

## Sgt. Adam Anderson 1347713 RAFVR

Twenty-year-old Lancaster pilot Adam Anderson was one of four men, three of them Scots, who died on their second operation when their aircraft was hit by flak over Denmark.

He was flying in ED620 EA-K of 49 Squadron, a brand-new Lancaster (*pictured here with the ground crew*) that had only just been delivered to the squadron at Fiskerton.



His crew was involved in a raid on Stettin on the night of 20/21 April 1943, a raid that involved 339 bombers, 21 of which were lost.

Shortly after crossing the Danish coast, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire, which set fire to incendiaries in the bomb bay. The pilot immediately opted for a crash-landing and the aircraft came down (*pictured below*) near Ringkøbing, killing three of the crew while Adam was very badly injured. He was freed from the wreckage and taken to hospital but later died.



Adam came from Kelso in Roxburghshire and was the son of James and Margaret Anderson.

The other three who died were the flight engineer Sgt. Adam Telfer, bomb-aimer Sgt. William Cook and wireless operator Sgt. Gordon Evans. All four are

now buried in Lemvig Cemetery, in Denmark. The navigator Sgt. George Boulton, mid-upper gunner Sgt. W Hayworth and rear gunner Flt. Sgt. G Barclay all became prisoners.

His name can be found on panel 002.

Sources: 49 Squadron Association/Bomber Command War Diaries by Martin Middlebrook/Bomber Command Losses 1943 by Bill Chorley.