

Warrant Officer Frederick James Bell 972074 RAFVR



Air Gunner Frederick Bell was born in 1920, the son of Mr and Mrs William Bell. His wife was Freda Bell, of Hampstead Norris.

He was flying in No. 83 Squadron's Lancaster PB533 OL-Q on 22 December 1944, which had taken off from RAF Coningsby to bomb the Politz oil plant. Fog at their home airfield forced them to try to land at RAF Metherringham. Unfortunately, whilst landing in fog there also they crashed into a copse of trees.

Freddie died aged 24, leaving his wife, a 2-year-old son and a brother and sister. He had just been on leave and gone back on duty.

He is buried in Hampstead Norris (St. Mary) New Churchyard, West part.

His Crew

Sqn. Ldr. L. Hatcher

F/Sgt. H. Naldrett

Flt. Lt. A.J. Booker

Flt. Lt. C. Summerscales.

P/O E. Marron.

WO R. Goodman.

P/O M.T. Ingmire. (Injured)

Frederick's name is on IBCC panel 8