

“Lest we forget”



76 years ago, in the night of *Sunday 22 April 1945* another offensive air patrol to an area around **Wilhelmshaven** and **Hamburg** was ordered....

The Mosquito **RS532 YH-E** from RAF 21 Squadron took part of this offensive patrol with the objective to attack all German military transport movements.

The Mosquito **RS532 YH-E** took off from RAF Melsbroek in **Belgium** on 23 April 1945 *02.45 hrs.* for a so-called *strafing mission* to destroy all enemy military road and rail transport in an area south of **Hamburg**. During this mission, the Mosquito **RS532 YH-E** was probably hit by a German night fighter or FLAK and the damage was such that the aircraft could not be saved, and on fire.

On its low-level emergency return flight to RAF Melsbroek in **Belgium** the both crew members were forced by the fire to bail out, but due to the low altitude their parachutes failed to open fully and they did not survive.

The Mosquito **RS532 YH-E** and its crew crashed on 23 April 1945 at *05.10 hrs.* in **Schoonebeek** in the Netherlands



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Let's keep the remembrance alive of what Flying Officer **George Richard Nowell** and Warrant Officer Class II **John Albert Haugh** did for our freedom.

The both crew members of the Mosquito **RS532 YH-E** are buried in the Commonwealth War Graves section of the Municipal Cemetery at **Schoonebeek** in the Netherlands.

Rest in Peace.