

A short story of:

Crew of Lancaster I, AS-A2 serial number : LM 126 **166 RAF Bomber squadron,**

On June 8th, 1944 at 0:10 AM, Lancaster AS-A2 took off from Kirmington (Lincolnshire) on a bombing mission of Versailles in France. AS-A2 crashed, presumably from night fighter attack, on the city of Bois d'Arcy near Versailles (Yvelines).

All crew members died and were buried in Clichy cemetery near Paris.
All were British except Australian P/O MARSHALL :

- Pilot officer **Cyril Richard HANSON**, pilot, regimental number 172950, 30 yr old. Son of Richard and Florence of Beckenham (Kent). Husband of Vera Frances.

- Sergeant **Leslie RATCLIFF**, flight engineer, number 1801563, 21 yr old, son of Ernest and Katherne of Woolwich.

- Pilot officer **Roland Maxwell MARSHALL**, navigator, RAAF number 423818, 26 yr old. Son of Roland and Frances of Sydney N.S. Wales (Australia)

- Flight sergeant **Leslie James ROBEY**, bomb aimer, number 1324986, 23 yr old. Son of Thomas and Lilian of Eastleigh (Hampshire)

- Sergeant **Joseph FULTON**, wireless operator, number 1079160, 23 yr old. Son of Joseph and Catherine of Consett Co Durham

- Sergeant **George Edward KING**, mid upper gunner, number 1602002, Volunteer Reserve, 30 yr old. Son of George Henry and Dora Cecelia

- Sergeant **Allen BANHAM**, 1357410, 22 yr old, rear gunner, Son of M&Mme Mabel G. Hill of Hinckley Leicestershire.

On June 20th, 2007 the city of Bois d'Arcy where AS-A2 crashed will dedicate a commemorative stone to these gallant men who fought for our freedom (and to another crew from 625 Squadron who fell on the same city on June 10th-11th,1944).

I am desperately looking for:

- all relatives of these airmen to invite them to the memorial dedication
 - information about the life and military achievements of these 7 airmen
 - wartime pictures of airmen, crew, plane, base
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