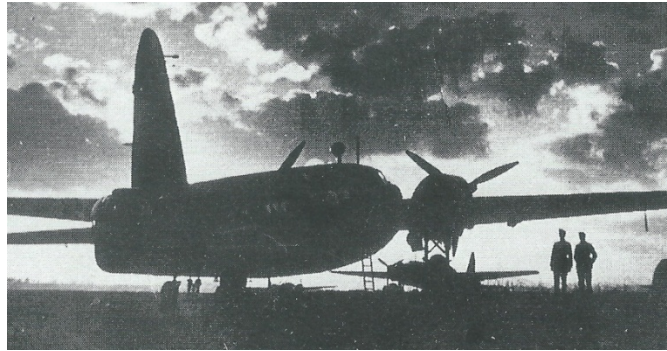


**Flt. Sgt. Kenneth Charles
Amy 902859 RAFVR**

Kenneth Amy was a young wireless operator/air gunner, from the Channel Islands, who was killed along with the rest of his crew when their Wellington was shot down during an attempt to bomb German warships moored in the French Atlantic port of Brest.



He was part of the crew of Wellington W5360 PH-U, of 12 Squadron, which was one of 109 Bomber Command aircraft sent to attack the battleships *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* in the early hours of 7 July 1941.

W5360 had taken off from RAF Binbrook at 2325 hours the previous night and was one of 21 Wellingtons and 88 Hampdens sent to continue Bomber Command's campaign against the capital warships. However, when they arrived they found the harbour was shrouded by the smoke screen that had been installed to protect shipping. Kenneth's Wellington was hit by anti-aircraft fire over Brest and crashed at Quevres farm near the village of Guilers, close to Brest, killing all six men on board. A Hampden was also lost during this operation.

Kenneth came from St Helier in Jersey and was the 22-year-old son of William and Emily Amy. After joining the RAF and completing his training he was posted to No. 21 Operational Training Unit at Moreton-in-Marsh, where the crew assembled, and was then posted to 12 Squadron at Binbrook early in June 1941.

The others who died with him were the pilot S/L Andrew Baird MiD, second pilot Sgt. Charles Robson RNZAF, observer F/O William Ward, wireless operator/air gunner Sgt. Thomas Burgess DFM and rear gunner F/O Stanley Watkins. All are buried in Guilers churchyard.

Kenneth's name can be found on panel 002.

Sources: *Aircrew Remembered*/RAF Commands/Bomber Command War Diaries by Martin Middlebrook and Chris Everitt.