

Sgt. Dennis William Musgrove 1161384 RAFVR



A 103 Squadron Wellington at Elsham

Dennis Musgrove was the rear gunner in a 103 Squadron Wellington that vanished during a raid on a Baltic port in 1942.

He was killed on the night of 25/26 April when his Wellington 1C DV579 (PM-Z) failed to return from a raid on Rostock. It had taken off from Elsham Wolds at 2145 hours, one of six Wellingtons provided by 103 for an attack involving 128 Bomber Command aircraft. No trace of aircraft or crew was ever found and they were recorded as 'lost without trace'.

Dennis was the 25-year-old son of William and Edith Musgrove and came from Billesley on the outskirts of Birmingham. He is remembered along with the rest of the crew on the Runnymede Memorial.

The others who died were the pilot Flt. Sgt. Charles Bray DFM RCAF, co-pilot Sgt. Frank Eivers, observer Sgt. Sidney Harle, wireless operator Sgt. Arthur Blencowe and wireless operator/air gunner Sgt. Harry Bullen.

His name can be found on panel 077.

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