

## **Sgt. Reginald Henry Murphy 404705 RAAF**

Reginald Murphy was the co-pilot of one of two Wellingtons lost by 460 Squadron RAAF during a raid on Stuttgart on the night of May 6/7, 1942.

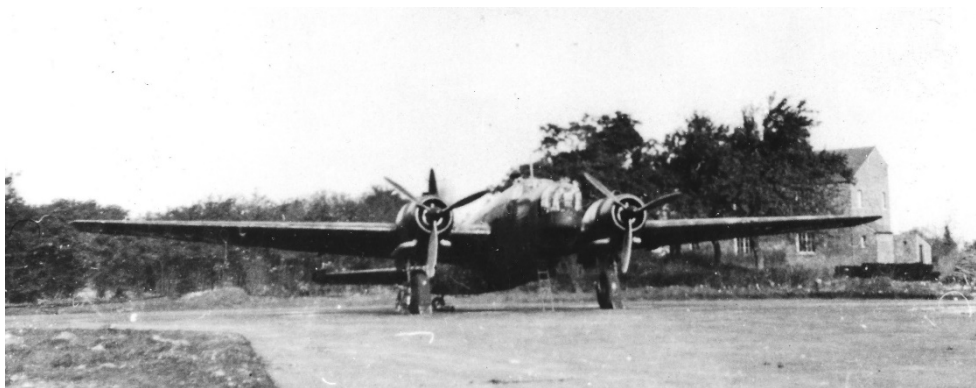
He was part of the crew of Wellington Mk IV, Z1254 UV-L, which was hit by flak and burst into flames near Karlsruhe during an attack on Stuttgart. Only the rear gunner survived as the aircraft crashed near Mannheim. Reginald and the remainder of his crew are now buried in Durnbach War Cemetery. His was one of four aircraft lost on the raid, two of them from 460.

Reginald was the 23-year-old son of Francis and Josephine Murphy and came from the Brisbane suburb of Clayfield.

The others who died were the pilot and A Flight commander Sqdn. Ldr. Colin Gilbert, who was an Australian serving in the RAF, observer Sgt. John Shearer RAAF, the British wireless operator Sgt. Christopher Dixon and wireless operator/air gunner Flt. Sgt. Kenneth Fogg RCAF. The sole survivor was the rear gunner, Sgt. James Lake RAAF.

His name can be found on panel 077.

Sources: 460 Squadron Association /Bill Chorley/Jim Petersen.



**A 460 Squadron Wellington pictured at Brighton**