 23 Sept 47

\*Where a grave has not already been registered, a Registration Report on A.F.W. 3372 will be prepared, and attached to this FORM.

(Signed) *A. G. ...*  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
GRAVES CONCENTRATION UNIT.

### Flight Sergeant Patrick Moylan

Born on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1923 at Gunnedah, New South Wales in Australia, Patrick Moylan was the son of Hugh John Moylan and Doris Elizabeth Moylan.

In his earlier years before joining the military, Patrick Moylan was a clerk.

In addition to being reinterred at the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Moylan is also commemorated on Panel 127 of the Australian War Memorial at Canberra (Aircrew Remembered, 2019).



**Figure 24:** Photo of Fl. Sgt. Patrick Moylan, from Archives of Australia

Archives of Australia. 2022. *MOYLAN PATRICK* : Service Number - 420478 : Date of birth - 28 Jan 1923 : Place of birth - GUNNEDAH NSW : Place of enlistment - SYDNEY : Next of Kin - MOYLAN HUGH. *MOYLAN PATRICK* : Service Number - 420478 : Date of birth - 28 Jan 1923 : Place of birth - GUNNEDAH NSW : Place of enlistment - SYDNEY : Next of Kin - MOYLAN HUGH  
[MOYLAN, PATRICK | AirPowerArchaeology.com](http://AirPowerArchaeology.com)

### Warrant Officer David Walter Thomas Johnson DFC



Born on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1913 at Newport Monmouthshire, David Walter Thomas Johnson was the son of mason Walter Thomas Johnson and Mary Maud Johnson. Johnson was the eldest of three children, including two sisters, Beatrice M Johnson and Muriel S Johnson. The family lived at 61 Seymour Street, Cardiff in Wales.

Before joining the RAAF Johnson had worked as an insurance agent.

In the course of Johnson's career, he participated in several operations in North Africa, as member of the No. 38 and No. 40 squadron.

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for the length of his service on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1944, which is commemorated in the *London Gazette* on 21 December 1945 (Aircrew Remembered, 2019).

**Figure 25:** Photo of Warrant Officer David Walter Thomas Johnson, courtesy of Aircrew Remembered

Aircrew Remembered. 2019. *No. 625 Squadron Lancaster III JB122 CF-H P/O. Roy Gallop*. [Online]. [14 June 2023]. Available from: [30/31.01.1944 No. 625 Squadron Lancaster III JB122 CF-H P/O. Roy Gallop \(aircrewremembered.com\)](https://www.aircrewremembered.com/30/31.01.1944-No-625-Squadron-Lancaster-III-JB122-CF-H-P/O-Roy-Gallop)

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All photos for this case study courtesy of Aircrew Remembered, please see above reference.

## **Case Study 4: No. 460 Squadron (RAAF) Lancaster I W4881 AR-K James Herbert, John English D.F.C**

The Lancaster aircraft departed from Lincolnshire at 16:44 pm to raid Berlin.

In the course of the night, 15000 tons of bombs were dropped on the city. Due to the strong winds that night, many crews were blown too far south of the target. Of the aircraft participating in the raid, four carried a war correspondent. Journalist and Broadcaster Edward R Murrow and Lowell Bennett from the International News Service flew in an aircraft of the 50 Squadron. Norwegian journalist of the Daily Mail Johan Nordahl Brun Grieg alongside As Norman Stockton of the Australian Associated News flew with the 4660 squadron (Aircrew Remembered, 2015).

PDRC Brighton Flight Officer Jack Anderson recounts the incident of the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1943, describing a 'fatal burst from underneath causing fires' (Aircrew Remembered, 2015). Anderson thereafter describes further damage to the aircraft, noting how the 'port side tailplane burnt off and the aircraft went into spiral dive' then there was an explosion (Aircrew Remembered, 2015). Rear Gunner is then described by Anderson to have sustained injuries to his legs, being unable to escape the turret as the doors were jammed closed. Flight Engineer Sergeant Miller A RAF and Bomb Aimer Flight Sergeant Catty was also blown out at 17000 meters when aircraft was on fire and descending in spiral dive. The aircraft is believed to have crashed 12 miles southeast of Groningen (Aircrew Remembered, 2015).

Anderson then describes how he walked almost 12 miles before finding respite in a pigsty, before being taken prisoner alongside Flight Sergeant Catty.

