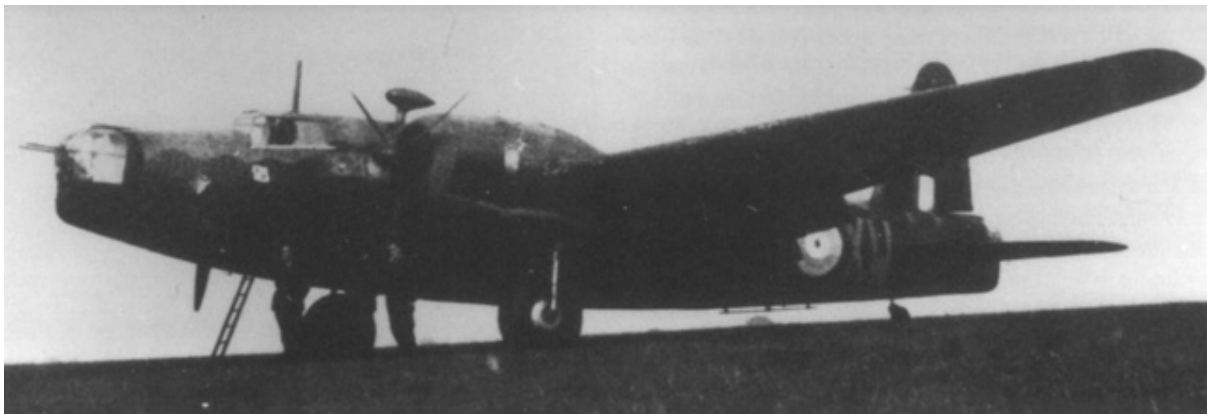


Sgt. Leslie Albert Charlton 1333575 RAFVR

Leslie was the 21-year-old son of Albert John and Matilda Lucy Charlton, of Willesden.

He was a pilot serving with No. 18 OTU at RAF Finningley, South Yorkshire.

Wellington III X3800 VQ- took off from Finningley airfield at 1510 hours on 2 August 1943, on a day training mission. The exercise called for solo single engine flying practice without feathering, which involved shutting down one of the engines and flying on one good engine. During this routine the pilot was presumed to have lost control and, at 1530 hours, the aircraft was seen to dive into the ground in a deep spiral, crashing near Wroot, North Lincolnshire, and killing all on board. The cause of the crash was not determined.



Leslie was cremated at Golders Green Crematorium, Middlesex, and is remembered on Panel 1.

The others who died with Leslie were the navigator Sgt. Ronald Henry Smith, air bomber Sgt. John William Perry and wireless operator/air gunner Flt. Sgt. Eric Hempel Sherman RAAF.

Leslie is commemorated on IBCC Panel 19.

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