

**Sgt. Ernest  
Albert Louis  
1892195 RAFVR**



Londoner Ernest  
Louis was a 630  
Squadron rear  
gunner 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.

Ernest was part of the crew of ND580 (LE-G), which 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 was the 29-year-old husband of Doris and lived in Streatham, south London. 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 pilot P/O Bob Jackson, flight engineer Sgt. Harold Owen, navigator Flt. Sgt. Denis Muddiman, bomb-aimer F/O Joseph Feldman RCAF, wireless operator Sgt. Richard Cartlidge and mid-upper gunner Sgt. Arthur Seago.

Ernest's name can be found on panel 064.

Sources: 630 Squadron Association.