Later a Missing Research and Enquiry Report reveals that two bodies of the crew were blown into Goettin, whilst three landed in Pruetzke. Only two crewmembers were able to parachute to safety. During the final stages of the war, a local of Goettin attended the graves of the crew every Sunday. The bodies were later exhumed and reburied at the Berlin 1939-1945 Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery (Aircrew Remembered, 2015).

Although four war correspondents took part in the mission, it was only Ed Murrow who managed to return from the operation. Norman Stockton and Johan Grieg were killed, whilst Lowell Bennett was taken prisoner alongside crew of the Lancaster DV325. Murrow commemorates his experience on the night of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1943 with a moving tribute to the comradery of the respective crews and the nightmarish nature of the accident. The broadcast bears the title 'Orchestrated Hell': [Edward R. Murrow Recounts Bomb Run on Berlin; December 3rd, 1943. - YouTube](#) (Kendrick Sims, 2022).



**Figure 26:** Johan Nordahl Brun Grieg,  
Livet leker. 2008. *Nordahl Grieg -endelig!* [Online].  
[15 June 2023]. Available from: [Nordahl Grieg -  
endelig! | Livet leker \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.livetleker.com/nordahl-grieg-endelig/)



**Figure 27:** Edward R Murrow, date unknown  
Everett. 2008. *Edward R Murrow*. [Online].  
[15 June 2023]. Available from: [Edward R.  
Murrow, No Date Photograph by Everett -  
Pixels](https://www.pixels.com.au/edward-r-murrow-no-date-photograph-by-everett-pixels/)



**Figure 28:** Photo of the Squadron taken from Australian War Memorial, courtesy of  
Aircrew Remembered

Aircrew Remembered. 2015. *No. 460 Squadron (RAAF) Lancaster I W4881 ARK P/O  
James Herbert John English*. [Online]. [15 June 2023]. Available from: [460 Squadron  
\(RAAF\) Lancaster I W4881 AR-K P/O. James Herbert John English D.F.C., RAF Binbrook  
Lincolnshire \(aircrewremembered.com\)](https://www.aircrewremembered.com/460-squadron-raaf-lancaster-i-w4881-ark-p-o-james-herbert-john-english-d-f-c-raf-binbrook-lincolnshire/)

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Kendrick Sims. 2022. *Edward R. Murrow Recounts Bomb Run on Berlin; December 3rd, 1943*. [Online]. [15 June 2023]. Available from: [1\) Edward R. Murrow Recounts Bomb Run on Berlin; December 3rd, 1943. - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EDwRmUwv84)

## **Case Study 5: Pilot Officer Ralph Henderson DFM RAFVR – 1910-1943 (report contributed by Bill Dawson, great nephew of Pilot Officer Ralph Henderson)**

The following text was contributed by Bill Dawson, great nephew of Pilot Officer Ralph Henderson

Ralph Henderson was born on 29 March 1910 in Sunderland, County Durham to parents Robert William Henderson and Mary Jane Taylor. He was the youngest of 5 children, having 2 older brothers and 2 older sisters. Within a year they had moved to Blyth in Northumberland where the family settled for the remainder of their lives.



**Figure 29:** “Ralph as a young man in Blyth – probably around 1918”

Photo Courtesy of Bill Dawson,  
Ralph Henderson’s Great Nephew.

Ralph’s father, Robert William, was a Superintendent for an insurance company, whilst his mother Mary Jane was clearly busy bringing up their 5 children!



**Figure 30:** “Ralph with his parents – Robert William and Mary Jane – in 1920.”

Photo Courtesy of Bill Dawson,  
Ralph Henderson’s Great Nephew.

Ralph did well in school, leaving Blyth Secondary School in 1926 with very satisfactory results. Despite being only 16, he emigrated to Australia to work under the “Big Brother” scheme where young men were sponsored to go out to work and train for farming. It seems that after a while he became bored with the farming business and trained in Australia to become a teacher. He worked in the outback until returning to England in 1937 where he briefly worked as a salesman before enrolling at Culham College in Oxford in 1938 – a teacher training college.

Again, he did very well at college, gaining good reports. His main subjects were Physical Education and woodwork – we still have an oak cabinet in the family that he made, which is very precious. It doesn’t seem he had one particular sport though – he was an all-rounder, although many in the family were involved in football so I suspect he had a love there, and probably cricket too! He graduated from Culham College in 1940, after the war had broken out. The testimonial from the Principal noted “*Mr Henderson is a man of outstanding ability and one of the best teachers who has ever passed through this college*”.

