

## **Sqn. Ldr. Benjamin Southam Ambrose 40040 RAFVR**



*This picture is of a 467 Sqn crew, sadly we have been unable to trace a picture of Benjamin*

Benjamin was born in Launceston, Tasmania on 26 October 1915. He was the son of Arthur and Margaret Ambrose and husband to Kathleen, who came from Tullyco, County Cavan in the Irish Republic.

He enlisted into the RAF Volunteer Reserves in July 1936 in Victoria, Australia, and trained as a Pilot, eventually serving in 467 Sqn based at RAF Bottesford in Nottinghamshire. This Squadron formed part of 5 Group.

The crew flew in a Lancaster Mark III, with the code W4983 PO-Z, which had completed 27 operations.

He was killed on an operation to Dusseldorf and the aircraft crashed near the railway station at Rosenthal, 2 miles north of Burgelin, on 12 June 1943. He is buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery in Germany. He was 27 years old.

The rest of his crew were:

RAF Sqn. Ldr. D C MacKenzie DFC Captain (Pilot)

RAF P/O D C Bovis (Navigator)

RAF Sgt. A D Moore (Bomb Aimer)

RAAF F/O L Pietsch (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

RAF Sgt. J F McLuskey (Flight Engineer)

RAF Flt. Lt. L R Betts (Mid Upper Gunner)

RAAF Flt. Sgt. J B Donohoe (Rear Gunner)

Benjamin can be found on panel 2