

**Sgt. Martin
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Martin Boylan was the flight engineer killed in a Lancaster which exploded during an attack on Leipzig in the early hours of 4 December 1943.

His No. 625 Squadron Lancaster I (DV392 CF-Q) was an aircraft only delivered from the manufacturers to RAF Kelstern a few days earlier. It was one of seven Lancasters from the squadron which joined a force of 527 bombers attacking the city in the east of Germany. Twenty-four aircraft were lost, including DV392 in which five men were killed. Only the Southern Rhodesian pilot S/L Edward Moody and navigator, P/O R Jacobs, survived after being blown clear.

Martin's aircraft was just the third lost by 625 since its formation at Kelstern at the beginning of October.

The others who died were the bomb-aimer Sgt. Jack Earle, wireless operator Sgt. Robert Boothman, mid-upper gunner Sgt. Owen Kent and rear gunner WO Richard Reid. All are buried in Hanover War Cemetery (grave ref. 8. A. 2).

Martin's name can be found on IBCC panel 011.

Sources: 625 Squadron records/625 Squadron Association.