It does seem that Ralph had volunteered for the RAF as soon as he was able to do so, and he reported for duty with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve at the recruiting centre in Uxbridge on 5 October 1940. He then went on to commence his basic recruit training at Stratford-Upon-Avon, before moving to the Grand Hotel in Scarborough to commence Initial Training as a Pilot.



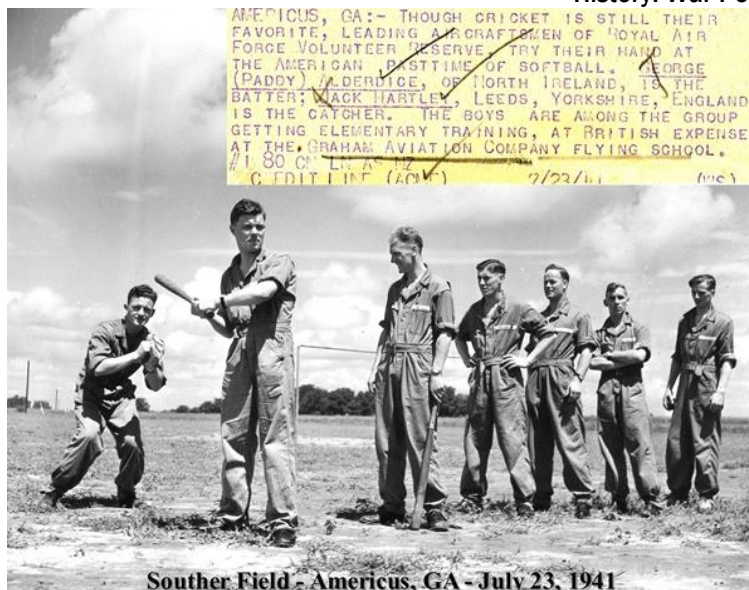
**Figure 31:** “Ralph – Second from Left, Front Row, on joining the RAFVR in October 1940 at Stratford”

Photo Courtesy of Bill Dawson,  
Ralph Henderson’s Great Nephew.

At about this time Britain was in negotiations with America to train Pilots overseas where they had clear airspace and, at that time, were free of the war so that they could train without threat, and without using up valuable aircraft in the training system. A scheme proposed by the American General Arnold was proposed, and Ralph was selected as the very first course to sail to America for flying training under what was to become known as the “Arnold Scheme”.

In May 1941 Ralph, along with the other members of the first courses, sailed to America on the Cunard-White Star Line Liner ‘BRITANNIC’, now a 27,000-ton troopship capable of 18 knots. They arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia on 29 May 1941, from where they embarked on trains for a 30-hour trip to Toronto. After processing, they began a 10-day journey across America to their final destinations. Ralph had been streamed to a course in Americus, Atlanta, Georgia for his basic flying training.

The local townsfolk, for whom the war was a distant news item, greeted the students with great interest and friendship – America had yet to join. Many of the young RAF pilots were ‘adopted’ by local families for the 2 months that they stayed, borrowing cars and attending local dances. Their unusual accents, manners and enthusiasm for life were popular locally, and they often appeared on local newspapers taking part in sports and events. Ralph continued to write letters to his American ‘family’ until his death in 1943.

**Figure 32:**

“Ralph – 3<sup>rd</sup> from Right – Trying Softball in Georgia”

Photo Courtesy of Bill Dawson, Ralph Henderson’s Great Nephew.

The flying training in America was conducted in 3 phases – the basic phase in Americus, then intermediate at Cochrane Field, then advanced at Turner Field. Ralph did well at all 3 schools and completed his training in November 1941. It seems his high scores marked him out to be selected for the rapidly expanding Bomber Force, and when he arrived back in the UK for Christmas 1941 he was posted to the Advanced Flying Unit at RAF Leconfield in Yorkshire to commence his conversion training to larger, multi-engine aircraft.

In July 1942 he moved to RAF Abingdon, back close to Oxford where he had trained as a teacher, where he stayed until August 1942 training in night navigation and bombing techniques. He then moved to RAF Kinloss in Scotland to continue night training, before eventually moving to RAF Winthorpe near Newark to finish his Heavy Conversion Unit training between December 1942 and March 1943.

Whilst in Scotland, Ralph wrote to Muriel, the lady he had met whilst at Culham Teacher Training College. As far as we know she was his ‘mentor’ when he visited her school (she was also a teacher) which we think is how they met. They may also have been out to a dance or the pictures – who knows! But I don’t think it was necessarily love at first sight as when Ralph was in America it doesn’t seem as if they kept in touch. But Muriel had written straight back and they started writing, and then seeing each other regularly with Ralph taking every opportunity during his leave to return to Oxford to see Muriel when he could.

