

**Sgt. Adam
Thompson Sinclair
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Adam Sinclair was a 33-year-old Scottish flight engineer who died along with five of his crew in a raid on Leipzig in February 1944.

His aircraft, Lancaster III LM384 (CF-X) (*pictured*) of 625 Squadron, had taken off from Kelstern shortly before midnight on the night of 19 February as part of a force of 833 bombers heading to attack aircraft factories in Leipzig. It was a bad night for Bomber Command when 78 aircraft were shot down, including three from 625 Squadron.

It is believed that the Lancaster was intercepted outbound by a night-fighter and shot down, crashing close to the village of Bledeln, south of Hanover. The only survivor was the bomb-aimer, Sgt. George Paterson

Adam and his crew had joined 625 Squadron earlier in February from 1656 Heavy Conversion Unit at Lindholme. Four of the casualties, including Adam, were buried locally before being reinterred in Hanover War Cemetery after the war, while two others are remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

He lived in the village of Bilston near Edinburgh, with his wife Margaret. Born in the Midlothian town of Penicuik, Adam was the son of Thomas and Rosina Sinclair. He is remembered on the Scottish National War Memorial in Edinburgh Castle.

The others who died were the pilot Flt. Sgt. Charles Pearson, navigator F/O Jack Pearl RCAF, wireless operator Sgt. George Cartwright, mid-upper gunner Sgt. Arthur Trivett and rear gunner Sgt. Thomas Evans.

His name can be found on panel 097.

Sources: Aircrew Remembered/625 Squadron records.