

**F/O Russell Bernard Richard
J/14785 RCAF**

Russell Richard was a Canadian navigator killed on his 19th operation.

He was part of the crew of a No. 49 Squadron Lancaster lost during a raid on Berlin on the night of 22/23 November 1943. They were part of a force of over 760 heavy bombers attacking the German city in one of the opening exchanges of what became known as the Battle of Berlin. He was one of three Canadians in the crew and also flew with an American second pilot serving in the RCAF.



Twenty Lancasters failed to return, including Russell's, when their aircraft, JB368 EA-G, failed to return. The bodies of the crew were never located after the war. They may have crashed into the sea, or on battlefields yet to be fought over, and all are now remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

He came from Halifax in Nova Scotia and was the 24-year-old son of Harry and Jean Richard.

The others who died were the pilot F/O Cyril Cottingham RCAF, second pilot Flt.Lt. George Bailey RCAF, flight engineer Sgt. Alex Mathieson, bomb-aimer F/O Maurice Wright, wireless operator Sgt. Geoffrey Tabenor, mid-upper gunner Sgt. George Falck and rear gunner Flt. Sgt. Colin Byers RCAF.

His name can be found on panel 89.

Sources: 49 Squadron Association/Canadian Veterans.