

Sgt. Alfred Brian Burgess 1230174 RAFVR



Alfred Burgess was the 19-year-old bomb-aimer of the second Wellington lost by No. 166 Squadron after the unit was reformed at RAF Kirmington in North Lincolnshire in January 1943.

He and his crew were lost when their aircraft, Wellington III X3544 AS-H, crashed in Brittany while taking part in a mining operation on the night of 7 February 1943 off the port of Lorient, on the southern coastline of Brittany.

The crew were founder members of the reformed squadron and this was their second operation – the first had also been a mining operation off this French Atlantic coastal port.

Alfred's home was in Beeston, Leeds, and he was the son of John and Dorothy Burgess.

The crew were buried in Guidel Communal Cemetery, 10kms north-west of Lorient. The other members were pilot Sgt. Maurice Clements, navigator Sgt. Kenneth Edwards, wireless operator/air gunner Sgt. Charles Pitt and rear gunner Sgt. Donald Smith.

His name can be found on panel 015.

Source: 166 Squadron Association/ IBCC Losses Database/CWGC Website.

