

Sgt. Stanislaw Cupryk P.780970 PAF

Stanislaw was born on 10 May 1919 in Stanislawow, Poland.

He was a Pilot serving with the Polish Air Force, as part of No. 18 OTU at RAF Bitteswell, Leicestershire, and had previously been awarded the ML (Polish Air Force Medal).

Wellington IC R3216 WS-K took off from Bitteswell airfield on 29 September 1941, on an evening navigational exercise. At 2150 hours, on its return, the aircraft stalled and crashed as it approached Bitteswell, a satellite station often used by training units. Of the eight-man crew on board, only one survived. Sgt Zietkiewicz PAF was rescued by a motor transport driver, S W J Green, whose bravery was subsequently recognised through the award of the George Medal.



Stanislaw is buried at Nuneaton (Oaston Road) Cemetery, Warwickshire. Sec. H. Coll. Grave 103. He was 22 years old.

His fellow crew members were:

F/Sgt. Jack Stanley Fisher RAF (killed)
Sgt. Edward James Henry Heather RAFVR (killed)
Sgt. Teofan Astramowicz PAF (killed)
F/O Jan Jozepajt PAF (killed)
Sgt. Jan Ksiezyc PAF (killed)
F/O Zygfryd Stepień PAF (killed)
Sgt. M Zietkiewicz (injured)

He is commemorated on IBCC Panel 25

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