

## F/O Zygfryd Stepień P.0036 PAF

Zygfryd was born on 12 October 1906 in Suchedniów, Poland.

He was a Navigator serving with the Polish Air Force, as part of No. 18 OTU at RAF Bitteswell, Leicestershire, and had previously been awarded the ML (Polish Air Force Medal).

Wellington IC R3216 WS-K took off from Bitteswell airfield on 29 September 1941, on an evening navigational exercise. At 2150 hours, on its return, the aircraft stalled and crashed as it approached Bitteswell, a satellite station often used by training units. Of the eight-man crew on board, only one survived. Sgt Zietkiewicz PAF was rescued by a motor transport driver, S W J Green, whose bravery was subsequently recognised through the award of the George Medal.



Zygfryd is buried at Nuneaton (Oaston Road) Cemetery, Warwickshire. Sec. H. Coll. Grave 102. He was 34 years old.

His fellow crew members were:

Sgt. Stanislaw Cupryk PAF (killed)  
F/Sgt. Jack Stanley Fisher RAF (killed)  
Sgt. Edward James Henry Heather RAFVR (killed)  
Sgt. Teofan Astramowicz PAF (killed)  
F/O Jan Jozepajt PAF (killed)  
Sgt. Jan Ksiezyc PAF (killed)  
Sgt. M Zietkiewicz (injured)

He is commemorated on IBCC Panel 101

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