

F/O Edward Dalglish 177620 RAFVR

Edward Dalglish was the second pilot of a No. 207 Squadron Lancaster involved in a mid-air collision with another 5 Group aircraft following a successful attack on rail yards at Nevers in France on the night of 15/16 July 1944.

He was flying with the regular crew of Lancaster I ME807, which left RAF Spilsby at 2214 hours for the attack, part of a coordinated plan to block German supply routes to the forces opposing the Normandy bridgehead. It is believed he had recently joined the squadron and this 'second dickie' trip was to enable him to gain battle experience.

The attack was carried out with great accuracy and no aircraft were lost over the target.

However, on the return leg the No. 207 Squadron Lancaster collided with another Lancaster, from Waddington-based 467 Squadron, both aircraft crashing in flames near the small village of Lignieres-de-Touraine, near Marnay in the Loire region. The eight crew members on board ME807 were killed along with the seven in the 467 Squadron Lancaster, all fifteen later being buried in the Commonwealth War Graves cemetery in the village.

Edward was 25 and came from the Scottish port of Leith in Midlothian, where he lived with his wife Margaret. He was the son of Edward and Catherine Dalglish.

The others who died were the pilot F/L George Jones, flight engineer P/O Barrington Woollard, navigator F/O Frank Tickle RAAF, bomb-aimer P/O Frederick Graham RCAF, wireless operator Sgt. Joseph Fellows, mid-upper gunner Sgt. Richard Gaut and rear gunner 18-year-old P/O Michael Cantwell RCAF.

Edward's name can be found on panel 026.

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