

Sgt. Bertram Victor Hastie
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Bertram Hastie was one of three men killed when a 49 Squadron Hampden crashed in Yorkshire during a training flight early in autumn 1940.



He was a wireless operator on board Hampden P2134, along with two pilots, that took off from Scampton in the evening of 29 September for a cross-country operation. They turned first at Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire and then Finningley in Yorkshire before heading back to Scampton.

However, at 2330 hours the Hampden hit rising ground near South Hodge at Bretton Hall, near Wakefield, crashing into what is now the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, killing all three on board.

Bertram came from Canvey Island, in Essex, and was the 21-year-old son of Thomas and Alice Hastie. He is buried in St John the Baptist churchyard at Scampton.

The others who died were pilots Sgt. Frederick Catley and Sgt. Bill Nicol.

His name can be found on panel 046.

Sources: 49 Squadron Association/Yorkshire Aircrashes.