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CASUALTY REPORT

AIR FORCES

Date : 10-04-1941 **Time:** : 0059
Aircraft : Wellington II **Nickname** : -
Codes : W5375
Group/Squadron : 12
Base : Binbrook
Crashed : IJsselmeer near Harderwijk
Crash due : Shot down by night fighter (Oblt. Egmont Prinz zur Lippe Weissenfeld)

Target : Embden (Germany)

The Wellington W5375 of 12Sqn Royal Air Force was tracked down by a radar at Medemblik. After this it was shot down over IJsselmeer near Harderwijk on the night of April, 9th 1941 by Oblt. Egmont Prinz zur Lippe Weissenfeld (4./NJG 1)It was the 100th victory for NJG1.

The whole crew were Killed in Action and buried at several places.
 W/Cdr Blackden is buried in Lemmer (Friesland) general cemetery.
 Bishop or McDougall were buried at Urk.

There are a few possibilities how Bishop and McDougall were brought, or washed ashore at Urk.

- 1) Notes from shipper M. Wakker - UK 28 (boat) tells: He picked up a crewmember from a plane at Thursday night (21 may 1941?). The man wore a parachute. Most likely this must be Bishop or McDougall. The body has been brought to Urk in the mortuary.
- 2) From a notice of July the 5th 1941: Tuesday evening a body of a military was washed ashore on the dike of Urk-Lemmer. The „Ens“(Ship) sailed out to pick up the body. On Wednesday evening the body was buried with buried under great public interest
- 3) From a notice of September, 13th 1941 (Saturday): at the dike (just after the lock hole) a body was found. The body was in a far state of decomposition. Was buried at Urk.

Function	Surname	Name	Rang	Nr	Place	Prov.
Killed:						
P	Blackden	Vyviaan Quentery	W/Cdr.		- Buried at Lemmer, General Cemetery	-
:	Henry	B G				
:	Ashdton	B JC				
:	du Vernet	B J				
:	Harold	M				
:	Duncan	McD				
:	Bishop	G. H.	Sgt		Buried at Urk on May, 25th 1941. Reinterred at Amersfoort	Grave nr. 158 – 1 deep
:	McDougall	D.	F/S		Buried at Urk on May, 25th, 1941 Reinterred at Amersfoort	Grave nr. 158 – 3 deep

Sources:
 T991 : SGLO list

Books:
 DGB0012 : En nooit was het stil Not mentioned
 DGB0064 : Sporen aan de hemel Not searched
 DGB0088 : Bases of Bomber Command Pages 22-25
 DGB0089 : De luchtoorlog boven zuidwest - Friesland Page 59



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Internet

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- : wikimapia.org <http://wikimapia.org/14506913/Final-resting-place-of-Wellington-II-W5375-12Sqn-1941>
short notes about this crash
- : home.planet.nl <http://home.planet.nl/~heus0067/graven/lokatie/nl/lemmer/abp.html>
About the cemetery of Lemmer; Grave of Blackden
- : flevolanderfgoed.nl <http://www.flevolanderfgoed.nl/home/erfgoed/zuidelijk-flevoland-2/vliegtuigwrakken/wellington-w-5375.html>
About the crash, some different names are mentioned. This is under investigation.
- : [flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com) <http://www.flickr.com/photos/fgdvcappellen/180544229/>
Tombstone of Blackden, V.Q.
- : aviation-safety.net/ <http://aviation-safety.net/wikibase/wiki.php?id=53599>
Summary of the crash. Also on this website different names are mentioned

Files UiO*

- DGDOSS049 : Files/Dossiers Urk at Wartime files
- : DCORR00178 Letter from C. Maarschalkerweerd to P.Hoekstra; concerning this crash
- : Interview with K. Oldis The cemetery of Lemmer can also be seen on this video.
- : F254 Photo of a burial RAF pilots in 1941; this must be Karcz or Bishop or McDougall
- : F255 idem
- : DCORR00320 Roode Kruis - Gemeente Urk - Graven T991 - Bishop - Mac Dougall – komt uit DGDOSS105

* Are files that the Urk in Wartime Foundation has.