

FO Guy Dermot Spyers 140877RAFVR

Guy was born on 26 December 1907 in London, the son of Roper Spyers and Margaret Spyers nee Dermot.

Educated at Ascham St Vincent's, Eastbourne and Uppingham School, Rutland, Guy was employed as a Landscape Gardener and in 1939 was a member of the Auxiliary Fire Service in London.

Guy volunteered for service in the RAF and trained as a Navigator. Commissioned in May 1943, in September 1943 Guy was posted to 101 Sqn based at RAF Ludford Magna, Lincolnshire.

On the morning of 18 November 1943 "Bomber Harris" decided the offensive against Berlin would resume. The weather was forecast favourable. That night, an all Lancaster force of 440 aircraft were tasked with the raid on Berlin, with 101 Sqn contributing 23 crews.



At 17:21 Guy, operating as the Navigator, and the crew departed RAF Ludford Magna, Lincolnshire in Lancaster III LM370 (SR-K2), routeing out over the Lincolnshire coast to rendezvous with the rest of the force and commencing a route to Berlin South of the Ruhr across Belgium.

The visibility over the target area was poor, and winds were not as forecast making the task extremely difficult. The 101 Sqn Lancasters arrived just before 21:00 and completed blind drops. Despite this, German reports stated that bombs fell in most parts of the city with reasonable impact on the industrial areas.

At 23:11 whilst on the homeward flight, Guy's aircraft was intercepted over the Dutch province of Drenthe on the Dutch/German border by Fw Rudolf Frank of the 2./NJG3, flying a Ju88 from Wittmund Airfield. The Lancaster crashed on an area of peatland on the outskirts of Oud-Schoonebeek killing all on board.

Also Killed: FO Charles Patrick McManus (Pilot); FO Barry Kingsley Petyt (AB); WO2 George Philip Herman RCAF (Special Operator/AG); FS George Herbert Gittins DFM (AG); Sgt Kenneth Jones (FE); Sgt Charles Harold Downs (AG); Sgt Anthony Ezra Rosen (WOp/AG)

Guy is buried in Schoonebeek (Oud Schoonebeek) General Cemetery, Drenthe, Netherlands.

Guy is commemorated on Wall Panel 100

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