Flt. Lt. Nigel Stuart Hally Brown 72105 RAFVR

Nigel Brown was a Cambridge University graduate who died when the Wellington he was piloting failed to return from a mining operation in the Bay of Biscay in the spring of 1943.

He had joined 166 Squadron at Kirmington on 25 February 1943, a month after the squadron had reformed at what was then a new airfield.

He and his young crew had taken off at 2217 hours on the night of 6 April tasked with laying mines off the port of Lorient. That was the last anyone heard from them, and their aircraft, Wellington III BK299 AS-Q, is presumed to have crashed in the sea.

Nigel is remembered along with his four colleagues on the Runnymede Memorial. He was 26 years old and the son of Stuart and Helen Brown of Perth, Aberdeenshire.

The others who died were the navigator Sgt. Ronald Lankester, bomb-aimer Flt. Sgt. Eric Lancaster RAAF, wireless operator/air gunner Sgt. Malcolm Lewis and rear gunner Sgt. Ivan Caulton.

His name can be found on panel 014.

Source: 166 Squadron Association.