

## Arthur Fitzgerald HALSTED RAFVR

**Born:** 1921  
**Parents:** Gerald Heasman and Maud Kate Ada Halsted of Ipswich Suffolk  
**School Years:** 1930-1937  
**Civilian Occupation:** Royal Veterinary College 1938 (Honours)

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### Armed Forces Record

**Service Rank:** Sergeant  
**Service Number:** 1313054  
**Service Record:** 429 Squadron RCAF  
'The Bisons'  
**Service Base:** RAF East Moor  
**Date of Death:** 13 May 1943



*"Nothing to Chance"*

'The Martlet' 'School Notes' July 1947

"We record with deep regret the death of Arthur Fitzgerald HALSTED who has died on service in the war. On leaving the school he went up to the Royal Veterinary College in 1938, passed the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year examination with honours, and joined the RAF in 1940. He was a Sergeant-Pilot, and his plane was shot down on a raid over Germany on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1943. He is buried in the war cemetery at Venlo, Holland".

'THE BOMBER COMMAND WAR DIARIES - 1939-45' – Martin Middlebrook/Chris Everitt

12/13 May 1943

DUISBURG RAID

Comprising 572 aircraft – 238 Lancasters, 142 Halifaxes, 112 Wellingtons, 70 Stirlings, 10 Mosquitoes

Lost 10 Lancasters, 10 Wellingtons, 9 Halifaxes, 5 Stirlings – lost, 5.9 percent of the force.

This was the fourth raid on Duisberg so far during the Battle of the Ruhr, the first three raids had only been partially successful. The Pathfinder marking on this night was, however, near perfect and the Main Force bombing was particularly well concentrated.

**'BOMBER COMMAND LOSSES of the Second World War' – Volume 4' – W.R. Chorley**

**History of No. 429 (Bisons) Squadron –**

**Formed at RAF East Moor 07.11.1942. Transferred to No.6 Group (Royal Canadian Air Force) two months later.**

**429 Sqn – Wellington X HE913 AL- Op: Duisburg**

***Old Boy* Sgt A. F. HALSTED (Mixed 5 crew RAF/RCAF)**

**T/o 2350 East Moor. Shot down by a night-fighter and crashed 0258 some 2 km SW of Asten (Noord Brabant), Holland. All now rest in Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Nijmegen, Netherlands.**

**Commemorated**

**Chichester High School for Boys**

**Chichester War Memorial**