

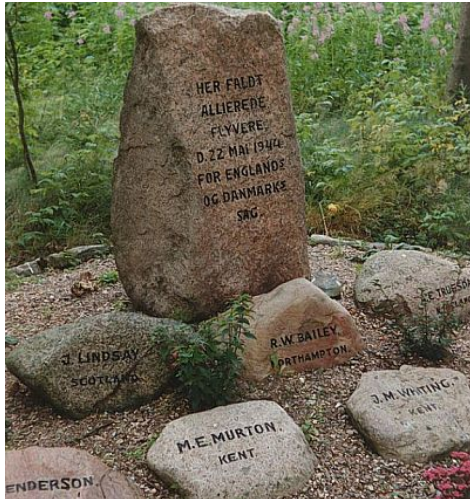
**F/O Albert Edward (Bertie) Truesdale 144162
RAFVR**

Bertie Truesdale was an experienced Lancaster wireless operator from Northern Ireland who died along with his crew when their aircraft was shot down by a night-fighter in Denmark following a mining operation in Kiel Bay.

He was part of the crew of Lancaster LL950 LE-Y, of No. 630 Squadron, one of 14 aircraft from the squadron sent to sow mines off the Danish east coast on the night of 21/22 May, 1944. It was their 16th operation together.



LL950 had taken off from East Kirkby in Lincolnshire at 2218 hours and was homebound when the Lancaster was attacked over Denmark and crashed near the village of Vesterlund. There were no survivors. A stone memorial (*pictured*), marking the crash and remembering the crew, now stands at the site.



Bertie was the 22-year-old son of Albert and Margaret Truesdale and came from Newry in County Down.

The others who died were the pilot P/O Ronald Bailey, flight engineer P/O John Whiting, navigator Ft. Sgt. Charles Richardson, bomb-aimer Ft. Sgt. James Henderson, mid-upper gunner Sgt. James Lindsay and rear gunner Sgt. Martin Murton.

His name can be found on panel 108.

Sources: 630 Squadron Association/Airwar over Denmark.