

PO James Samuel Kevin Dalziel 414339 RAAF

James was born on 25 March 1921 in Atherton, Queensland, Australia, the son of James Dalziel and Georgina Dalziel nee Leavis.

James was employed as a wood working machinist by J & M Johnstons Sawmills, Stratford, Cairns when, in April 1941, he volunteered for service with the RAAF.

Called up in September 1941, James commenced pilot training in Australia; however, when his training was terminated in January 1942, he re-mustered as Navigator and was sent to Canada to train under the Empire Air Training Scheme. James completed his aircrew training in September 1942 with the award of his Navigator badge, and he embarked for the UK the following month.

Following advanced training at 27 OTU RAF Lichfield, Leicestershire and 1662 HCU at RAF Blyton, Lincolnshire, in May 1943 James was posted to 101 Sqn at RAF Ludford Magna, Lincolnshire. In August 1943 James was granted a commission.

On the night of the 3/4 September 1943 Bomber Command was tasked with a raid on Berlin, the Nazi capital and a major industrial centre. A force of 316 Lancasters, including twenty one 101 Sqn crews, were allocated to the op . Three 101 Sqn crews failed to return.

At 19:36 on 3 September James, operating as the Navigator, and the crew departed RAF Ludford Magna in Lancaster III ED659 (SR-T).

At 02:33 on 4 September James's aircraft was hit by a flak barrage. A post war Missing Research and Enquiry team report stated *"the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and exploded in mid-air over the Gatow airfield, approximately 24 miles south west of Stettin, Germany."* All on board were killed.

Also Killed : WO Dennis Arthur Tucker (Pilot); FS James Clark RCAF (AG); FS John Lloyd Russell Stubbings RAAF (AG); Sgt George Cheadle (WOp/AG); Sgt Lionel Hobson (FE); Sgt Daniel Hopkins (AB)

Originally buried in Doberitz Garrison Cemetery, in October 1946 James was transferred to the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany

James is commemorated on Wall Panel 26