Ralph must have continued to do well throughout his flying training as he was selected to join the Pathfinder Force, at that time of the war still a very new concept and not popular in all quarters of the Air Force. The best Pilots and crews were being selected to fly aircraft ahead of the main bombing force to lay flares and target indicators as a means of trying to improve targeting accuracy. In the days before reliable radio or satellite navigation systems, and in often poor weather, bombing raids were routinely more than 5 miles away from their targets. The Pathfinders were starting to experiment with new navigation techniques, and many aircraft were being fitted with radar and other ‘special equipment’ as their radio navigation aids were known.

After more than 2 years of training, Ralph joined 83 Sqn at RAF Wyton on 2 March 1943, flying the Lancaster aircraft. As was usual he flew a couple of missions with other crews to familiarise himself with the routines and drills, and to gain some experience of combat. This was known as flying as 'second dicky'. On only his third mission, in the early hours of 12 March 1943, Ralph's aircraft was shot down. Their Lancaster – OL-B / ED313 was returning from a raid over Stuttgart when it was intercepted and shot down by Fw Gerhard Rase of 6.NJG4(6) in an Me110 – it was his first claimed 'kill' of the war. The Lancaster Pilot – Flt Lt Norman Mackie DSO DFC & Bar – put up a determined evasion but the damage to the Lancaster was too great and he ordered the crew to bail out.

The crew were:

- Flt Lt Norman Alexander John Buist Mackie DSO DFC & Bar RAFVR (Pilot)
- Sgt Ralph Henderson DFM RAFVR (Flight Engineer)
- Flt Lt 'Joe' Alan Mc Pherson Ogilvie DFC & Bar (Royal Canadian Air Force) (Navigator)
- Flt Sgt William Eric Barrett DFM (Bomb Aimer)
- Flt Sgt Lewis Edward James Humber RAFVR (Wireless Operator / Air Gunner)
- Flt Sgt Alexander Lynch DFM RAFVR (Mid Upper Gunner)
- Flt Sgt Kenneth William Chipchase RAFVR (Rear Gunner)

Alexander Lynch and Kenneth Chipchase died as a result of the action and are buried at Sognyen-Angle church in France. Lewis Humber and William Barrett were captured and spent the remainder of the war in Stalag Kopernikus. Norman Mackie was initially captured but later escaped and survived the war.

Meanwhile, Ralph parachuted to safety and later the next day met up with Joe Ogilvie, the Navigator, who had also survived. Over the course of the next 2 months, they evaded with the help of the resistance all the way south across France through a combination of trains and walking. Eventually with the help of many famous resistance fighters they made it to the Pyrenees where they walked on foot over the mountains to Spain. Eventually they were arrested by the Spanish, but after negotiations with the British Consulate here collected and taken to Gibraltar. Joe Ogilvie was quite sick after his journey so stayed for some time in Spain, but Ralph flew almost immediately back to Britain, arriving back in July.

Reunited with Muriel at some point they must have decided to get married! Suddenly all the letters were about wedding preparations, and on 4 August 1943 Ralph and Muriel were married in Oxford. When he returned to flying duties after the wedding, Muriel was able to meet him on occasional weekends, travelling by train through the blackout and returning to work on a Monday.



**Figure 33:** "Ralph and Muriel on their Wedding Day" – 4 August 1943

Photo Courtesy of Bill Dawson,  
Ralph Henderson's Great Nephew.

As well as a wedding, Ralph was also rewarded for his conduct by evading capture and returning to Britain by being promoted to Pilot Officer (Commissioned) and also being honoured with the Distinguished Flying Medal (DFM) by the King

Only 2 weeks after the wedding, Ralph returned to the Squadron and commenced operational flying again. On his 14<sup>th</sup> flight, a raid to Berlin on 22 November 1943 in Lancaster OL-B / JB424, he was shot down and killed, along with all his crew, over the Schiller Park area of Berlin at around 2000 in the evening. The crew were:

Pilot Officer Ralph Henderson DFM RAFVR  
Flt Sgt J R McAdam  
Flt Sgt H E M Dulieu (St Lucia)  
Flt Sgt F J Fay  
Flt Sgt J Prendergast  
Flt Sgt D M Rutter (Australia)  
Flt Sgt T Cubitt

Muriel was informed by telegram the next day from the CO of 83 Squadron:

*"Deeply regret to inform you that your husband P/O Ralph Henderson is missing as a result of air operations on night of 22/23 November 1943. Letter follows. Any further information received will be immediately communicated to you. OC 83 Squadron."*

Over the coming months Muriel never gave up hope and wrote repeatedly to the Red Cross seeking more information. She also wrote to the families of all the other crewmembers offering reassurance and holding out hope. Sadly, a telegram was eventually received from the Red Cross on 8 January 1944 confirming that he was believed to have lost his life.

