

E-Ernest 102 Squadron Mission 10 Stuttgart 15/16 May 1942

PILOT Jack Worthing Pilot Officer
FLIGHT ENGINEER Reg Chasuble Flying Officer
NAVIGATOR Cecil Cardew Flight Sgt
BOMB AIMER Gwyn Fairfax Flying Officer
WIRELESS/GUNNER Fraser Wilson Flight Sgt
MID UPPER GUNNER Henry Lane Flight Sgt
TAIL GUNNER Mitch Prism Flight Sgt

10.31 E Ernest is now officially overdue presumed missing. No reports have have been received from any other bases.

Report of Major Werner Streib of Nachtjagdgeschwader1. On patrol north of Frankfurt I was vectored to a target and attacking from a vertical climb I surprised the enemy from below raking the aircraft from tail to nose. My shells must have hit the bombs carried as the aircraft exploded immediately causing slight damage to my wings and control surfaces but I was still able to control my machine and land at base safely. I do not believe that any of the terrorflieger manage to use their parachutes.

Report of Feldgendarmerie der Luftwaffe. 1.5Km south east of Schondra. On examination of the wreckage and crash site the bomber appears to be a Stirling bearing the initial letter E. Identification discs were found on the 6 bodies. As these aircraft usually fly with a crew of 7 we have carried out a thorough search of the wider area and alerted the local Area Commander. So far no further airmen have been found.

9th January 1999

Two metal detectorists have found human remains in a field near Schondra. Police investigators have reported that the body has been identified as that of an RAF airman from fragments of his uniform. Unfortunately the identity discs have not been located.