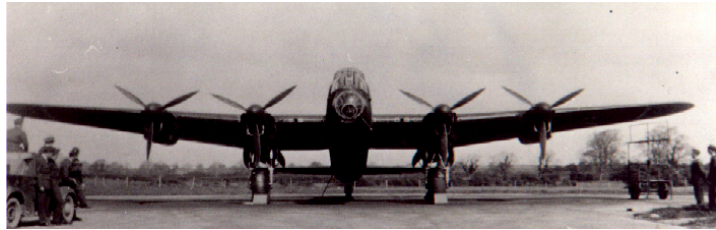


Sgt. Edward Cadden
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Edward Cadden was one of two Scottish twin brothers who were killed flying with Bomber Command.

He was the bomb-aimer of a 12 Squadron Lancaster shot down in January 1943, while his brother Andrew died when his 7 Squadron Stirling was killed during a raid on Emden in June 1942. The brothers were the sons of John and Margaret Cadden from Motherwell and had enlisted in the RAF together.

Ten Lancasters had taken off from the squadron's base at RAF Wickenby in Lincolnshire in the late afternoon of 17 January 1943 and only six of them returned. Twenty-one aircrew from three Lancasters were killed while the seven on board the fourth bomber shot down all survived. Most of the crews involved had flown in another long-distance raid on the German capital the night before.

Edward was a member of the crew of Lancaster ED388 PH-Y, which had taken off from Wickenby at 1649 hours as part of a force of 170 Lancasters and 17 Halifaxes heading for Berlin for the second time in less than 24 hours.

There are conflicting accounts of what happened to ED388. One suggests that the aircraft was later shot down, crashing near the small village of Klein Kummerfeld, near Neumunster in northern Germany. However, in 12 Squadron's records the Lancaster is recorded as having been shot down into the sea off the German island of Sylt, with only two bodies later recovered and now buried in Kiel War Cemetery.

Edward had joined 12 Squadron in August 1942 and had flown Wellingtons along with his pilot, navigator and wireless operator. His body was one of those not recovered and he is now remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

The others who died with him were the pilot P/O Harry Fansher RCAF, flight engineer Sgt. Roy Poole, navigator P/O Kenneth Butler, wireless operator P/O John Fallis RCAF, mid-upper gunner Sgt. William Smith and rear gunner Flt. Sgt. Frederick Marsh. Edward's body was one of those not recovered and he is now remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

Edward's name can be found on IBCC panel 016.

Sources: Wickenby Museum/IBCC/Bomber Command War Diaries by Martin Middlebrook and Chris Everitt.