

Sergeant Arthur Frank Blencowe 1258441 RAFVR



A No. 103 Squadron Wellington at RAF Elsham Wolds

Arthur Blencowe was the wireless operator of a No. 103 Squadron Wellington which vanished during a raid on a Baltic port in 1942.

He was killed on the night of 25/26 April when his Wellington 1C, DV579 PM-Z, failed to return from a raid on Rostock. It had taken off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 2145 hours, one of six Wellingtons provided by 103 for an attack involving 128 Bomber Command aircraft. No trace of aircraft or crew was ever found and they were recorded as 'lost without trace'.

Arthur was the 32-year-old son of Francis and Helena Blencowe of Surbiton in Surrey. He is remembered along with the rest of the crew on the Runnymede Memorial (panel 78).

The others who died were the pilot Flt. Sgt. Charles Bray DFM RCAF, co-pilot Sgt. Frank Eivers, observer Sgt. Sidney Harle, wireless operator/air gunner Sgt. Harry Bullen and rear gunner Sgt. Dennis Musgrove.

Arthur's name can be found on IBCC panel 010.

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