

## **Sgt Ronald Frank Arnold 1890774** **RAFVR**

Ronald Arnold was the rear gunner of one of three 166 Squadron Lancasters lost during the disastrous Mailly-le-Camp raid in the late spring of 1944.

The attack on the night of May 3/4 1944, by 346 Lancasters and 16 Mosquitoes on a German military camp to the east of Paris, was dogged by poor communications, leaving bombers circling what turned out to be a night fighter beacon waiting for instructions to bomb. This was where many of the lost 42 Lancasters were shot down, including William Myers' aircraft, ME643 AS-E.

The aircraft crashed near the small town of Saint-Memmie, in the Marne region east of Paris. The crew are now buried in Courtisols Churchyard along

with nine other  
aircrew all killed in

the same month. These include a 12 Squadron crew shot  
down on the same night.



The others who died were the pilot P/O William Myers, flight  
engineer Sgt. Robert Green, navigator Flt. Sgt. Stanley  
Wilson, bomb-aimer P/O Anthony Pappajohn RCAF, wireless  
operator Flt. Sgt. William Jones and mid-upper gunner Sgt.  
Joseph Kenny.

His name can be found on panel 003.



Sources: 166 Squadron Association.