

Sgt. Edward Henry John Morgan 1868859 RAFVR



A Lancaster prepares to take-off from RAF Elsham

Edward Morgan was the rear gunner of a 576 Squadron Lancaster shot down by a night fighter over Holland during an attack on the synthetic oil plant at Sterkrade on the night of 16/17 June 1944.

It was to prove a costly night for Bomber Command with 31 of the 321 aircraft taking part failing to return, the majority of them Halifaxes.

Edward's Lancaster, ME810 UL-K2, had left RAF Elsham Wolds shortly after 2300 hours and was reported to have crashed close to the Deelen night fighter airfield near Arnhem. There were no survivors.

Edward is buried along with the other three British members of the crew in Arnhem (Moscowa) General Cemetery.

The others who died with him were the pilot Flt. Lt. George Stockdale RCAF, flight engineer Sgt. Douglas Fabb, navigator F/O Douglas Fuller RCAF, bomb-aimer F/O David Stewart, wireless operator Sgt. Jim Gray and mid-upper gunner Flt. Sgt. Ross Jack RCAF.

Edward's name can be found on IBCC panel 076.

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