

**Flight Sergeant
Denzil Yorke
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RAFVR**



Denzil Bishop was a Lincolnshire-born Lancaster pilot who was killed along with the rest of his crew when their aircraft was shot down into the North Sea while returning from a raid on Cologne.

He was the pilot of Lancaster I ME731 CF-S of No. 625 Squadron, which fell victim to a night-fighter at around 0302 hours on 21 April, 1944, crashing into the sea off West Kapelle in Holland. His aircraft was one of 357 Lancasters and Mosquitos which took part in the raid on the Rhineland city. It was one of only four lost in a raid which caused great destruction to the already-heavily bombed city.

Denzil and his crew had taken off from RAF Kelstern shortly before midnight. Only one body was ever recovered, that of bomb-aimer Edward Walker. Denzil is remembered on the Runnymede Memorial (panel 215). His home was in the village of Kirton, near Boston and he was the 24-year-old son of Fred and Edith Bishop.

The others who died were the flight engineer Sgt. Thomas Burke, navigator F/O William Jarvis, bomb-aimer Flt. Sgt. Edward Walker, wireless operator Sgt. John Knott, mid-upper gunner Sgt. Harold Munns and rear gunner Sgt. Christopher Jelley.

His name can be found on IBCC panel 009.

Sources: 625 Squadron records/625 Squadron Association.