It seems likely that all the crew were either killed in, or remained with the aircraft until it crashed as all 7 were buried together in a communal grave at the Berlin (Heerstraße) British War Cemetery. They were reburied on 29 October 1946.



**Figure 34:** The original communal grave in Berlin

Photo Courtesy of Bill Dawson,  
Ralph Henderson's Great Nephew.

After the war, Muriel received an invitation to Buckingham Palace to receive Ralph's DFM from King George VI; His Majesty also sent her a personal card of sympathy. Ralph is also commemorated on a plaque in his home town of Blyth, on the RAF Memorial at Runnymede, and a tree was planted at the National Memorial Arboretum. As far as we know she never visited the grave in Berlin.

Muriel never remarried, staying faithful to the memory of Ralph and the short 3 ½ months of marriage that they enjoyed, even around the disruptions of his operational flying career. She kept personal papers and memorabilia of their life together in a red box file, which she stored safely in the oak cabinet that he made during the time at Culham College, where they first met. Muriel died peacefully in 2016.

The research into Ralph's short but eventful life continues, and every week a new piece of information appears. Most recent finds have been the picture of Ralph playing softball in America, and the identification of his first course photograph on joining the RAFVR in October 1940. That was the power of the internet – a post in a Bomber Command social media group led to someone identifying exactly where the photograph was taken.

In November 2023, 80 years to the day since Ralph's life was so abruptly cut short, we will be visiting the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery to pay our respects to him and his brave crew. It is important that they are not forgotten, and that their story continues to be told.



**Figure 35:** Photo of Pilot Officer  
Ralph Henderson

Photo Courtesy of Bill Dawson,  
Ralph Henderson's Great Nephew.

**Bibliography:**

The photos and text of this report belong to Bill Dawson, great nephew of Pilot officer Ralph Henderson, who kindly wrote this biography himself and consented to contribute it to the report.

## Case Study 6: Private Ernest Grendall of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment, Soldier Known Unto God

Approximately three years ago, researchers Ritchie and Lorna Conaghan of the Girvan and District Great War Project discovered a seven-page diary which detailed the Long March from Poland to Germany in early 1945. The diary began in January 1945 and continued until to May 1945. The author of the diary is to this day unknown. The only information we have about the author is that following his release as a prisoner of war, he travelled from London to Edinburgh, then to Glasgow. However, in the course of the diary, he does not mention his regiment. A single name is mentioned in the diary: Ernest Grendall.

Private Ernest Grendall was a soldier in the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment. It is believed that he participated in the Battle of Dunkirk and was later taken prisoner of war at Stalag Camp XXB in Wielbark, now Malbork, Poland). Grendall endured 5 years at the camp before returning home. It was on the journey back to his hometown that Grendall tragically lost his life. Grendall was later buried in a small churchyard in Morass. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission have had Grendall's name commemorated on the Dunkirk Memorial. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission have confirmed that Grendall's body was later reburied, but the exact whereabouts of his new grave are unknown. Despite this, the Commission were able to share that after the Second World War, one body was recovered from Morass and buried in an unknown grave in the 1939-1945 Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery at Heerstraße.

Since receiving this information and cross referencing the graves buried at both Morass and the cemetery at Berlin (Heerstraße), Ritchie and Lorna have been determined to prove that the unknown grave at Berlin belongs to Private Ernest Grendall of



**PRIVATE ERNEST JAMES GRENDALE (26)**, son of Mrs. L. Grendall and the late Mr. W. Grendall, of 2, Stanway Road, Coney Hill, who died on March 15th while a prisoner of war in Germany. He had been a prisoner for five years, and is

**Figure 36:** Newspaper Excerpt commemorating Private Ernest Grendall's death.

Source courtesy of Ritchie and Lorna Conaghan of the Girvan and District and Great War Project.

/had a little Red Cross left from our last issue at Elbing.

