Sgt. Joseph Anderson
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Joseph Anderson was a Wellington wireless operator/air gunner killed along with his crew during an attack on Berlin in 1941.

He was part of the crew of 9 Squadron Wellington IC T2473 WS-M based at Honington in Suffolk. On the night of 9 April 1941 Joseph and his crew took off at 2032 hours to join 79 other Bomber Command aircraft to attack Berlin. Later his aircraft was intercepted by a night fighter flown by Oblt Fritz Gutezeit, close to the Dutch/German border, and shot down crashing at Veldhausen, near Nordhorn. There were no survivors.

Joseph was the 21 year old son of James and Mary Anderson of Larkhall in Lanarkshire and is remembered on the Lanark War Memorial

The others who died were the pilot P/O George Sharp, second pilot P/O John Fisher, observer P/O Richard Rendle, second wireless operator/air gunner Sgt. Cyril Parris and rear gunner P/O Walter Strickland. All six are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery.

His name can be found on panel 002.

Sources: *Bombers First and Last* by Gordon Thorburn/9 Squadron/Lanark War Memorial.