

SERGEANT J. B. MALLET

My name is Sheila Harvey.

Last weekend I visited the Bomber Command Memorial at Lincoln to see my Uncle's name (R.H.P. Roberts). Some of his crew are buried in your churchyard at Scampton so we stopped to pay our respects and place some poppies. I checked out your website and was very interested to see how you are trying to add information to the names. Also information that you have on one entry might just shed some more light on the cause of the crash as another aircraft from Waddington also crashed nearby the same time so I believe this and my Uncle's Lancaster could have collided. The other pilot survived and in his obituary in the Telegraph 2004 mentions another Lancaster being involved. I thought you might like me to share some details with you so you can tie all 5 graves to the one crash.

His crew were 7 in total. You have 5 buried in your churchyard: H. Ricketts grave 54, F.C Miller grave 72, J.Greenan grave 56, J.Mallet grave 87 and F.Music grave 102. The two other crew are my uncle RHP Roberts and H Turkentine who are both buried in London.

They were all killed and belonged to 57 squadron R 5894 DX-T 2 in March 1943 at Riseholme.

There is a series of photos at the Imperial War Museum London (T for Tommy) when they were shadowed for a day by a RAF photographer. I can see you have already accessed some of these as they are on some of the crews details.

With thanks to Sheila Harvey for sending this information.



Sergeant J B Mallett, Sergeant H H Turkentine and Sergeant R H P Roberts, flight engineer, bomb aimer and rear gunner, respectively, of an Avro Lancaster B Mark I of No. 57 Squadron RAF, eat breakfast in the Sergeants' Mess at Scampton, Lincolnshire, following their return from a night raid. All three were killed with the rest of the crew of Lancaster R5894 'DX-T' ("T for Tommy") when it collided with high tension cables near Scampton upon returning from a raid on Berlin in the early morning of 2 March 1943.



A Lancaster crew from No 57 Squadron have safely returned from an operation and now await interrogation. The bomb aimer, Sergeant 'Bert' Turkentine (left) and the Canadian navigator, Sergeant 'Muse' Music, are offered welcoming cups of tea by an attentive WAAF. This image was part of a sequence taken for an Air Ministry picture story entitled 'T for Tommy Makes a Sortie', which portrayed the events surrounding a single Lancaster bomber and its crew during a typical operation.

