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CASUALTY REPORT

AIR FORCES

**Date** : 23-06-1943  
**Aircraft** : Halifax Mk. V  
**Codes** : MA-Y DG405  
**Group/Squadron** : 161  
**Base** : Newmarket or stradishall  
**Crashed** : Zuiderzee/Ijsselmeer 7km west of Urk  
**Crash due** : Nightfighter  
**Target** : SIS/SOE operation.

**Time:** : 23:25  
**Nickname** : -

At this flight 8 crewmembers were present. Sgt C W Hartin was placed as an extra navigator. He was not a member from the original crew. This Halifax, the T/O Tempsford crashed at 23:25hrs into IJsselmeer, about 7km west of Urk, Netherlands. It was on an SIS/SOE Operation St PAUL / HARROW & CATARRH 13 to Holland – two agents were dropped above the Veluwe. Above the IJsselmeer an nightfighter shot them down.  
 The body of Pryde-Watson washed ashore at Urk according to mister C. Maarschakelweerd[1].  
 Sgt Blanchard en F/Sgt Moore came at 29-06-43 from Urk to Amsterdam and Sgt Pryde-Watson at 07-07-43.  
 According to harringtonmuseum.org.uk[2] his body washed ashore near Harderwijk.

Function	Surname	Name	Rang	Nr	Place	Prov.
<b>Killed:</b>						
P	Higgins	Robert Geoffrey	F/O		<i>Commemorated on the Runnymede</i>	<b>Born:</b>
						<b>Died:</b> 23-06-1943 IJsselmeer Netherlands
Flg. Eng.	Blanchard	Norman	Sgt.			<b>Born:</b>
						<b>Died:</b> 23-06-1943 IJsselmeer Netherlands
RG	Cochrane	George Noel	Sgt		<i>Commemorated on the Runnymede</i>	<b>Born:</b>
						<b>Died:</b> 23-06-1943 IJsselmeer Netherlands
NG	George	Gordon	Sgt.		<i>Commemorated on the Runnymede</i>	<b>Born:</b>
						<b>Died:</b> 23-06-1943 IJsselmeer Netherlands
WO	Groom	Frank	Sgt.		<i>Commemorated on the Runnymede</i>	<b>Born:</b>
						<b>Died:</b> 23-06-1943 IJsselmeer Netherlands
2 <sup>nd</sup> NG	Hartin	Charles William	Sgt.			<b>Born:</b>
BA	Moore	Maynard Hazlett	Sgt		<i>Commemorated on the Runnymede</i>	<b>Born:</b>
						<b>Died:</b> 23-06-1943 IJsselmeer Netherlands
DP	Pryde-Watson	Robin Douglas	Sgt.		Buried at New Eastern Cemetery – Amsterdam at 07-07-1943. Plot 69. Row B. Coll. grave 16.	<b>Born:</b>
						<b>Died:</b> 23-06-1943



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IJsselmeer

Netherlands

P = Pilot  
CP = Co pilot  
RG = Rear Gunner  
BA = Bomb Aimer  
FE = Flight Engineer  
MUG = Mid Upper Gunner  
WOP = Wirreles Operator  
AG = Air Gunner  
DP = Dispatcher

**Sources:**

T2548 : SGLO list

**Books:**

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Files UiO\*

DGDOSS039 : Files/Dossiers Urk at Wartime files  
: DCORR00178 Letter from C. Maarschakelweerd – Pryde Watson is mentioned.

\* Are files that the Urk in Wartime Foundation has.

[1] DCORR00178

[2]<http://harringtonmuseum.org.uk/Aircraft%20lost%20on%20Allied%20Forces%20Special%20Duty%20Operations.pdf>