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On the night of 7/8th June 1944, Lancaster Mk.I , aircraft number DV367, from 166 Squadron, RAF Kirmington, Squadron Code AS-T, took off, with other Lancasters to attack a railway target at Verseilles.

This aircraft was shot down by a night fighter, and fell to the ground somewhere near Bois d'Arcy. All the seven crew were killed, and they are buried in Clichy cemetary, Paris.

The crew were:-	Flight Lieutenant	R.POWDRILL	DFC (Canadian)
	Sergeant	H.SIMPSON	DFM
	Flight Sergeant	T.HILL	DFM
	Flight Sergeant	A.R.OSBORNE	DFM
	Flight Sergeant	L.WRIGHT	DFM
	Sergeant	G.NORDBYE	DFM
	Flight Sergeant	L.BARKER	DFM (Australian)

DFC - Distiguished Flying Cross (Officers)

DFM - Distinguished Flying Medal (Other Ranks)

It is most unusual for an entire crew to all be decorated with medals, and my guess is that they had remained together as a crew to complete a 'First Tour', of thirty operational missions; (not many survived thirty missions), and then had all been decorated as a crew in recognition of their acheivment. After some well earned leave, they had all agreed to do a 'Second Tour' , another thirty missions, staying together as a crew. The fact that four out of the six Sergeants had been promoted to Flight Sergeant indicates that this was a long serving crew, and it must have been a sad day at RAF Kirmington when they did not return.

(Information from Mr Patrick Otter, author of the book 'Linconshire Airfields in the Second World War.)

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