On the ninth day we received no bread or spread issued and this continued for eight days when we received one loaf between six men. During those eight days we received boiled potatoes, when we were lucky. We ate the remainder of our Red Cross during this time. Between the six of us we had a tin of meat and a tin of butter but we finished this on the seventh day. On the night of the eighth day we slept in the open and a cart of raw potatoes were unloaded in the field but the Russians were nearer the cart than us and got the lot.

I was speaking to Hamish for a few minutes. He came in very late and his company remained behind next morning.

We received a loaf between six when we were marching out and then we went another seven days without bread. At the moment we are resting and have received a Canadian parcel between eight men. We are also receiving a loaf between six and soup each day. After resting six days we marched on and joined the Marienburg party with which we marched for three days then we stopped at a small village. 140 of us were put in a small barn at a little farm where we received one loaf between eight per day and barley soup. On the second day there we received an American parcel containing a hundred cigarettes and food. This was divided between five men but it is a help to us in these times to get a decent smoke. The food is not much between five but it means twenty cigarettes each.

Up till now we have marched 692 kilometres and there is now only six of our old kdo. of ninety men left together. Four of us are from room six of Elbing kdo. Two of our six are very ill, one with dysentery and we can't tell what is wrong with the other. They cannot receive proper treatment as the medical orderlies only have a few tablets. We are all suffering with our feet and there are quite a few cases of blood poisoning. We have no idea where we go from here. The date, at present, is I think March 11th.

March 12th. Our combine now reduced to four as all sick have been taken to hospital. The food question is still very bad but we hope to have a hot soup made from cattle food to-day.

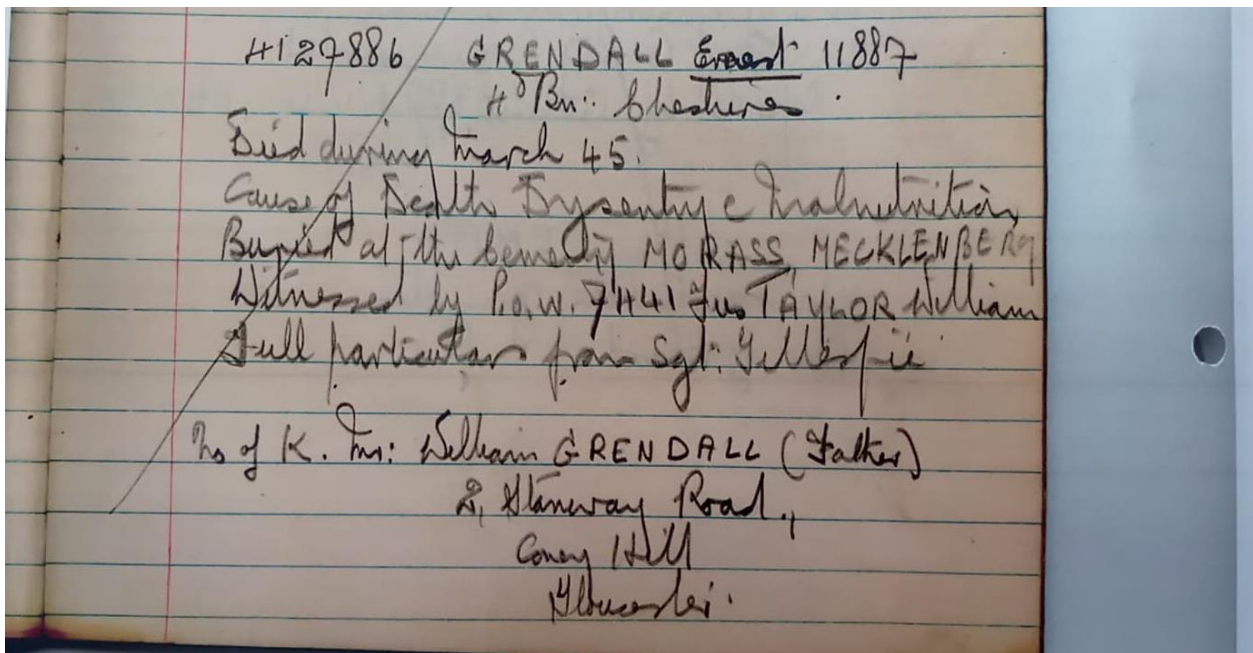
March 13th. Bread, one 3-lb. loaf to five men.

