

Sgt. John Brining 1583646 RAFVR

John Brining was the navigator in a Halifax that exploded after being hit by flak over Münster, killing him and two other members of his 77 Squadron crew.



They were taking part in an early evening raid by No. 4 Group on the city of Münster on 12 September 1944 when their aircraft was one of two lost out of the 124 bombers taking part.

John's aircraft, Halifax III MZ935, took off from Full Sutton at 1615 hours and is believed to have taken a direct hit from flak guns and exploded. Four members of the crew were blown clear and they survived to become prisoners but John died along with the pilot and flight engineer.

John was the 20-year-old son of John and Edith Brining of Handsworth in Birmingham.

The others who died were the pilot F/O Raymond Cave and flight engineer Sgt. James Haywood. All three are buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery.

His name can be found on panel 135.

Sources: Harry Shinkfield/77 Squadron Association.