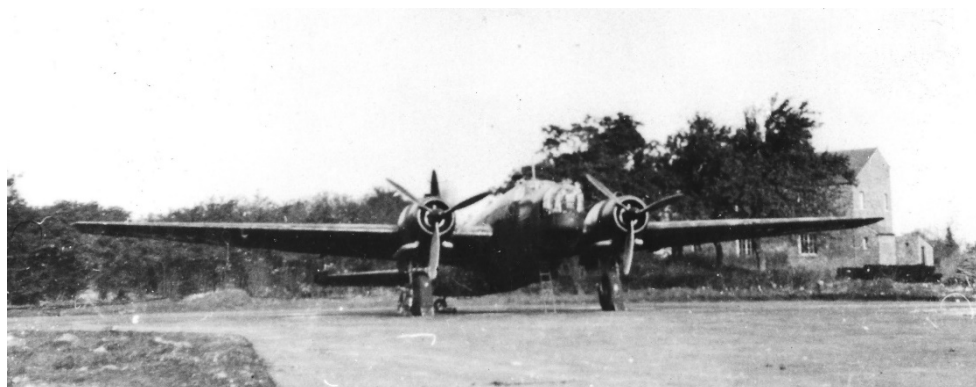


Sgt. Christopher Norman Dixon 1169818 RAFVR



A 460 Squadron Wellington pictured at Brighton

Nottinghamshire-born Christopher Dixon was the wireless operator in one of two Wellingtons lost by 460 Squadron RAAF during a raid on Stuttgart on the night of May 6/7, 1942.

He was part of the crew of Wellington Mk IV, Z1254 UV-L, which was hit by flak and burst into flames near Karlsruhe during an attack on Stuttgart. Only the rear gunner survived as the aircraft crashed near Mannheim. Christopher and the remainder of his crew are now buried in Durnbach War Cemetery. His was one of four aircraft lost on the raid, two of them from 460.

Christopher was the only Englishman in the crew. He was the 21-year-old son of Percy and Margaret Dixon and came from West Bridgford, Nottingham,

The others who died were the pilot and A Flight commander Sqdn. Ldr. Colin Gilbert, who was an Australian serving in the RAF, co-pilot Sgt. Reginald Henry RAAF, observer Sgt. John Shearer RAAF and wireless operator/air gunner Flt. Sgt. Kenneth Fogg RCAF. The sole survivor was the rear gunner, Sgt. James Lake RAAF.

His name can be found on panel 029.

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