

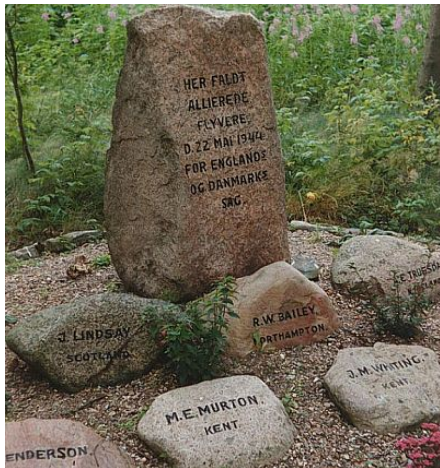
**Flt. Sgt. James Mitchell Henderson
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Scotsman James Henderson was an experienced Lancaster bomb-aimer who died along with his crew when their aircraft was shot down by a night-fighter in Denmark following a mining operation in Kiel Bay.

He was part of the crew of Lancaster LL950 LE-Y, of No. 630 Squadron, one of 14 aircraft from the squadron sent to sow mines off the Danish east coast on the night of 21/22 May 1944. It was their 16th operation together.

LL950 had taken off from East Kirkby in Lincolnshire at 2218 hours and was homebound when the Lancaster was attacked over Denmark and crashed near the village of Vesterlund. There were no survivors. A stone memorial (*pictured*), marking the crash and remembering the crew, now stands at the site.



James came from Alloa in Clackmannanshire and was the 35-year-old son of Alexander and Agnes Henderson. He was an employee of the Commercial Bank of Scotland and worked at the New Cumnock branch before enlisting. In 1940 he was married and he and his wife Sheila had a daughter at the time of his death. James is remembered on the bank's war memorial in Gogarburn campus in Edinburgh.

The others who died were the pilot P/O Ronald Bailey, flight engineer P/O John Whiting, navigator Flt. Sgt. Charles Richardson, wireless operator F/O Albert Truesdale, mid-upper gunner Sgt. James Lindsay and rear gunner Sgt. Martin Murton.

His name can be found on panel 048.

Sources: 630 Squadron Association/NatWest Remembers/Airwar over Denmark.