

**Sgt. Frederick Robert
Fowler 1324047 RAFVR**

Frederick Fowler was a 19-year-old rear gunner who was lost along with his crew on his 10th operation with 49 Squadron.

He was part of the crew of one of three 49 Squadron Lancasters lost during a raid on the Ruhr city of Oberhausen on the night of 14/15 June 1943.



His aircraft, ED453 (EA-G), pictured here at Fiskerton, had taken off from the airfield near Lincoln at 2230 hours and a little over three hours later was hit by flak and crashed at Klein Reken, half-way between the Ruhr and the Dutch border. There were no survivors from the eight-man crew, whose ages ranged from 19 to 32.

The others who died were the pilot WO Norman Nixon, flight engineer Sgt. Colin Wilde, navigator Flt. Sgt. Sydney Bird RCAF (whose twin brother had recently been killed while flying with 115 Squadron), bomb-aimer Sgt. Norman Fyfe, wireless operator Sgt. Ronald Moore, second wireless operator Sgt. Edwin Dangerfield and mid-upper gunner Sgt. Robert Muir. All are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery.

His name can be found on panel 036.

Sources: 49 Squadron Association.