

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL MILITARY MEMORIAL

WW2 HAXEY PARISH AIR CRASHES

BASIC INFORMATION

7 February 1944 – Halifax Mk 2 V9983 of 1662 HCU – Lost control during evasive action to avoid a mid-air collision.

Halifax V9983 from 1662 HCU was based at RAF Blyton and flown by a UK crew with an RAAF pilot. The aircraft lost control during evasive action to avoid a mid air collision with another aircraft and crashed near the East Lound/Graizelound Rd Haxey. There were no survivors.

Crew - **Halifax V9983**

Pilot - FS W H A Daly RAAF Age – 25 Next of Kin - Son of Patrick Joseph and Alice Kate
Daly, of Leederville, Western Australia Final Location – Cambridge City Cemetery - Grave
13512.

Air Engineer - Sgt T R Davison. Age – 21 Next of Kin - Son of Thomas Riddle Davison
and Agnes G. M. Davison, of Edinburgh Final Location – Edinburgh (Mount View) Roman
Catholic Cemetery – Sec.N. Grave 192.

Navigators - Sgt L N Singer Age – 21 Next of Kin - Son of Arthur George and Annie
Gwendoline Singer, of Acocks Green, Birmingham Final Location – Solihull Cemetery –
Sec.A.4. Grave 322.

Sgt H R Freeman. Age – 21 Next of Kin - Son of James and Florence
Freeman, of Walsall. His Brother John Herbert Also Died On Service Final Location –
Solihull Cemetery – Sec. A.4.North. Grave 322.

Air Bomber - Sgt J E G Nowlan. Age – Unk Next of Kin -Son of Joseph Edward Ernest
and Rose Maud Nowlan, of Romford Final Location – Romford Cemetery – Sec. L.L.
Grave 1956.

Wireless Operator - Sgt R J Payne. Age – 20 Next of Kin - Son of Richard and
Sarah Ellen Payne, of Streatham Vale, London Final Location – Barrow in Furness
(Thornccliffe) Cemetery/Crematorium – Sec. 7. R.C. Grave 2618.

Airborne at 2013Z from Blyton for night circuits and landings. Just after take off and 5 miles from Blyton, the aircraft crashed and burnt out. Crashed at approx 2018Z after losing control during evasive action to avoid mid-air collision. The aircraft impacted near the East Lound/Graizelound Rd Haxey. Comments from the post crash report state that V9983 “became involved with another aircraft and no technical defect found. Lost control due to violent turn to avoid an unknown aircraft on first night solo. Another aircraft caused V9983 to dive into the ground”.

7 March 1944 - Halifax Mk 5 EB184 of 1602 HCU – Mid-Air Collision with HR 657 whilst on Night Flying/Bombing Practice.

Halifax EB184 from 1602 Heavy Conversion Unit (HCU) was based at RAF Sandtoft and flown by a UK crew. Halifax HR 657 from 1667 HCU was based at RAF Blyton and flown by a Polish

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crew. Both aircraft were involved in a bombing exercise over Misson Bombing Range and it is evident that they collided and crashed between Graizelound and Haxey On 7 March 1944. There were no survivors from either aircraft.

Crew - **Halifax EB 184:**

Pilot – Sgt P A Street. Age – 27 Next of Kin - Son of Alfred Phillip and Ida Maud Street, of Cranleigh, Surrey Final Location – Bromley Hill Cemetery. Block I. Grave 195.

Flight Engineer – Sgt H Russon. Age – 19 Next of Kin - William Harold and Florence Mary Russon, of East Dene, Rotherham Final Location – Rotherham (Moorgate) Cemetery. Sec O. Old Ground. Grave 179.

Navigators – FS A Fox. Age – 22 Next of Kin - Son of Alfred and Eleanor Isabella Fox, of Edgeside, Rawtenstall Final Location – Edgeside (St Anne) Churchyard Rawtenstall. Grave 189.

Sgt A L F Woods. Age – 21 Next of Kin - Son of Archibald Frank and Bertha Woods, of Leeds Final Location – Leeds (Cottingley Hall) Crematorium. Screen Wall.

Air Bomber – Fg Off E G Bayer. Age – 21 Next of Kin - Son of Granville L. Bayer and Anne F. Bayer, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada Final Location – Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery. Sec F. Row C. Grave 11.

Wireless Operator – Sgt H W Green. Age – 30 Next of Kin – Joyce Green of Boston Final Location – Boston Cemetery. Sec 17. Grave 205.

Air Gunners – Sgt W N Farrell. Age – 36 Next of Kin – Violet Farrell of Stretford Final Location – Stretford Cemetery. Sec. Z. Grave 40.

Sgt A W Henderson. Age – 19 Next of Kin – Son of Alexander and Catherine Henderson of Walls Lerwick. Final Location – Walls Parish Churchyard. Grave 2.

Airborne at 1835Z from RAF Sandtoft for general night flying. Collided with HR 657 over Misson Bombing Range. Aircraft crashed near Graizelound. Comments from post crash report state that “EB184 collided with another aircraft whilst carrying out bombing practice. Aircraft crashed out of control. Captain appears to have been carrying out orders. Possibly look out not sufficient. No known defect. Insufficient look out by other crew.”

Crew – **Halifax HR 657:**

Pilot – Fg Off Z Ingling Age - 26 Final Location – Solihull

Navigator - Fg Off K Lenartowiicz (Russia) Age - 27 Final Location – Newark Upon Trent Cemetery.

Air Bomber - Fg Off H J Jarnicki Age - 25 Final Location – Newark Upon Trent Cemetery Polish Plot.

Air Engineer - Sgt B Kot Age - 28 Final Location - Newark Upon Trent Cemetery Polish Plot.

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Wireless Operator - Sgt G Liskiewicz Upon Trent Cemetery Polish Plot.	Age - 22	Final Location - Newark
Air Gunners - Sgt A Loksza (Russia) Upon Trent Cemetery.	Age - 23	Final Location - Newark
Sgt B Machulak (USA) Upon Trent Cemetery Polish Plot.	Age - 29	Final Location - Newark

Airborne at 1800Z from RAF Blyton for a night navigation exercise, crew attached from 300 (Polish) Sqn. During the flight, the aircraft collided with EB 184 over Misson Bombing Range and crashed near Graizelound. Comments from the post crash report state that "HR 657 collided with another aircraft, part broke up in air and burnt on the ground. Aircraft out of control. As both aircraft burning Nav lights, look out by pilot could not have been sufficient. Insufficient look out by other aircraft."

BOTH CRASHES ARE CONTAINED IN THE INTERNATIONAL BOMBER COMMAND CENTRE (IBCC) DATABASES AND THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUAL CREW MEMBERS ARE RECORDED ON THE IBCC MEMORIAL.