

**Sgt. Frederick Norman  
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Frederick Catley was one of three men killed when a 49 Squadron Hampden crashed in Yorkshire during a training flight early in autumn 1940.



He was one of two pilots and a wireless operator on board Hampden P2134 that took off from Scampton in the evening of 29 September for a cross-country operation. They turned first at Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire and then Finningley in Yorkshire before heading back to Scampton.

However, at 2330 hours the Hampden hit rising ground near South Hodge at Bretton Hall, near Wakefield, crashing into what is now the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, killing all three on board.

Frederick came from the village of Eynsford, near Sevenoaks in Kent, and was the 21-year-old son of Frederick and Gertrude Catley. He is now buried at St John the Baptist churchyard at Scampton.

The others who died were pilot Sgt. Bill Nicol and wireless operator Sgt. Bertram Hastie.

His name can be found on panel 018.

Sources: 49 Squadron Association/Yorkshire Aircrashes.