

Details of the RAF men on the Roll of Honour

GRAINGER, Ivor William (1584157) : Warrant Officer. Age 22. 18 Sqdn (RAFVR). Killed 22/12/45; Alamein Memorial, Egypt Column 283.. Son of Richard William and Flora Mary Grainger, of Hadley, Wellington, Shropshire.

CWGC Online Casualty Database Link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/1810002>

LANGFORD, Joseph Leonard (139589 / NCO:1199712) : Flying Officer. Age 23. 108 Sqdn (RAFVR). Killed 15/09/44; El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt Xx D 6. Son of Joseph and Minnie Ann Langford of Hadley Wellington Shropshire.

CWGC Online Casualty Database Link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2117024>

SMITHERMAN, Charles Henry (1116761) : Leading Aircraftman. Age 31. (RAFVR). Killed 03/11/43; Maynamati War Cemetery, Bangladesh 9 B 6. Son of Thomas and Sarah Eliza Smitherman; husband of Jessie Smitherman.

CWGC Online Casualty Database Link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/1057398>

WILLIAMS, Norman Harry (1231774) : Sergeant. 142 Sqdn (RAFVR). Killed 09/04/43; Massicault War Cemetery, Tunisia Collective Grave VI A 3-6. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams, of Leegomery, Shropshire.

CWGC Online Casualty Database Link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2197257>

Full details of RAF Bomber Command airmen

SERIAL : MZ651 ** Please quote this in all correspondence **

DATE : 11-Jun-1944 / 12-Jun-1944

UNIT : 102 Sqdn

AIRCRAFT : Handley Page Halifax III

RAF BASE : Pocklington, GPS location 53.925576 / -0.794330

TAKE-OFF AT : 22:04

SQUADRON or UNIT CODES : DY:Z

TARGET : Massy-Palaiseau

CAUSE OF LOSS : Crashed / general

Pilot : Flight Sergeant Russell Percival Singleton RAAF Aus/426696 [Killed] 12 June 1944. Autheuil Communal Cemetery, France Collective Grave 1-6. Son of Henry Percival and Annie Singleton of Chelmer Queensland Australia. CWGC Casualty link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2320606>. Age:20

Flight Engineer : Sergeant Herbert Richard Smith RAFVR 1501417 [Killed] 12 June 1944. Autheuil Communal Cemetery, France Collective Grave 1-6. Son of Herbert and Florence Mary Smith of Hadley Shropshire. Nephew of Amy Howman of Hadley. CWGC Casualty link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2320607>. Age:27

Navigator : Flight Sergeant Stephen Joseph Thomas RAFVR 1398046 [Killed] 12 June 1944. Autheuil Communal Cemetery, France Collective Grave 1-6. Son of Stephen and Elizabeth Thomas of Goring-By-Sea Sussex. CWGC Casualty link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2320608>. Age:22

Bomb Aimer : Pilot Officer Michael Frederick John McNamara RAAF Aus/426658 [Killed] 12 June 1944. Autheuil Communal Cemetery, France Collective Grave 1-6. Son of Michael Vincent and Catherine McNamara. Husband of Davine Monica McNamara of Rockhampton Queensland Australia. BA CWGC Casualty link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2320604>. Age:34

Wireless Operator / Air Gunner : Flight Sergeant Phillip Allan Robson RAAF Aus/418571 [Killed] 12 June 1944. Autheuil Communal Cemetery, France Collective Grave 1-6. Son of Phillip and Ina Beatrice Robson of Kew Victoria Australia. CWGC Casualty link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2320605>. Age:20

Mid-Upper Gunner : Sergeant Norman Lishman RAFVR 2212899 [Killed] 12 June 1944. Autheuil Communal Cemetery, France Collective Grave 1-6. Son of John and Margaret Isabella Lishman. Husband of Esther Mary Lishman of Bowness-On-Windermere Westmorland. CWGC Casualty link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2320603>

Rear Gunner : Sergeant John David Francis RAFVR 1652846 [Killed] 12 June 1944. Autheuil Communal Cemetery, France Collective Grave 1-6. Son of David Hopkins Francis and Mabel Francis of Llandaff North Glamorgan. CWGC Casualty link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2320602>. Age:20

Autheuil Communal Cemetery, France's GPS Location is 48.006279 / 1.295546, which has 7 RAF casualties.

DETAILS : Tasked to bomb communications. Crashed in flames at Autheuil-Authouillet, 8 miles north-east of Evreux. All buried in the Autheuil Communal Cemetery, close to the grave of Maj H R Todd RA of 140 Battery, 86 (5th Battalion the Devonshire Regiment) Anti-Tank Regiment, who died on 13 Sep 44.

SERIAL : DV198 ** Please quote this in all correspondence **

DATE : 10-Apr-1944 / 11-Apr-1944

UNIT : 9 Sqdn

AIRCRAFT : Avro Lancaster III

RAF BASE : Bardney, GPS location 53.224333 / -0.224333

TAKE-OFF AT : 22:49

SQUADRON or UNIT CODES : WS:U

TARGET : Tours

CAUSE OF LOSS : Shot down by flak

Pilot : Pilot Officer Colin Albert Peak RAAF Aus/417110 [Killed] 11 April 1944. Nantes (Pont-Du-Cens) Communal Cemetery, France Plot L Row D. Son of William Albert Henry and Rose Blanche Peak of Tusmore South Australia. CWGC Casualty link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2391780>. Age:21

Flight Engineer : Sergeant Eric Warnford Kindred RAFVR 1582218 [Killed] 11 April 1944. Nantes (Pont-Du-Cens) Communal Cemetery, France Plot L Row D. Son of Alfred and Effie Hesse Kindred of Rainworth Nottinghamshire. CWGC Casualty link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2391768>. Age:27

Navigator : Sergeant Thomas William Varey RAFVR 1116187 [Killed] 11 April 1944. Nantes (Pont-Du-Cens) Communal Cemetery, France Plot L Row D. Son of John and Lillian Varey. Husband of Doris May Varey of Hurst Berkshire. CWGC Casualty link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2391808>. Age:33

Bomb Aimer : Flying Officer J E Wilkes USAAF [Killed]

Wireless Operator : Sergeant Vernon William George Torbett RAFVR 1578567 [Killed] 11 April 1944. Nantes (Pont-Du-Cens) Communal Cemetery, France Plot L Row D. Son of William and Daisy Ethel Torbett of Hadley Shropshire. CWGC Casualty link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2391804>. Age:21

Mid-Upper Gunner : Sergeant John Weir Nelson RAFVR 971413 [Killed] 11 April 1944. Nantes (Pont-Du-Cens) Communal Cemetery, France Plot L Row D. Son of John W. Nelson and of Cecilia Nelson (Nee Wilson) of Lanark. CWGC Casualty link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2391778>. Age:23

~~Rear Gunner : Sergeant John Hogan RAFVR 1520414 [Killed] 11 April 1944. Nantes (Pont-Du-Cens) Communal Cemetery, France Plot L Row D. Son of Peter and Jane Hogan of Liverpool. CWGC Casualty link : <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2391758>. Age:22~~

Nantes (Pont-Du-Cens) Communal Cemetery, France's GPS Location is 47.242877 / -1.581115, which has 91 RAF casualties.

DETAILS : Tasked to bomb railway yards. Hit by flak and crashed at St-Pierre-des-Corpe in the south-east suburbs of Tours. Six buried at Nantes (Pont-du-Cens) Communal Cemetery. F/O Wilkes, and American, buried in the US Military Cemetery, Normandy, St-Laurent-sur-Mer (GPS 49.360348 / -0.857976).