

**F/O Herbert
Laurence Wray
Cairns 135753
RAFVR**



Herbert Wray was a 21-year-old bomb-aimer

who was killed along with his crew when, it was believed, his Lancaster was shot down over the North Sea during a raid on Berlin at the end of January 1944.

He and his crew were on their fourth operation with 630 Squadron and had taken off from East Kirkby at 2346 hours on the night of 28 January 1944, one of 12 from the squadron joining a force of 677 bombers taking part in the continuing of Bomber Command's Battle of Berlin. Forty-six were lost, including two from 630 Squadron, the other being flown by the squadron commanding officer, W/C John Rollinson DFC.

Herbert's aircraft, Lancaster JB654 LE-C, was officially listed as lost without trace but it was believed the aircraft was shot down by a night-fighter off the Dutch coast. No bodies were ever recovered.

The others who died were the pilot P/O Donald Story RAAF, flight engineer Sgt. Douglas James, navigator P/O Francis Peacock, wireless operator Flt. Sgt. George Barrington, mid-upper gunner P/O Harold Barrons RCAF and rear gunner Flt. Sgt. George Dove. All are remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

His name can be found on panel 016

Source: 630 Squadron Association.