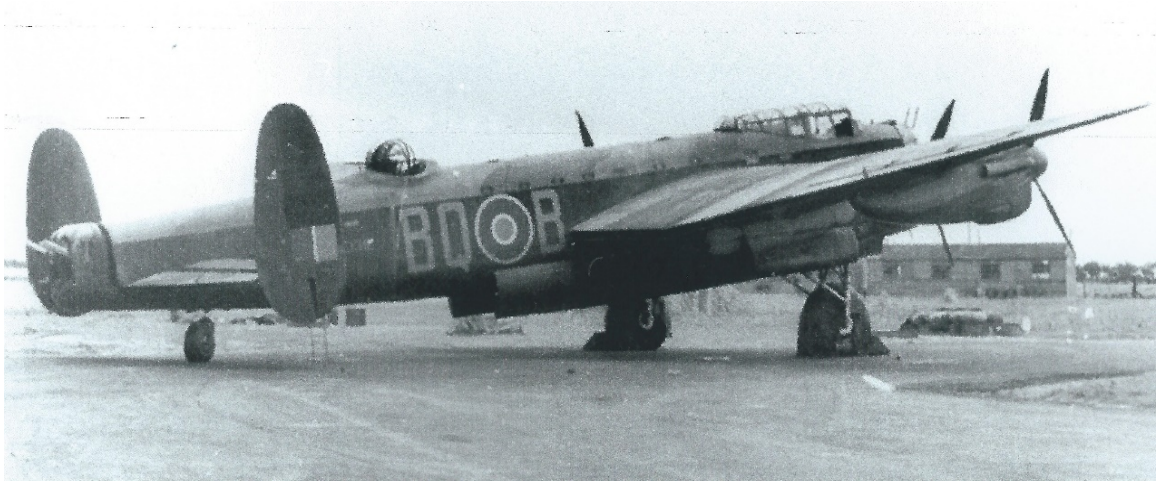


Sgt. Alfred Anderson 1547680 RAFVR



A 550 Squadron Lancaster at North Killingholme

In the early hours of 30 August 1944, a Lincolnshire-based Lancaster was intercepted by a German night fighter over the waters of the Kattegat, east of the Danish mainland, at 10,000 feet and shot down, killing all seven of the men on board.

The Lancaster, EE193 BQ-C of 550 Squadron (a veteran ex-57 Squadron aircraft), was one of 403 sent by Bomber Command to Stettin, 16 of them from 550's base at North Killingholme.

It carried an unusual crew, at least four of whom were over the age of 30 and were married men. The wireless operator was 32-year-old Yorkshireman Alfred Anderson, his aircraft crashing in the Kattegat, north-west of Serjero. The only body recovered was that of the flight engineer and the remainder of the crew, including Alfred, are remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

Alfred came from Leeds where he lived with his wife, Ella. He was the son of Jim and Bertha Anderson.

The others who died were the pilot WO Washington Ansell, flight engineer Flt. Sgt. Geoffrey Battersby, navigator F/O Clare Cameron RCAF, bomb-aimer F/O Ivor Hood, the 19-year-old mid-upper gunner Sgt. Ernest Parker and rear gunner Sgt. Oliver Tabuteau, a Canadian serving in the Royal Air Force.

His name can be found on panel 002.

Source: 550 Squadron Association/'Five-Fifty: The Wartime Story of a Lancaster Squadron' by Patrick Otter.