

Date	23/24 August 1943	Service No.	Rank	Name	Duty	
Type of Aircraft	Halifax Mk. V		Sqn. Ldr.	McLernon, R.A.	Pilot	ESC
Serial No.	DK261		Sgt.	Welters, S.R.	Nav.	POW
Squadron	No. 434		Sgt.	Plenderleith	Bomb Aimer	POW
Code Letters	BM : V	1076636	Sgt.	Stevenson, M.W.	WOp/AG	Esbjerg
Base	Tholthorpe		Sgt.	Brooks, R.C.	MU/AG	POW
Mission	Bombing		Sgt.	Snyder, C.W.	R/AG	MIA
Target	Berlin	962998	Sgt.	Messenger, F.V.	F/Eng.	Esbjerg
Special Remarks: Left 2026 hrs. 23rd						
		Letter from R.A. McLernon dated April 7, 1969:				
		We were on the return flight from Berlin. We were shot down by a night fighter, probably a Ju 88.				
		Weather conditions - clear, moonlight. Sgt. Snyder killed in attack. Sgts. Messenger and Stevenson				
		seen to leave aircraft by myself and never heard of since. Both men uninjured when they left aircraft. Neither of them				
		were swimmers.				
		Aircraft attacked by night fighter and crashed in North Sea				
		2 miles W. of Mandø Island. - Sqn. Ldr. McLernon proceeded				
		from Denmark to Sweden from North of Jutland to Varberg 5/69				

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Target	Berlin ✓
Special Remarks: Left 20.26 hrs. from Tholthorpe	
23 Aug. 43. Walters and Plenderleith later	
reported as POWs. <i>Also Brooks was a POW</i>	
<i>Snyder killed in attack</i>	
<i>Messenger & Stevenson seen to leave</i>	
<i>aircraft by night/and were</i>	
<i>heard of since. Weather men</i>	
<i>were pessimistic and they could</i>	
<i>have drowned. Both men injured</i>	
<i>when they left aircraft.</i>	

Rank	Name	Duty	
Sq.Ldr.	Roy A. McLernon	Pilot	esc
Sgt.	S.R. Walters	Nav.	POW
Sgt.	J. Plenderleith	B/A	POW
1076636 Sgt.	M.W. Stevenson	WOP/AG	killed buried Esbj.
Sgt.	R.C. Brooks	Mid-upper gunner	
Sgt.	C.W. Snyder	Rear air gunner	
962998 Sgt.	F.V. Messenger	F/E	killed buried at Esbjerg.