

Sgt. Stanley Victor Domleo 1210049 RAFVR



Stanley was a Wireless Operator and served in 49 Sqn based at RAF Fiskerton. He was killed on 20 December 1943 on the crew's 15th operation. He was 24 years old.

15 aircraft set out from Fiskerton for Frankfurt with German controllers quickly plotting the force of 650 aircraft and night fighters began to take a heavy toll before the bombers were able to reach their target. A total of 41 aircraft failed to return - 6.3 per cent of those dispatched. Over the target, the Pathfinders had not expected the thick cloud cover which now thwarted their pre-planned ground-marking. Added to this, the Germans lit a decoy fire and were using dummy target indicators. Despite all these setbacks, the RAF were able to inflict a good deal of damage to Frankfurt and its outlying townships.

Stanley, along with his crew, failed to return to Fiskerton and they were reported missing, their aircraft crashed near Hanau. The crew lie at rest together in the Durnbach War Cemetery in Germany.

The rest of the crew of Lancaster JB467 were:

P/O A H Blackmore DFC – Pilot (Killed)
Sgt. T S Daniel - Flight Engineer (Killed)
P/O B J Saville - Navigator (Killed)
Sgt. G S Lawn - Mid-Upper Gunner (Killed)
F/Sgt. H T Evans - Bomb Aimer (Killed)
Sgt. W Booth - Rear Gunner (Killed)

Stanley can be found on Panel 29.

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