



Strangely, AL746 is not listed in that part of the book *Low Level from Swanton Morley* that lists the losses of 226 Squadron in 1942. It does, however, show that another Boston, also piloted by Squadron Leader Magill, was among many that were lost on 19 August 1942, although he and his crew were unhurt. They were taking part in the notorious Dieppe operation, laying down smoke over the beachhead to protect the withdrawal of the naval forces.

### **The four airmen were buried with full military honours**

In the aftermath of the crash, the authorities on Spiekeroog recovered the bodies of Salmon and his three comrades. As the island had only one small village, the four bodies were transferred to the adjacent island of Wanderooge. It was here, in the island's cemetery, that the four airmen were buried with full military honours. Members of the German navy acted as pall-bearers. A number of photographs of the ceremony were taken, and amazingly these have survived.



**Two of the coffins being brought out from the small chapel immediately prior to interment**  
**Picture taken from *Britain at War*, Issue 73, May 2013**  
*(One of several supplied to the magazine by Maurice Laarman)*

### **The deaths of Harold Deck and his brothers**

You will see from the above, that the observer who was killed in the Boston that crashed was Pilot Officer Harold Deck, and the cutting also shows a picture of a memorial to him in a stained glass window at St Peter's, Westleton, in Suffolk. In fact it commemorates both him and his two brothers. The three brothers had all returned from Uruguay to fight with the RAF and all had paid with their lives.

Pilot Officer James Frederick Deck was killed on 1 Nov 1941

Flying Officer Harold Frederick Deck was killed on 26 July 1942  
(The article says that he was a Pilot Officer, but the window says Flying Officer)

Flight Lieutenant Charles George Deck was killed on 19 April 1945  
(Just three weeks before VE Day)

If you want to see a picture of this window, log on to Simon Knott's 'Suffolk Churches' website, click on 'Index' and then on 'Westleton'.