

**Sgt. David Alexander
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David Caldwell was a Hampden wireless operator/air gunner whose aircraft was shot down as it was preparing to land at RAF Scampton following a raid on Hannover.



His aircraft, AD719, was awaiting to permission to land when the Hampden was fired on by a Luftwaffe Ju88 intruder, setting it on fire. The engagement is believed to have taken place at 0649 hours on 11 February 1941 over RAF Waddington before the Hampden crashed 200 yards north of Sudbrooke Lane, close to Grange Farm in Sudbrooke. The observer Sgt. John Butterworth also died in the crash.

The Hampden – it carried the name 'Istanbul' on the fuselage after the cost of manufacturing being met by the British community in the Turkish capital – had been one of 12 from 49 Squadron at Scampton which had taken part in a raid involving 222 Bomber Command aircraft on Hannover.

He came from Edinburgh and was the 20-year-old son of John and Catherine Caldwell and is now buried in the city's Warriston Cemetery.

His name can be found close by John Butterworth's on panel 016.

Sources: 49 Squadron Association/Bomber Command War Diaries by Martin Middlebrook.