

Sergeant Walter Carr 658715 RAF

Walter Carr was a Lancaster navigator who was killed along with all but one of his crew on their first operation.

His aircraft, Lancaster ED469 EA-A, was shot down near Hanover during a raid on Berlin on the night of 29/30 March 1943.

The raid involved 317 bombers, with the take-off of his No. 49 Squadron aircraft from RAF Fiskerton delayed by bad weather. The squadron sent 12 Lancasters to take part in the attack. Three were flown by crews on their first operation and only one made it back to Lincolnshire.



Walter's aircraft was intercepted at around 18,000 feet near Neustadt at 0326 hours by a night-fighter flown by Oblt. Johann Krause. It was shot down, crashing near the village of Eilvese, north-west of Hanover. The only survivor was the rear gunner, Sgt. George Jones, who suffered a broken leg and other injuries which led to him being repatriated by the Germans.

Walter lived in the Bowring area of Liverpool with his wife, Doris, and was the 29-year-old son of John and Eleanor Carr of Liverpool.

The others who died were the pilot F/O George Mabee RCAF, flight engineer Sgt. James Cross, bomb-aimer Sgt. Reginald Brown, wireless operator Sgt. Alexander McClaren and mid-upper gunner Sgt. John Jewell. All are buried in Hanover War Cemetery (grave ref. 12. F. 9).

Walter's name can be found on IBCC panel 017.

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