

Flt Sgt Morris Stock Marks RCAF R/153059

Morris Marks was a twenty-five-year-old Canadian Lancaster rear gunner who was killed along with five of his crew when his aircraft was shot down near Berlin on what was a diversionary raid.

His was one of twenty-two Lancasters sent to Berlin as a diversionary tactic while 648 bombers were sent to Magdeburg. Morris' aircraft, JB294 LE-R, was one of two from 630 Squadron involved in the Berlin feint and was the only one lost. The Magdeburg raid itself cost Bomber Command fifty-seven aircraft, most falling to fighters.



JB294 had taken off from East Kirkby at 20:21 on 21 January 1944 and was reported to have crashed at Wiesenhausen, south of Berlin. The only survivor was the bomb-aimer, twenty-one-year-old Sgt Peter Walker, who successfully bailed out.

Morris came from the city of Oshawa in Ontario and was the son of John and Catherine Marks.

The others who died were the pilot Flt Sgt John Homewood, flight engineer Sgt William Yorke, navigator Flt Sgt Alexander Reedman, mid-upper gunner Sgt John Morris and rear gunner Flt Sgt Morris Marks RCAF. All are buried in Berlin War Cemetery.

Morris' name can be found on panel 067.

Sources: 630 Squadron Association/Canadian veterans.