



1943 – 2008

ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF THE CREW OF LANCASTER EE138 AR-E2
OF 460 SQUADRON, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

WHILE RETURNING TO RAF BINBROOK, LINCOLNSHIRE, FROM A RAID ON BERLIN WAS
INTERCEPTED AT AN ALTITUDE OF 4300 METRES AND THEN SHOT DOWN IN THE EARLY
MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 1943 AT 02:33 HOURS BY A LUFTWAFFE NIGHT FIGHTER
JUNKERS JU 88C-6 CODED D5+AX OF 12/NJG-3 BASED FROM GROVE, DENMARK

THE EIGHT AIRMEN KILLED AND 7 OF WHOSE REMAINS REST HERE WITH AR-E2, ARE

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

SQUADRON LEADER CARL RICHARD KELAHER 267504
AGED 30 OF SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

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FLYING OFFICER SIDNEY MILTON FORRESTER 416558, 2ND PILOT
AGED 22 OF HIGHGATE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA

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WARRANT OFFICER CYRIL AUGUSTINE WALSH 401605, BOMB AIMER
AGED 30 OF SOUTH PURRUMBETE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

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WARRANT OFFICER EWIN GARTH CARTHEW 407963, NAVIGATOR
AGED 21 OF RENDELSHAM, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA

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SERGEANT HERBERT FREEMAN JOWETT 1685619, ENGINEER
AGED 20 OF BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE, ENGLAND

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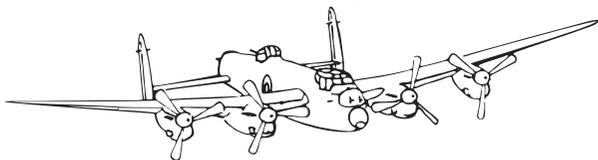
SERGEANT JOHN CRESWELL COOMBS 1388894, WIRELESS OPERATOR
AGED 23 OF BOSHAM, SUSSEX, ENGLAND

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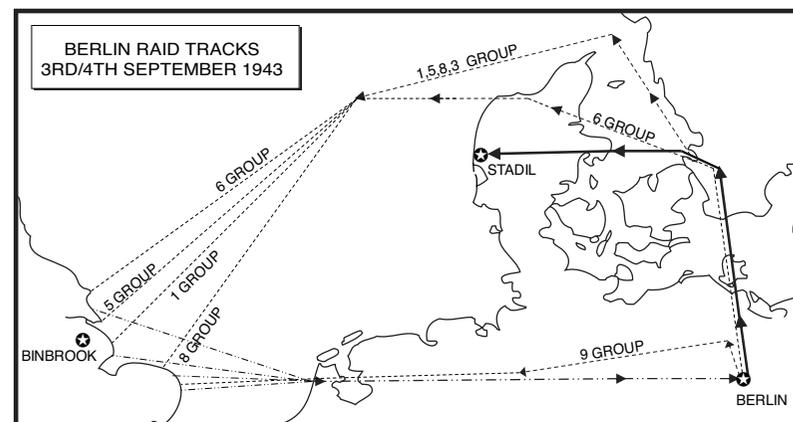
SERGEANT ERNEST ALBERT CECIL THIRKETTLE 1217817, MID UPPER GUNNER
AGED 22 OF WEST DULWICH, LONDON, ENGLAND

ROYAL AIR FORCE

SERGEANT ARTHUR ROLFE 1681963, REAR GUNNER
AGED 39 OF YEADON NR. LEEDS, YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND



LANCASTER EE138'S LAST BOMBING RAID ON BERLIN — WHERE IT WAS SHOT DOWN
OVER STADIL DENMARK ON THE RETURN FLIGHT



460 SQUADRON FROM THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE WAS FORMED IN ENGLAND IN
NOVEMBER 1941 AND FOUR MONTHS LATER THE SQUADRON WAS FULLY OPERATIONAL.

IN OCTOBER 1942 THE SQUADRON WAS EQUIPPED WITH FOUR ENGINE LANCASTER
BOMBERS. DURING THE WAR 460 SQUADRON CARRIED OUT 6,264 SORTIES, DROPPED
24,856 TONS OF BOMBS AND SUFFERED OVER 1,000 AIRCREW CASUALTIES.

WHEN LANCASTER EE138 WAS SHOT DOWN DURING THE NIGHT OF 3RD SEPTEMBER 1943,
IT WAS THE BOMBER'S 24TH OPERATION. MANY PLANES WERE LOST BEFORE THEY COULD
ACHIEVE THAT NUMBER.

IN THE BOMBING RAID ON BERLIN ON THE NIGHT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1943, BETWEEN THE
HOURS OF 23:11 AND 23:42 A TOTAL OF 65 MISCELLANEOUS FACTORIES, INDUSTRIAL
PREMISES, ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL PLANTS WERE EITHER SEVERELY DAMAGED
OR DESTROYED INCLUDING HIGH PRIORITY TARGETS.



CARL RICHARD KELAHER SIDNEY MILTON FORRESTER CYRIL AUGUSTINE WALSH EWIN GARTH CARTHEW HERBERT FREEMAN JOWETT JOHN CRESWELL COOMBS ERNEST ALBERT CECIL THIRKETTLE

NO PHOTO EXISTS FOR ARTHUR ROLFE

"BUT I GO WHERE THE LAST YEAR'S LOST LEAVES GO
AT THE FALLING OF THE YEAR"

(ADAM LINDSAY GORDON 1833 – 1870)

IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF THE CARE AND RESPECT GIVEN TO THIS SITE BY
INGEMANN HALKJÆR & RESIDENTS OF THE STADIL DISTRICT OF DENMARK

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OVERSEAS PRIVATELY CONSTRUCTED MEMORIAL RESTORATION PROGRAM 2008

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF RELATIVES OF AUSTRALIAN CREWMEN
CARTHEW, FORRESTER, KELAHER AND WALSH