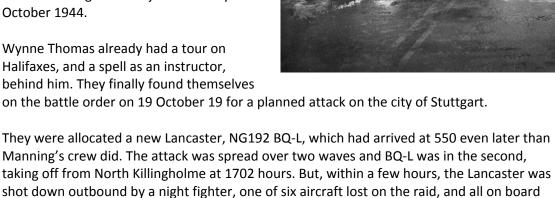
## Sgt. Manning Robert Frederick Harris 2221167 RAFVR

It took a long time to build a Lancaster bomber and even longer to train its crew. Yet the operational career of Lancaster NG192 BQ-L, of 550 Squadron, and six of its seven-man crew was to span only a few hours.

Manning Harris was the flight engineer in the crew of NG192. He and five of his colleagues had joined up with experienced bomber pilot Flt. Lt. Arthur Wynne Thomas at a heavy conversion unit before moving to North Killingholme to join 550 early in October 1944.

Wynne Thomas already had a tour on Halifaxes, and a spell as an instructor, behind him. They finally found themselves

on the battle order on 19 October 19 for a planned attack on the city of Stuttgart.



Manning and the other members of his crew are now buried in Durnbach War Cemetery in Bavaria.

The others who died were the pilot Flt. Lt. Arthur Wynne Thomas, navigator Sgt. Maxwell Austin, bomb-aimer Sgt. John Knott, wireless operator Sgt. James Garland, mid-upper gunner Sgt. Ralph Garrad and rear gunner Sgt. Alex Lukeman.

\*The above photograph shows a Lancaster of 550 Squadron at North Killingholme loaded with a 4,000lb 'cookie' and incendiaries, the kind of load carried for the Stuttgart raid.

His name can be found on panel 046.

were killed.

Sources: 550 Squadron Association/'Five-Fifty' by Patrick Otter