

A short story of :

Crew of Lancaster III CF-F serial number : ND 742 **RAF 625 Bomber Squadron.**

On June 10th, 1944 at 11:32 PM, CF-F Lancaster took off from Kelstern (Lincolnshire) on a bombing mission of Acheres railway yards in France. CF-F crashed, presumably from anti-aircraft artillery fire, on the city of Bois d'Arcy near Versailles (Yvelines).

All crew members died and are buried in Clichy cemetery near Paris.
All were British except Canadian F/S HODGINS :

- Pilot officer **James DUDMAN**, pilot, regimental number 174032, 26 yr old, son of William and Nora Annie

- Sergeant **Geoffrey Laurence MILLS**, flight engineer, number 1891587, 20 yr old, son of Mr and Mrs F.K. MILLS from Walthamstow (Essex)

- Pilot officer, **John William WELLS**, navigator, number 175072, 34 yr old, son of Tom and Anne Hainsworth. Husband of Elsie of Wibsey Bradford (Yorkshire)

- Pilot officer, **Peter COWIE**, bomb aimer, number 177640, ?? yr old, from ???

- Flight sergeant **John TAYLOR**, wireless operator, number 1079856, ?? yr old.
Husband of Barbara, Father of Linda Jacqueline born Feb. 22, 1945. Station Houses, Beckingham, N Doncaster, (Yorkshire).

- Flight sergeant **Robert Bruce HODGINS**, mid upper gunner, RCAF, number R/197404, 20 yr old, son of Henry and Edna N from Parkhill (Ontario)

- Sergeant **Keith James KINCHINGTON**, 1338708, 22 yr old, rear gunner, Son of James Daniel and Kitty Faith. Husband of Marjorie Evelyn (Margie) of Epsom (Surrey).

On June 20th, 2007 the city of Bois d'Arcy where CF-F crashed will dedicate a commemorative stone to these gallant men who fought for our freedom (and to another crew from 166 Squadron who fell there on the same city on June 7th-8th,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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