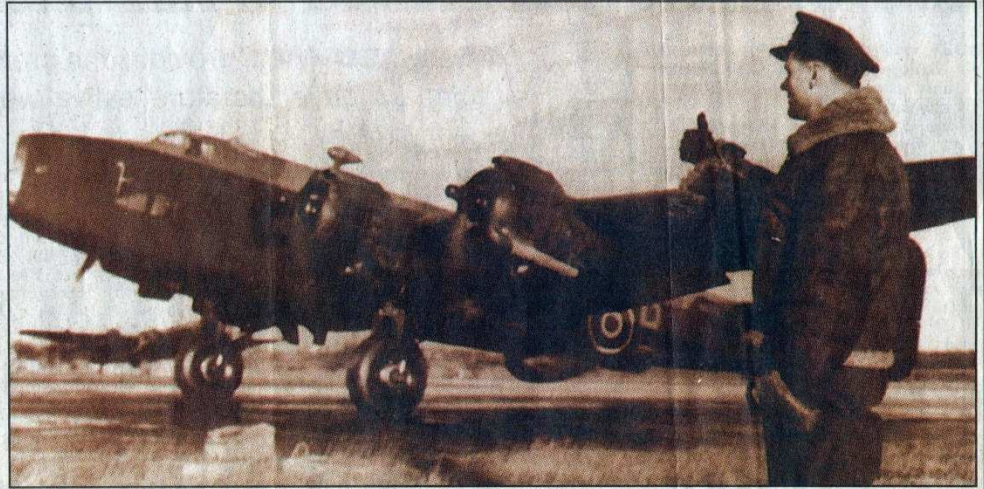


## Alun Emlyn-Jones - Halifax Bomber DK192

— A sick airman missed a wartime flight – his crew never came back —



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**Fitting tribute: Alun Emlyn-Jones next to the memorial**

Picture: RICHARD DOUGHTY





AT THIS PLACE ON  
7th FEBRUARY 1944 AT 10am  
HALIFAX BOMBER DK 192  
FROM RAF RUFFORTH, CRASHED IN  
10/10ths CLOUD DURING A TRAINING FLIGHT.  
ALL ON BOARD AND THE DRIVER OF  
A MILK LORRY WHO WAS PASSING  
ALONG THIS ROAD WERE KILLED.

1042582 FLT. SGT. STANLEY BRIGHT  
AGED 22 PILOT

1577088 SGT. KENNETH SMITH  
AGED 22 WIRELESS OPERATOR

1796160 SGT. JOHN FREDERICK NELSON  
AGED 21 ENGINEER

151321 F/O JOHN KINGSLEY MEYLER  
AGED 25 NAVIGATOR

1822095 SGT. PETER GORDON McDONALD  
AGED 19 AIR GUNNER

1866190 SGT. SIDNEY JAMES BOOKER  
AGED 19 AIR GUNNER

130 132 FLT. LT. ALFRED JOHN SHIRLEY - DFC.  
AGED 29 PILOT INSTRUCTOR

Mr. ARTHUR WOOD KIRKBY OF HULL  
AGED 39 TRUCK DRIVER

DIRECTED BY THEIR COMRADE  
ALUN EMLYN-JONES O.B.E. J.P.  
(DESGT SGT BOMB AIMER)

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM





A WARTIME airman who escaped death by a twist of fate yesterday laid to rest the ghosts that have haunted him for more than half-a-century.

On a windswept hillside his one-man mission to create a lasting memorial to the crew he almost died with was finally realised.

And relatives and friends of those who weren't so lucky joined him for a sombre roadside service at the spot where the Halifax bomber plunged to earth.

In February, 1944, Alun Emlyn-Jones was a bomb-aimer who was nearing the end of his training with 1663 Heavy Con-



■ **Ruth Walker**

version Unit, based at Rufforth near York.

At the beginning of the month he had to go to hospital to have his appendix removed but for the rest of the crew training continued.

And at 10am on February 7, as thick fog shrouded the rolling Yorkshire Wolds, their aircraft, DK 192, crashed at the top of Garrow Hill.

It careered across the road, smashed into a passing milk lorry and ploughed into a field.

## By MARK FOSTER

Alun returned to his unit to find all seven crew dead. The lorry driver had also been killed. Alun was transferred to 51 Squadron and completed 27 ops.

He now lives in Cardiff, Alun spent the last 14 months organising yesterday's tribute, enlisting the help of the RAF, an aviation historian and even land-owner Lord Halifax.

A firm in Hull created the memorial stone in dark grey granite and artist Alan Clough of Hetton-le-Hole in County Durham carved the striking image of a Halifax in flight.

Yesterday, as RAF chaplain Alastair Davies conducted a short service of remembrance, present-day airmen paid their own tribute with a low-level flypast by two Tucanos.

Afterwards Alun said: "I wanted to create a lasting tribute to the people I knew so well. They have been in my thoughts for 52 years and I wanted to show my gratitude for the 52 years of life I have enjoyed."

Ruth Walker, of Stamford Bridge, was a Land Army girl working in a field nearby at the time of the crash and was one of the first on the scene.

She said yesterday: "We tried to do what we could but it was a disaster scene and they were all beyond help. But I think it is wonderful we can come back and remember them this way."

Of the crew of DK 192, John Kingsley Meyler was from Jarrow and pilot Stanley Bright was from Newcastle. His cousins Eddie Vincent and Marjorie Ross were among those remembering the crew.



Alun today in his Vintage World War II car which I have had the pleasure of riding in.  
Alun lives with his wife Julie in Cardiff and still attends the 51 squadron reunion.