

Sgt. Stanley Alldis 1132284 RAFVR

Stanley Alldis was the wireless operator of a 166 Squadron Lancaster shot down over Holland with the loss of the entire crew in June 1944.

He was part of the crew of Lancaster III LM581 AS-X which had left RAF Kirmington at 2238 hours on the night of 12 June to take part in a raid by 286 Lancasters from 1 and 3 Group. This was the opening attack of Bomber Command's 'oil campaign'. The target was the Nordstern benzol plant at Gelsenkirchen which was put out of action for weeks in a highly-accurate raid which cost the RAF 17 Lancasters.



LM581 was on the homeward leg when it was caught over Holland by a night fighter, probably flown by Fw Karl Pfeiffer, and shot down, crashing at Tongeren, near Epe, a few miles from Apeldoorn at 0134 hours. There were no survivors and the bodies of the crew were later buried in Epe General Cemetery.

Stanley and his crew were on their seventh operation with the squadron – four of them on board LM581 – after joining 166 early in May 1944. He came from the village of Bidston, near Birkenhead in Cheshire, and was the 24-year-old son of Joseph and Mary Alldis.

Those killed with him were the pilot P/O Trevor Boyce RNZAF, flight engineer Sgt. Joe Carter, navigator F/O Andrew Leonard, bomb-aimer F/O Maurice Monks, mid-upper gunner Sgt. Harold Rothwell and the rear gunner Sgt. Ian Ross.

His name can be found on IBCC panel 002.

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