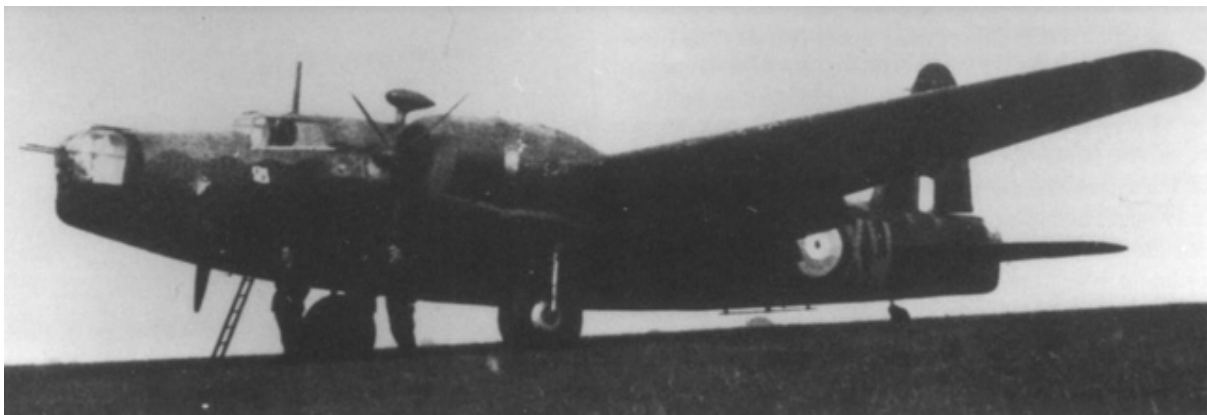


Sgt. John William Perry 1439469 RAFVR

John was the 28-year-old son of John Henry and Fanny Perry and the husband of Marion Perry (née Baker), of Leeds, Yorkshire, whom he married in Bradford on 7 December 1940.

He was an air bomber serving with No. 18 OTU at RAF Finningley, South Yorkshire.

Wellington III X3800 VQ- took off from Finningley airfield at 1510 hours on 2 August 1943, on a day training mission. The exercise called for solo single engine flying practice without feathering, which involved shutting down one of the engines and flying on one good engine. During this routine the pilot was presumed to have lost control and, at 1530 hours, the aircraft was seen to dive into the ground in a deep spiral, crashing near Wroot, North Lincolnshire, and killing all on board. The cause of the crash was not determined.



John is buried at Finningley (Holy Trinity and St. Oswald) Churchyard Extension, Row E. Grave 3. The epitaph reads "In proud and everlasting memory of my devoted husband, Bill". His name is included on the Doncaster War Memorial.

The others who died with John were the pilot Sgt. Leslie Albert Charlton, navigator Sgt. Ronald Henry Smith, and wireless operator/air gunner Flt. Sgt. Eric Hempel Sherman RAAF.

John is commemorated on IBCC Panel 84.

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