

LAC George Rene Joseph Parsons
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George Parsons was a 19-year-old Lincolnshire wireless operator/air gunner who was killed when his Hampden was hit by anti-aircraft fire and eventually crashed in the North Sea off the Belgian coast.

He was part of the crew of Hampden P1318, one of ten Hampdens of 49 Squadron involved in an attack on rail and communication links between Krefeld and Aachen during the German invasion of France in May 1940.



The Hampden took off from RAF Scampton at 2100 hours on the night of 25 May, one of 103 Bomber Command aircraft to attempt to try to hamper the ongoing battle in northern France. His aircraft is believed to have been hit by flak 'in the target area' and reported to have crashed in the sea.

George came from Scunthorpe and was the 19-year-old son of Arthur and Gabriele Parsons. His was one of two bodies later recovered from the sea and he is buried in Adegem Canadian War Cemetery in Belgium.

The others who died were the pilot F/O Peter Butler, second pilot P/O John Bennett and observer Sgt. John Harrison.

His name can be found on panel 082.

Sources: 49 Squadron Association/Bomber Command War Diaries by Martin Middlebrook.