

HARRY BRIGGS MELLOR –

Rank: Sergeant.

Trade: Pilot.

Service No: 658718.

Date of Death: 16/07/1943. Age: 21.

Regiment/Service: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 10th Squadron.

Grave Reference: Mil. Plot. Row 1. Grave 3.

Cemetery: RECEY-SUR-OURCE COMMUNAL CEMETERY

Additional Information: Son of Harry Briggs Mellor and Mary Mellor of Christleton

Employee of the Chester Crosville Depot



Details of the bombing raid.

Handley Page Halifax Mk.II Serial No JB961 Identifier ZA-R Airborne 21:42 on 15th Jul 1943 from Melbourne to bomb a target in Montbeliard. Aircraft was shot down 02:25 by a night fighter, piloted by Major Wolfgang Späte and crashed 4 km NW of Recey-sur-Ource, Côte d'or, some 52 km NNW of Dijon. All are buried in Recey-sur-Ource Communal Cemetery, alongside a soldier from the 2nd Special Air Service Regiment, Private Joachim Kalkstein.

Recey-sur-Ource Communal Cemetery.

RAF 10 Squadron, died 16-07-1943:

Sergeant (Air Gunner) Stanley Arthur, 1551651, age 21

Sergeant (Wireless Operator) Bertram George Arthur Cooper, 1129034, age 32

Sergeant (Navigator) John Dennis Gordon Bunker, 1501434, age unknown

Sergeant (Air Gunner) Ronald Daniel McKeown, 1620745, age 20

Sergeant (Pilot) Harry Briggs Mellor, 658718, age 21

Sergeant (Flight Engineer) Ronald Alfred William Morse, 1297114, age 23

Pilot Officer (Air Bomber) Hedley Millard Smith, 149906, age 32



Wolfgang Späte (8 September 1911 – 30 April 1997)
A German World War II Luftwaffe flying ace.

He shot down the Handley Page Halifax Bomber that Harry was flying in.
He was also a recipient of the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross with Oak Leaves