

Sgt. Sidney Harold Harle 1280517 RAFVR



A 103 Squadron Wellington at Elsham

Sidney Harle was the observer in a 103 Squadron Wellington that vanished during a raid on a Baltic port in 1942.

He was killed on the night of 25/26 April when his Wellington 1C DV579 (PM-Z) failed to return from a raid on Rostock. It had taken off from Elsham Wolds at 2145 hours, one of six Wellingtons provided by 103 for an attack involving 128 Bomber Command aircraft. No trace of aircraft or crew was ever found and they were recorded as 'lost without trace'.

The others who died were the pilot Flt. Sgt. Charles Bray DFM RCAF, co-pilot Sgt. Frank Eivers, wireless operator Sgt. Arthur Blencowe, wireless operator/air gunner Sgt. Harry Bullen and rear gunner Sgt. Dennis Musgrove. All are remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

His name can be found on panel 045.

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