

F/O Owen Wright J/28272 RCAF



Owen Wright was a Canadian navigator who was lost with his entire crew on their third operation flying with 103 Squadron from RAF Elsham Wolds.

He was part of the crew of Lancaster ND629 PM-G, which left Elsham at 2234 hours on the night of 22 May 1944, one of 14 Lancasters supplied by 103 for a 361-aircraft attack on Dortmund, in the Ruhr. Eighteen Lancasters were lost that night, two of them from 103.

His aircraft is believed to have been shot down by a night fighter flown by Oblt. Wilhelm Henseler at 0039 hours on the morning of 23 May, the Lancaster eventually crashing at Alhaus, close to the Dutch border. All seven crew members are now buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery.

Owen was 28 and was the son of Tiberius and Violet Wright.

The others who died with him were the pilot P/O William Charles RCAF, flight engineer Sgt. Augustus Lee, bomb-aimer F/O Lancelot Kennedy RCAF, wireless operator F/O Derek Wiener, mid-upper gunner Sgt. Vaughan Davies and rear gunner Sgt. Henry Shephard.

Owen's name can be found on panel 119.

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