March 14th. Seven men to a 3-lb. loaf and barley soup for dinner without meat or potatoes. Margarine we receive when we get it and the issue to-day was 1-lb. to twenty-five men.

March 15th. Now receiving one slice of bread and a watery soup each day. There is no hope of getting Red Cross here. We are now over forty days on the march and have received half a parcel during that time. Moved out at 9 a.m. to-day and marched sixteen kilometres to Morases where we saw some of our old pals who told us of the death of our chum, Ernest Grendall. He was separated from us when the sick were moved on 12th. March, supposedly

**Figure 37:** Excerpt from the unknown soldier's diary, in which Ernest Grendall is mentioned.

Source courtesy of Ritchie and Lorna Conaghan of the Girvan and District and Great War Project.



**Figure 38:** Excerpt from Slywia Kaszuba's diary, in which Grendall's death and burial place is mentioned.

Source courtesy of Ritchie and Lorna Conaghan of the Girvan and District and Great War Project.



**Figure 39:** The supposed resting place of Private Ernest Grendall today, at the 1939-1945 Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery.

Source courtesy of Ritchie and Lorna Conaghan of the Girvan and District and Great War Project.



**Figure 40:** Picture of James Fulton, Camp Stalag XXB ‘man of confidence’

Source courtesy of Ritchie and Lorna Conaghan of the Girvan and District and Great War Project.

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## Case Study 7: Sergeant William John Simpson and Lancaster Squadron 467



**Figure 41:** Pictured Squadron 467, upper left to right: sergeant Joseph Melling, Sergeant Douglas Coombe, Sergeant Harold Boardley and Sergeant Francis Doncaster. Front row: Flight Sergeant William John Simpson, Flight Officer Gerald Sudds and Pilot Officer Cecil O'Brien.

Aircrew Remembered. 2015. *467 Squadron Lancaster III 538 Pilot Officer Cecil O'Brien*. [Online]. [17 June 2023]. Available from: [27/28th January 1944 467 Squadron Lancaster III ED539 P/O. O'Brien \(aircrewremembered.com\)](https://www.aircrewremembered.com/27/28th-January-1944-467-Squadron-Lancaster-III-ED539-P/O.-O'Brien)

Lancaster Squadron 467 consisted of seven men: Pilot Cecil O'Brien, Flight Engineer Sergeant Douglas James Coombe, Navigator Sergeant Harold Boardley, Gerald Henry Sudds, William John Simpson, Joseph James Melli and Sgt Francis Herbert Doncaster. Squadron 467 and Sergeant William John Simpson flew to Berlin on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1944 at approximately 5.40pm. At this time, there were already over 530 aircraft in the skies, including 515 Lancaster Bombers and 15 Mosquitoes (Aircrew Remembered, 2023).

The aircraft were placed in a dangerous position as Berlin was very overcast. The thick clouds hanging over the city meant that the Bomber Command were unable to track the exact whereabouts of the aircrafts and their corresponding squadrons. Following the raid, it was reported by local newspapers that 567 people in Berlin were killed in the course of the night, 132 of whom were foreign labourers. In addition to human losses, the raid had a serious impact on the city and its surrounding villages. It is estimated that approximately 600 villages were hit and suffered severe damages in the course of the raid (Aircrew Remembered, 2023).

The aircraft belonging to the squadron, Lancaster Bomber E539, was shot down over Berlin by the 1<sup>st</sup> Flak Division. The aircraft thereafter exploded, crashing at Berlin Köpenick. The crash site was confirmed at 8.38pm, when the aircraft was found at Wendenschloßstraße (Aircrew Remembered, 2023). The remains of the men were thereafter transported to the Olympia Lazarett (Olympic Village), to be buried at Elstal. Following the end of the Second World War, the bodies of the crewmembers were reburied at the 1939-1945 Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Berlin.

Flight Sergeant William John Simpson's remains, however, were never found. Simpson is therefore only commemorated by name at the Berlin 1939-1945 Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and also at the memorial in Runnymede, Surrey, Great Britain.

In recent years, the identification of Flight Sergeant William John Simpson, in addition to remains of the Lancaster aircraft, were found in the former Olympische Lazarette (Olympische Dorf) in Berlin. The following photos are courtesy of Jan Bejšovec, museum director responsible for the former 1936 Olympische Lazarette, Olympische Dorf.

**Figure 42:** The identification tag of Flight Sergeant William John Simpson, discovered in the area surrounding the former 1936 Olympische Lazarette, Olympische Dorf, Berlin, where it is expected that the Lancaster Bomber of Squadron 467 crashed.

