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Alfred 'Bob' Jackson was a 630 Squadron pilot who was killed along with the rest of his crew when their Lancaster was believed to have been shot down by a night-fighter into the North Sea off the Belgian port of Zeebrugge.

His was one of five Lancasters lost during a No. 5 Group attack on the German military camp of Bourg-Léopold, two of them from 630.



Bob, who was 25 years old and married to Eileen, was the pilot of ND580 (LE-G) and had taken off from East Kirkby at 2220 hours on the night of 11 May 1944 to join a force of 190 Lancasters and 8 Mosquitoes from 5 Group heading for the target.

He and his crew were on their fifth operation with the squadron and are thought to have been shot down into the sea at 0104 hours on 12 May. No bodies were ever recovered and all seven men on board are now remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

The others who died were the flight engineer Sgt. Harold Owen, navigator Flt. Sgt. Denis Muddiman, bomb-aimer F/O Joseph Feldman RCAF, wireless operator Sgt. Richard Cartlidge, mid-upper gunner Sgt. Arthur Seago and rear gunner Sgt. Ernest Louis.

Bob's name can be found on panel 054.

Sources: 630 Squadron Association.