

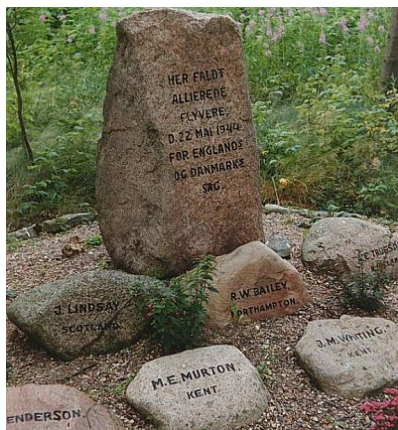
## P/O Jack Maxwell Whiting 171177 RAFVR

Jack Whiting was an experienced Lancaster flight engineer 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.



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.



Jack was a man who worked in a pre-war reserved occupation but volunteered in June 1942 and later trained as a flight engineer. He was posted to No. 9 Squadron with his first crew and flew from Bardney in Lincolnshire from September 1943 until November when he was posted to East Kirkby, where 630 was being formed. He flew at least 16 operations with the squadron before he was killed.

He was born in Eastbourne in December 1912 and was later adopted by Harry and Mary Whiting. He was married and lived with his wife and young son David in the Great Bounds area of Tunbridge Wells, in Kent.

Jack's widow, Muriel, remarried in 1951, to Lord Hugh Dowding, the man who had commanded Fighter Command in the Battle of Britain. Jack is buried with the rest of his crew in Fourfelt Cemetery in Esbjerg.

The others who died were the pilot P/O Ronald Bailey, navigator Flt. Sgt. Charles Richardson, bomb-aimer Flt. Sgt. James Henderson, wireless operator F/O Albert Truesdale, mid-upper gunner Sgt. James Lindsay and rear gunner Sgt. Martin Murton.

His name can be found on panel 115.

Sources: 630 Squadron Association/Geni/Airwar over Denmark.