

## **Ft. Sgt. Albert Edward Williams 818241 RAF (Aux AF)**



### **44 Squadron Lancasters**

Albert Williams was the Welsh-born rear gunner of a 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron Lancaster from RAF Waddington which may have been lost over the North Sea in August 1942.

He was part of the crew of F/O Peter Ball DFM whose Lancaster, R5603 KM-D, was part of a small force of 38 bombers sent to attack Essen on the night of 4/5 August. All the attacking force suffered from severe icing and 20 were forced to turn back, the remaining 18 reporting that they had bombed Essen before returning. All made it back safely with the exception of KM-D, which is believed to have crashed in the North Sea. No trace of the aircraft or its seven-man crew was ever found.

Killed with him were the pilot F/O Peter Ball DFM, flight engineer P/O George Marshall, navigator P/O Ian MacQueen RCAF, bomb-aimer Sgt. William Scott, wireless operator Ft. Sgt. Joseph Bentley DFM and mid-upper gunner Ft. Sgt. George Firman RCAF. All are remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

Albert came from Cardiff where he lived with his wife, Doris.

He was 28 and the son of Ivor and Ethel Williams and his name can be found on panel 116

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