

Sgt Malcolm John Hudson 576853 RAF

Malcolm was born in 1924 in Mutford, Suffolk, the youngest son of Wilfrid Hudson and Gladys Emma Hudson nee Mills. Raised in Northampton, Malcolm joined the RAF before the outbreak of war.

In December 1942 Malcolm was posted to 138 Sqn at RAF Tempsford, Bedfordshire as a Flight Engineer.

On 14 March 1943, Malcolm and the crew were tasked with "Operation Bronse", the insertion of a 3 man Czechoslovakian SOE Bronse team to Bohemia. The team was tasked to organize the resistance, carry out intelligence surveillance activities, and transmit information back to London. The group radio was codenamed "Blanka" .

Malcolm, operating as the Flight Engineer, and the crew, together with the 3 man Czech team departed RAF Tempsford, Bedfordshire, in Halifax II BB281 (NF-O) destined for a drop zone near Brno, SE of Prague. Deteriorating weather conditions in the drop area prevented the planned operation continuing and the decision was made to return to base. Whilst flying to the south of Munich, the aircraft was hit by German anti-aircraft fire and crashed in the Perlacher Forest.

Malcolm survived the crash and was transported to hospital where he succumbed to his injuries on 11 April 1941. One Agent also survived the crash, but died on 23 March 1941.

Also Killed: Sqn Ldr Christopher Francis Gibson DFC (Pilot); WO1 Douglas Clark Lisson RCAF (Pilot); WO2 Maurice Tallier Peter Myers RCAF (WOp/AG); FS John Stanley Rigden (Nav); FS Arthur Stokes DFM (WOp/AG); Sgt Leo Peter Ward (AG); Sgt Harold John Sharood (AG); Lt Bohumir Martinek (Agent); František Vrbka (Agent) died 23 March; Antonin Kubec (Agent)

Originally buried in Munich West Cemetery, in November 1947 Malcolm was moved to Durnbach War Cemetery, Bayern, Germany

Malcolm is commemorated on Wall Panel 185