

## **F/O Edward Charles Truscott 409619 RAAF**

Edward Truscott was a 29-year-old Australian navigator who was killed along with the rest of his crew when their aircraft was lost during a raid on Berlin on the night of 2/3 January 1944.

He was part of the crew of Lancaster JB606 AR-H, of 460 (RAAF) Squadron, which was one of 27 aircraft lost during a raid that had been delayed by the weather and necessitated a change in route to and from the target.

JB606 was one of 20 Lancasters from 460 that had been sent from RAF Binbrook for the raid and is understood to have been shot down homebound, crashing in flames near the village of Mückendorf, 30 miles south of Berlin. There were no survivors.

Edward and his crew had joined 460 early in November 1943 and the Berlin raid was their sixth together, most of them being operations to the German capital. They came together in part at No. 27 Operational Training Unit in Lichfield before completing their training at No. 1656 Heavy Conversion Unit at Lindholme before joining 460 at RAF Binbrook.

Edward was born in the town of Toora, in Victoria, and was the son of Thomas and Catherine Truscott. He later lived in the Melbourne suburb of Burwood with his wife, Joyce.

The others who died with him were the pilot Flt. Sgt. Reg Rowley RAAF, flight engineer Sgt. William Fleming, bomb-aimer F/O Aubrey Robinson RAAF, wireless operator Flt. Sgt. Lambert Chester RAAF, mid-upper gunner Flt. Sgt. Ron Lawn RAAF and rear gunner F/O Henry Bennett. All were buried in Mückendorf church cemetery before being reinterred after the war in Berlin War Cemetery.

Edward's name can be found on panel 108.

Sources: Australian Virtual War Memorial/Aircrew Remembered.

