

P/O Archie Thomas Little 402821 RAAF



A 103 Squadron Wellington pictured at Elsham

Archie Thomas was the Australian pilot of one of two Wellingtons lost by 103 Squadron during an attack on Bremen on the night of 2/3 July 1942.

He was flying Wellington IC DV611, which had left RAF Elsham Wolds at 2321 hours and was reported to be approximately 30 minutes from the target when the aircraft was apparently attacked by a night fighter.

The Wellington was critically damaged, went into a dive and exploded, blowing clear the Canadian observer, P/O David Davidner, who parachuted to safety and spent the remainder of the war as a PoW. The other four occupants of DV611, including Archie, were killed.

Archie was 28 and came from Albury in New South Wales. He was the son of John and Mary Little.



Also killed were the wireless operator/air gunners Sgt. Thomas Elliott and Sgt. John Edwards and the rear gunner Flt. Sgt. Joe Chicoine RCAF. All four are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery. This was the crew's 11th operation together.

Archie's name can be found on IBCC panel 064.

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