



Sergeant - Colin Shackleton

Age 21

Pilot

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Service Number 1398483.



Flew 1 Operations with RAF 51 Squadron (18 April
1944 - 18 April 1944)

[1 - 18/04/1944 - Tergnier](#)

[Halifax Mk.III LW522 MH-J](#)

Up 21:20 - Failed to Return

[Sgt Colin Shackleton](#) +

Pilot

[F/S Eric Oscar Downing Yorke](#) +

Navigator

[Sgt Desmond William Kennedy](#) +

Bomb Aimer

[Sgt Philip Latchford](#) +

Wireless Operator

[Sgt Charles Christie](#) +

Flight Engineer

[Sgt William James Gilchrist](#) +

Mid Upper Gunner

[F/S Fred Taylor](#) +

Rear Air Gunner

Key: + Killed flying on operations.

| DATE | AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER | CREW | DUTY | TIME | | DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT | REFERENCES |
|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------|---|------------|
| | | | | UP | DOWN | | |
| 1944 | Halifax III | F/S Fry. R.H. (P) | BOMBING. | 21.28 | 01.59 | This aircraft left base according to schedule to attack the primary target with a bomb load consisting of 7 x 1000 lb and 6 x 500 lb H.E.'s which were released at 23.36 hours from a height of 14,000 feet. No fires or explosions were seen, but the attack appeared to be well concentrated. On the whole the trip was quiet, little opposition being encountered. | |
| APRIL | MH "Q" | F/O Catlin. H.W. (N) | TERMINER. | | | | |
| 18/19 | LW 442 | Sgt McGaffery. M. (B) | | | | | |
| | | Sgt Witherall. W.M. (W) | | | | | |
| | | Sgt Stamp. L. (B) | | | | | |
| | | Sgt Marriott. A. (MU/G) | | | | | |
| | | Sgt Bryson. D. (R/G) | | | | | |
| | Halifax III | F/L Robertson. G.M. (P) | | 21.23 | 02.15 | The bomb load carried by this aircraft when it left to attack the primary target consisted of 7 x 1000 lb and 6 x 500 lb H.E.'s which were released at 23.37 hours from a height of 14,000 feet. The markers appeared to be well concentrated, little opposition was encountered along the route or in the target area, the trip was mainly quiet. | |
| | MH "L" | F/S Jones. R.F. (N) | | | | | |
| | NZ 535 | Sgt Franklin. G.E. (B) | | | | | |
| | | F/S Terry. T.W. (W) | | | | | |
| | | Sgt Frear. D.J. (B) | | | | | |
| | | Sgt Page. C.A. (MU/G) | | | | | |
| | | Sgt Holway. F.D. (R/G) | | | | | |
| | Halifax III | Sgt Shackleton. C. (P) | | 21.20 hours. | | This aircraft left base to attack the primary target, but nothing had been heard of the aircraft since leaving base and it is reported missing. The bomb load carried consisted of 7 x 1000 lb and 6 x 500 lb H.E.'s. | |
| | MH "J" | F/S Yorke. E.D. (N) | | | | | |
| | LW 522 | Sgt Kennedy. D.W. (B) | | | | | |
| | | Sgt Latchford. P. (W) | | | | | |
| | | Sgt Christie. (B) | | | | | |
| | | Sgt Gilchrist. C. (MU/G) | | | | | |
| | | F/S Taylor. F. (R/G) | | | | | |
| | Halifax III | F/S Sarjantson. A. (P) | | 21.33 | | The bomb load carried by this aircraft when it left base to attack the primary target consisted of 7 x 1000 lb and 6 x 500 lb H.E.'s. Nothing further has been heard of this aircraft since the time of take-off, and it is reported missing. | |
| | MH "Y" | F/O Meeson. W.G. (N) | | | | | |
| | HX 350 | F/S Scheffler. R.S. (B) | | | | | |
| | | Sgt Nash. H.D. (W) | | | | | |
| | | Sgt McCarthy. M.C. (B) | | | | | |
| | | Sgt Myers. S.G. (MU/G) | | | | | |
| | | Sgt Smith. J.A. (R/G) | | | | | |



Flight Sergeant - Eric Oscar Downing Yorke

Age 21

Navigator

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Service Number 1439296.



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Additional Information:

Son of Garnett Oliver Yorke and Adelaide Esther Yorke, of Horsforth, Yorkshire.



Sergeant - Desmond William Kennedy

Age 20

Bomb Aimer

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Service Number 1620864.



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Additional Information:

Son of Martin Arthur and Elizabeth Kennedy, of Liverpool



Sergeant - Philip Latchford

Age 23

Wireless Operator - Air Gunner
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
Service Number 1038622.



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Additional Information:

Son of Charles Arthur Latchford, and of Elizabeth Latchford (nee Dale), of Macclesfield, Cheshire; husband of Maud Latchford (nee Vickers), of Macclesfield. A.G.I.



Sergeant - Philip Latchford



Sergeant - Charles Christie
Age 21
Flight Engineer
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
Service Number 1049057.



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Additional Information:

Son of Peter and Violet M. Christie, of Morpeth, Northumberland



Sergeant - William James Gilchrist
Age 26
Mid Upper Air Gunner
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
Service Number 1824389.



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Additional Information:

Son of William and Mary Gilchrist, of Crossgates, Fife.



Flight Sergeant - Fred Taylor
Age 32
Rear Air Gunner
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
Service Number 1549593.



Flew 5 Operations with RAF 51 Squadron (01 March 1944 - 18 April 1944)

Additional Information:

Son of Alma Taylor, and stepson of Norman Green; husband of Louie Taylor, of Brighouse, Yorkshire.

[1 - 01/03/1944 - Stuttgart](#)
[Halifax Mk.III LW496 C6-A](#)
Up 23:40 - Down 07:24
[Sgt Reginald James Feaver](#)
[Sgt A Howson](#)
[F/S R L O'Neill](#)
[Sgt E G Millett](#)
[Sgt Walter Aubrey Stocker](#)
[Sgt Charles Grainger](#)
[Sgt Fred Taylor](#)

[2 - 07/03/1944 - Le Mans](#)
[Halifax Mk.III LW496 C6-A](#)
Up 19:27 - Down 00:13
[Sgt Reginald James Feaver](#)
[Sgt A Howson](#)
[F/S R L O'Neill](#)
[Sgt E G Millett](#)
[Sgt D H Beresford](#)
[Sgt Charles Grainger](#)
[Sgt Fred Taylor](#)

[3 - 15/03/1944 - Stuttgart](#)
[Halifax Mk.III LW496 C6-A](#)
Up 19:16 - Down 03:09
[Sgt Reginald James Feaver](#)
[Sgt A Howson](#)
[F/S R L O'Neill](#)
[Sgt E G Millett](#)
[Sgt Walter Aubrey Stocker](#)
[Sgt Charles Grainger](#)
[F/S Fred Taylor](#)

[4 - 18/03/1944 - Frankfurt](#)
[Halifax Mk.III LW496 C6-A](#)
Up 19:49 - Down 01:19
[Sgt Reginald James Feaver](#)
[Sgt A Howson](#)
[F/S R L O'Neill](#)
[Sgt E G Millett](#)
[Sgt Walter Aubrey Stocker](#)
[Sgt Charles Grainger](#)
[F/S Fred Taylor](#)

[5 - 18/04/1944 - Tergnier](#)
[Halifax Mk.III LW522 MH-J](#)
Up 21:20 - Failed to Return
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