Photo courtesy of museum director Jan Bejšovec.



**Figure 43:** Remains of aircraft, expected to belong to Lancaster Bomber ED539 of the 467 Squadron.

Photo courtesy of museum director Jan Bejšovec.

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### Case Study 8: Sergeant Jack Rowland Wales and RAF Squadron 100

RAF Squadron 100 consisted of seven men: Pilot Flying Officer William Austin Gardiner, Flight Engineer Sergeant Joseph Richard Dunn, Navigator Sergeant Oliver Henry Thomas Innocent, Mid Upper Gunner Sergeant Jack Rowland Wales, Wireless Operator Sergeant John King, Bomb Aimer Pilot Officer Edward Charles Harrill and Warrant Officer Fred Hugh Davis.



**Figure 44** :Sergeant Jack Rowland Wales.

Photo courtesy of Steve Smith.

Smith, S. 2022. SERGEANT 1496737 JACK ROWLAND WALES 100 SQUADRON ROYAL AIR FORCE. [Online]. [17 June 2023].

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Flight Sergeant Jack Rowland Wales (1496737) was born to parents Walter and Elsie Wales in 1920. On 5<sup>th</sup> June 1943, Wales completed his training as an air gunner. Wales' crew was thereafter confirmed as operational by 1656 Operational Conversion Unit on the same date. In January 1943, the 100 Squadron were posted to RAF Grimsby, where they had succeeded in qualifying for a Lancaster aircraft, a heavier bomber than they had previously flown (Smith, 2022).

The 100 squadron had a very successful career, flying from Genoa, Manheim, Remscheid, Essen, Hamburg, Wuppertal, Turin, Berlin a, Krefeld and Berlin from June to September 1943. On 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1943, Wales' crew participated in a raid over Berlin. Over sixty aircraft were lost, including almost 430 lives of crewmembers. During the raid, the Pathfinders found it challenging to plot the center of Berlin, therefore only marking the south (Smith, 2022).

On the night of the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of August, Squadron 100 participated in a raid over Nuremburg, flying in Lancaster Mk III, JA 930. Heavy cloud meant that the H2S radars were unable to function effectively. Despite this, a direct consequence of the raid was Josef Goebbels' decision to evacuate children and parents who were not responsible for the war effort from Berlin (Smith, 2022).

The squadron's final raid took place on 31<sup>st</sup> August. Wales' crew were flying the aircraft Lancaster Mk III, JA930, and the target was Berlin. Squadron 100 was one of two aircraft of the 100 Squadron Lancasters to be lost in the course of the night. The official report for the Lancaster aircraft suggested that the aircraft departed at 19:49 hours on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1943 from Grimsby and later exploded over Berlin. The whole crew were later declared to be 'lost without a trace'. The average age of the crew was only 21 years. Although Pilot Officer Harrill's body was initially buried in Heerstraße Cemetery, later to be moved to the Berlin 1939-1945 Commonwealth War

Grave Cemetery, Wales and his other five remaining crewmembers were never found. They are therefore commemorated only in name at the Runnymede Memorial in Surrey, Panel 168 (Smith, 2022).

Sergeant Jack Rowland Wales' story is particularly interesting, as his family were related a lot of false information concerning his death. Researcher Steve Smith, who writes of Sergeant Jack Rowland Wales in his book *Great War Britain Norfolk Remembering 1914-1918* (Smith, 2014), discusses meeting Wales' sisters, who described the nature of the misinformation that they were relayed concerning their brother's fate. The sisters were told that Wales' crew were very inexperienced and the aircraft was lost over the English Channel. From official military records, it is clear that Wales' crew were in fact several operations into their career and not inexperienced. Other pieces of false information are also recorded about the crew, such as suggesting that Warrant Officer Fred Hugh Davis came from Canada, when he was actually from Texas in the USA (Smith, 2022)



**Figure 45:** Sergeant Jack Rowland Wales pictured second to right.

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Photo Courtesy of Bill Dawson, Ralph Henderson’s Great Nephew.

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Photo Courtesy of Bill Dawson, Ralph Henderson’s Great Nephew.

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Photo courtesy of museum director Jan Bejšovec.

**Figure 43:** Remains of aircraft, expected to belong to Lancaster Bomber ED539 of the 467 Squadron.

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**Figure 44 :**Sergeant Jack Rowland Wales.

Photo courtesy of Steve Smith.

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