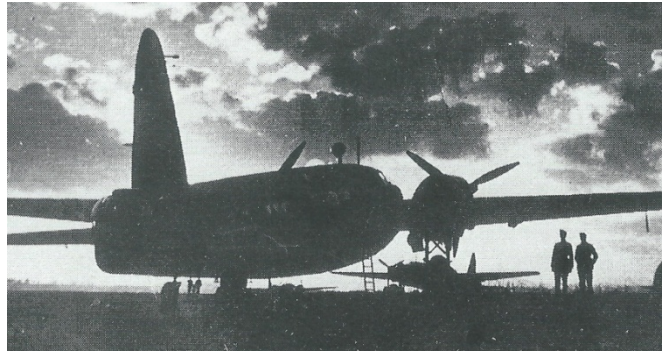


Flt. Sgt. Alfred Alan Bunker 540692 RAF



Alfred Bunker was a wireless operator/air gunner from Hampshire who served aboard a Wellington bomber that disappeared during a raid on the port of Bremen on the night of 27/28 June 1941.

He was a member of the crew of Wellington II W5391 PH-A of No. 12 Squadron, one of 108 bombers dispatched in the second attack on Bremen in three nights. The force, made up of 73 Wellingtons and 35 Whitleys, encountered stormy weather, icing, and intense night-fighter attacks. Fourteen bombers were lost, including 11 Whitleys.

W5391 took off from RAF Binbrook at 2300 hours and was later reported as lost without trace. It is believed that the aircraft crashed into the sea.

Alfred was from Andover, Hampshire, and was the 24-year-old son of Alfred and Edith Bunker.

The other men lost with him were South African-born pilot Sqn. Ldr. Grenville Kitching, second pilot Flt. Sgt. Brian Rutterford, observer F/O Henry Helmore, air bomber Flt. Sgt. John Pickering, and rear gunner Flt. Sgt. Cecil Landon. All are commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial.

Alfred's name is recorded on Panel 15.

Sources: RAF Commands/Aircrew remembered/Bomber Command War Diaries by Martin Middlebrook and Chris Everitt.