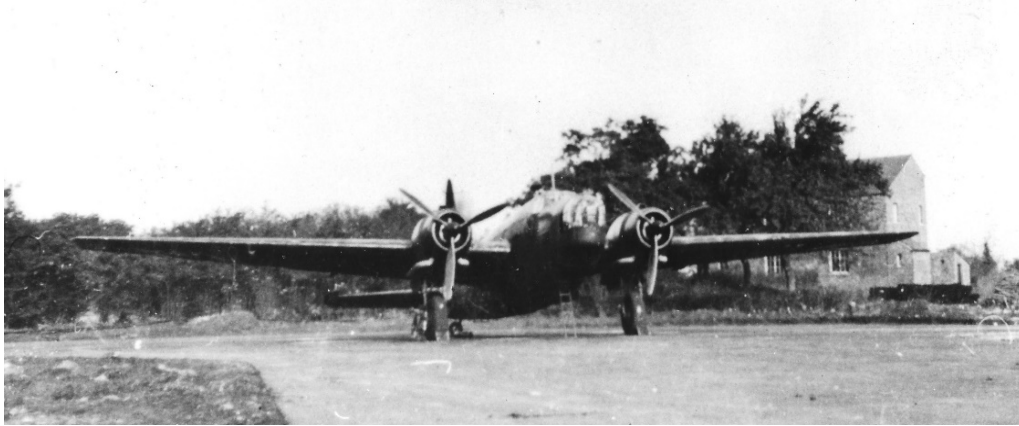


Sgt. Maurice Ermini Anivitti 401408 RAAF



A 460 Squadron Wellington pictured at Brighton

Maurice Anivitti was an Australian rear gunner who was killed when his Wellington was shot down during a raid on Emden in 1942.

He had joined a crew at 460 Squadron RAAF at Brighton some weeks earlier after their previous wireless operator and another crew member were badly injured when their aircraft was attacked three times by a Me110 night fighter following a raid on Rostock.

Maurice was killed when his aircraft, Wellington IV Z1486 UV-H, of 460 Squadron RAAF, was shot down probably by flak during the Emden raid on the night of June 19/20 1942, crashing onto a sandbank in the Ems estuary near Rysum, seven miles from the target. There were no survivors from the five-man crew.

The Emden raid involved 194 aircraft of which nine failed to return. The attack itself was yet another failure with many bombs falling 80 miles away on Osnabruck.

Maurice lived in the Sydney suburb of Rose Bay with his wife, Gwendoline, and was the 27-year-old son of Louis and Zilla Anivitti.

The others who died were the pilot W/O David Kitchen RAAF, navigator Flt. Sgt. Lionel James RAAF, wireless operator Sgt. Geoffrey Stevens RAAF and wireless operator/air gunner Sgt Dennis Watson RAFVR. All five are buried in the Sage War Cemetery.

His name can be found on panel 003.

Sources: 460 Squadron Association/aircraft safety net/yorkshire-aircraft.co.uk/ Jim Petersen/Bomber Command War Diaries.