

P/O Bernard John Saville 170452 RAFVR

Bernard Saville was a 34-year-old navigator killed on his 15th operation.

He was part of an experienced 49 Squadron crew that took off from RAF Fiskerton for a raid on Frankfurt shortly before 1700 hours on the evening of 20 December 1943. They were aboard Lancaster JB467 EA-T, one of 15 Lancasters to take off from the Lincolnshire airfield to join a force of 650 bombers.

The raid cost Bomber Command 41 Lancasters and Halifaxes and one of those was JB467, shot down east of Frankfurt and crashing near the town of Hanau. There were no survivors and all seven men were buried in the nearby town of Langenselbold. They are now buried in Durnbach War Cemetery.

Bernard came from Ilford in Essex and was the son of John and Mary Saville. The others who died were the pilot P/O Alfred Blackmore DFC, flight engineer Sgt. Tom Daniel, bomb-aimer Flt. Sgt. Harold Evans, wireless operator Sgt. Stanley Domleo, mid-upper gunner Sgt. George Lawn and rear gunner Sgt. Peter Booth.

His name can be found on panel 094.

Sources: 49 Squadron Association/Bomber Command War Diaries.

