

## Sgt. Grey Doyle Cumberbatch 1383404 RAFVR



Grey 2<sup>nd</sup> from left with some of the other crew from ED549

Grey was the Air Bomber of 100 Squadron Lancaster III ED549 HW-S when he was killed on 5 March 1943.

Grey was born on 2 June 1921 in St Lucy, Barbados. He was the eldest child, and only son, of Charles Wilkinson Cumberbatch and Ocatavia Cecily Cumberbatch (née Jordan) of St. Lucy, Barbados.

He came to England on the SS Maaskerk in December 1940 as part of the 2nd Contingent of 12 men from Barbados, which included the future first Prime Minister of Barbados, Errol W. Barrow.

He and his crew took off at 1832 hours from Grimsby on 4 March 1943 on a Gardening Operation (mine-laying) but crashed at 0308 hours while trying to land at Langar in Nottinghamshire. All but one of the crew, Sgt D S Davies, were killed.

The full crew comprised:

Flt. Sgt. G R Avey RCAF Pilot - killed  
Sgt. B T Hallett Flight Engineer - killed  
Sgt. A H Spence Navigator - killed  
Sgt. G D Cumberbatch Air Bomber - killed  
Sgt. J Robinson Wireless Operator - killed  
Sgt. D S Davies Air Gunner - injured  
Flt. Sgt. R S Landry RCAF Air Gunner - killed

Grey is buried in St Swithun's Churchyard, Long Bennington

Grey Doyle Cumberbatch can be found on panel 025

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