

Sgt. Douglas Ernest Fabb 1802351 RAFVR



A Lancaster prepares to take-off from RAF Elsham

Douglas Fabb was the flight engineer of a 576 Squadron Lancaster shot down by a night fighter over Holland during an attack on the synthetic oil plant at Sterkrade on the night of 16/17 June 1944.

It was to prove a costly night for Bomber Command with 31 of the 321 aircraft taking part failing to return, the majority of them Halifaxes.

Douglas's Lancaster, ME810 UL-K2, had left RAF Elsham Wolds shortly after 2300 hours and was reported to have crashed close to the Deelen night fighter airfield near Arnhem. There were no survivors.

The crew included three Canadians and four British airmen, the latter later being buried together at Arnhem (Moscowa) General Cemetery.

Douglas was the 21-year-old son of Albert and Rose Fabb of Loughton, Essex.

The others who died with him were the pilot Flt. Lt. George Stockdale RCAF, navigator F/O Douglas Fuller RCAF, bomb-aimer F/O David Stewart, wireless operator Sgt. Jim Gray, mid-upper gunner Flt. Sgt. Ross Jack RCAF and rear gunner Sgt. Edward Morgan.

Douglas' name can be found on IBCC panel 033.

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