

Wellington Mk X, HZ471 "AL-M", No. 429 (RCAF) Squadron

Raid on Wuppertal, 29-30 May 1943.

Take off from East Moor at 2236 hours.

A/C missing. Nothing heard since leaving base.

Raid:

38 Halifaxes from 408, 419, and 427 Squadrons were joined by 55 Wellingtons from 426, 428, 429, 431, and 432 Squadrons on an attack at Wuppertal. The crews were over the target at between 12,000 and 19,000 feet, releasing 98,000 lbs of high explosives and 213,000 lbs of incendiaries. According to reports, bombing was accurate and severe damage was done.

Crew:

WO2 - Wireless Air Gunner, William Sherron Anglin, R/95701, RCAF, Age 27 Son of W. Wendling Anglin and Josephine S. Anglin, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada - MIA - Runnymede Memorial Panel 179.

F/Sgt - Bomb Aimer, Robert Gordon Bailey, R/113936, RCAF, Posted May 6th, 1943 from No. 427 Squadron, Age 20 Son of Perley R. and Ethel M. Bailey, of Worcester, Massachusetts, U.S.A - MIA - Runnymede Memorial Panel 181.

F/Sgt - Wireless Operator, Edward George Collman, 138457, R.A.F.V.R., Posted May 6th, 1943 from No. 427 Squadron, no details - MIA - Runnymede Memorial Panel 145.



F/Sgt - Navigator, Isadore Samuel Levitt, R/135017, RCAF, Posted May 6th, 1943 from No. 427 Squadron, Age 29, Son of Moses Benjamin and Bella Levitt, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, <http://www.ww2awards.com/person/50044>, MIA - Runnymede Memorial Panel 183.

Flying Officer - Pilot, Bruce Andrew Richmond, J/21221, RCAF, Posted May 6th, 1943 from No. 427 Squadron, Age 21 from Vancouver, BC - MIA - Runnymede Memorial Panel 174.

Crewphoto:



(Source: <http://www.429sqn.ca/ac02.htm>)

All commemorated at the Runnymede Memorial

Additions:

From Aircrew Remembered (<http://www.aircrewremembered.com/richmond-bruce.html>):

It is thought "probable" that HZ471 was shot down by Lt. Rolf Bussmann (1) of 1./NJG1 at 02.50 hrs. Flying out of Venlo airfield he attacked this Wellington at 3,700 mtrs with the aircraft falling into the sea off Vlissingen

(1) This was the 14th victory for Lt. Rolf Bussmann. He survived the war with 21 kills, no further details are known.