

**Pilot Officer John William
Thomas Bromham 89598
RAF**



John Bromham was a 22-year-old Hampden pilot who died along with his crew when their aircraft was lost during a raid on Kiel in the early hours of 8 September 1941.

His aircraft - AE236, which bore the name 'Popeye 1' on the fuselage - was one of five Hampdens from No. 49 Squadron which left RAF Scampton to join a raid involving 51 Bomber Command aircraft. The target was the Deutsche Werke submarine yards and the port area of Kiel. The attack is believed to have been relatively successful although three aircraft failed to return. John's aircraft is believed to have been brought down by flak and crashed in the Kiel area.

The others who died were second pilot Sgt. Eric Durham, wireless operator/air gunner Sgt. Patrick Duffy and air gunner Sgt. Arthur Kettlewell. All are buried in Kiel War Cemetery (Coll. grave 2. C. 9-12).

John was the son of William and Mildred Bromham

His name can be found on IBCC panel 013.

Sources: 49 Squadron Association/Bomber Command War Diaries by Martin Middlebrook.