

Sergeant Francis John Allen 1315775

Born 1924 the son of John Thomas and Fanny E Allen of Worlington. His father was gamekeeper at Affeton Castle.

Francis enlisted in Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and served with 424 Squadron, formed in October 1942 as part of Bomber Command.

424 Squadron flew its first mission on 15/16 January 1943 when 5 Wellingtons bombed Lorient.

The Squadron continued bombing raids over Germany for the four months.

Sergeant Francis Allen died on 7 February 1943.

He was presumed lost over the North Sea during a mine laying sortie.

His name is engraved on Panel 140 at the Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede which commemorates over 20,000 airmen who were lost during operations in WWII and have no known grave.

