

F/Sgt. Wilfred Henry Charles Fuller 1324463 RAFVR

Wilfred was the son of Albert Charles and Winifred Fuller, of Hammersmith, and one of six brothers. He was the husband of, Joan Lily Fuller, of Eastbourne, Sussex, whom he married in Deptford, London, in March, 1944.

He was a Flight Engineer serving with 170 Squadron, based at R.A.F. Hemswell, near Gainsborough, Lincolnshire; the Squadron motto being "Videre non videri" – "To see and not be seen".

Lancaster III ME388 TC-H took off at 1704 hours 7 March 1945, from Hemswell airfield, with 12 others from the squadron, on a night operation to bomb the jet engine factory supplying Junkers, at Dessau, Germany. Its intention was to dislocate supply lines, and disorganise the Germans. The weather for take-off was good, but very soon afterwards, due to heavy cloud, it was reported, instructions had been sent to the crews to bomb the Wanganui flares (target indicators). At 2031 hours, ME388 was attacked by a night fighter, exploding in the air, and crashing at Leckmart, Germany, with the loss of all the crew.



Wilfred is buried at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany. Coll. grave 30. E. 1-7. The epitaph reads "Deep in my heart a memory is kept of one I loved and will never forget". He was 21 years old.

His name is inscribed on the war memorial at St. Thomas a Becket Churchyard, Tunbridge Wells.

F/Sgt. Wilfred Henry Charles Fuller RAFVR, Flight engineer (killed)

F/Sgt. David Charles Palmer RAAF, Air Gunner (killed)

F/Sgt. William Desmond Callaghan RAAF, Air Gunner (killed)

F/O John Stennett Walker RAAF, Pilot (killed)

F/Sgt. John Mahoney RAFVR, Navigator (killed)

F/O Kenneth George Powell RAF, Wireless operator (killed)

F/Sgt. Leslie Thomas RAFVR, Air Bomber (killed)

He is commemorated on Panel 38

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