FO Allen Armistice Fraser 405030 RNZAF

Allen was born on 11 November 1918 in Christchurch, New Zealand, the only son of Alexander Errol Millar Fraser and Mary Agnes Fraser nee Bonisch. In July 1941 he married Elizabeth Joan Buchanan in New Zealand.

Educated at Christchurch Boys' High School and Christchurch Technical College, Allen was employed as a clerk when, in March 1940, he applied for aircrew duties with the RNZAF.

Called up in December 1940, Allen completed his flying training in New Zealand in May 1941 with the award of his wings, and was commissioned the same month.

Arriving in the UK in September 1941, Allen completed his advanced training at 11 OTU RAF Bassingbourn, Hertfordshire, before he was posted to 75 (NZ) Sqn at RAF Feltwell, Norfolk in December 1941.

On 20/21 June 1942 Bomber Command were tasked with an op against the port of Emden. A combined force of 185 aircraft, including twelve 75(NZ) crews, were allocated to the op.

Just before midnight on 20 June 1942 Allen and his crew departed RAF Feltwell, Norfolk, in Wellington III X3760 (AA-L).

Homeward-bound, at 01:56 Allen's aircraft was intercepted by Olt Egmont Prinz zur Lippe-Weissenfeld of 5./NJG 2 flying from Leeuwarden, Netherlands. The aircraft crashed in the North Sea, North-West of Ameland, Friesland, Netherlands, killing all on board. This was Allen's 33rd Op.

Also killed: PO Raymond Wickliffe John Trengrove RNZAF (AG); PO Wallace Edward Buckley RNZAF (Obs); FS Arthur Srafford Christie RNZAF (WOp/AG); Sgt Clifton Robert Brailey RNZAF (AG)

On 12 July Allen was washed ashore on the North Coast of Schiermonnikoog, Frisian Islands, Netherlands and buried in Schiermonnikoog (Vredenhof) Cemetery.

Allen is commemorated on Wall Panel 166

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