

Mission: Mine laying in the Thames Estuary.

Date: 17/18 January 1943.

Unit: 4 Staffel/Kampfgeschwader2

Type: Dornier Do 217E-4

Werke Nr.5466

Code: U5 + LM

Location: Kapelle near Goes, Netherlands.

Pilot: Leutnant. Karl Hense 57358/287 Injured.

Born 03.02.1916 in Badenweiler.

Observer: Gefreiter. Erhard Weis 58213/159 Killed.

Born 15.01.1921 in Oberneukirch.

Radio/Op: Oberfeldwebel. Karl Hochstuhl 57358/278 Injured.

Born 01.02.1913 in Steinbach.

Gunner: Feldwebel. Mathias Eberl 57358/277 Killed.

Born 22.04.1916 in Gauting.

REASON FOR LOSS:

This aircraft crashed on return due to engine damage sustained from a mine-laying mission of the Thames Estuary.

The two survivors from the crash were taken to the Kriegslazerett (War hospital) at Goes for treatment of their injuries.

The two who sadly lost their lives were originally buried at the Gemeinde friedhof Vlissingen, Grave numbers 206 and 207.

Gefr. Erhard Weis killed just three days after his 22nd birthday.(Hall/Brownless) Death card notice for Fw. Mathias Eberl

Burial detail:

Mathias Eberl and Erhard Weiss now lies at the Kriegsgräberstätte in Ysselsteyn. Eberl:Block BC Reihe 7 Grab 163

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