

No. 622 Squadron – John Allen McLean

Motto: "Bellamus noctu" ("We wage war by night").

Badge: A long-eared owl volant affrontée, carrying in the claws a flash of lightning. The design is symbolic of the nocturnal activities of the squadron.

Authority: King George VI, October 1944.



No. 622 Squadron was formed at Mildenhall, Suffolk, on 10th August 1943, as a heavy-bomber squadron in No. 3 Group. Equipped originally with Stirlings, it was re-equipped with Lancaster's in December 1943/January 1944. One of its Lancaster's topped the century mark on operations; this was LL885 "J-Jig", a Mark I, which between 30th/31st March 1944 (when it made its first operation-against Nuremberg) and 22nd April 1945 (when it finished with a sortie against Bremen) flew 113 operational sorties.

John Allen McLean, Son of Frank Allen McLean and Ethel Louisa McLean

His name is commemorated on the Totland War Memorial

Service details

Flight Sergeant 1322963 J A McLean, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Date of Death: 31st March 1944 aged 21

Where buried or commemorated: Rheinberg War Cemetery, Germany

Squadron: 622 Sqn

Aircraft: Avro Lancaster Mk.III: ED619: GI-T

Crew:

Pilot: Pilot Officer J Sutton

Flight Engineer: Sgt P Newman

Bomb Aimer: Flt Sgt J A McLean

Navigator: Warrant Officer D J Larberge, RCAF

Wireless Operator / Air Gunner: Sgt L E Read

Air Gunner: Flt Sgt E F Jarvis, RCAF

Air Gunner: Sgt J F Richardson

The aircraft took off at 22.20 hrs from RAF Mildenhall on Ops to Nuremberg. It was shot down by night fighters, and crashed 11 km East of Baumbach and 7 km North of Mountaubar. The crew are buried in collective grave 10 C 21 at Rheinberg War Cemetery.

Flt Sgt McLean came from Totland Bay, Isle of Wight.

Pilot Officer Sutton lived at Lake, Isle of Wight.

Information provided by: John Bloodworth & http://www.isle-of-wight-memorials.org.uk/people-tot/tot_mcclean_ja.htm

**In Memory of
Flight Sergeant JOHN ALLEN McCLEAN**

**1322963, 622 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died age 21
on 31 March 1944**

Son of Frank Allen McClean and Ethel Louisa McClean, of Totland Bay, Isle of Wight.

**Remembered with honour
RHEINBERG WAR CEMETERY**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
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