

Sgt. Keith Alexander Andrew 404823 RAAF



Keith was born on 23 February 1918, the son of Alfred Sidney and Elizabeth Ellen Andrew, of Crow's Nest, Queensland, Australia. He graduated from No. 9 Course, at 5 Elementary Flying School, Narromine, New South Wales.

He was a Pilot serving with 455 (Australian) Squadron, based at RAF Wigsley, Nottinghamshire. The squadron had the distinction of being "the first Australian squadron to bomb Germany".

Handley Page Hampden I P5326 UB-V took off from RAF Wigsley airfield at 1300 hours on 12 March 1942 on an air test. It crashed immediately on take-off due to engine failure that caused the aircraft to bank steeply to port before diving into the ground.

Keith is buried at Thurlby (St. Germain) Churchyard, Lincolnshire, Grave A.5. The epitaph reads "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die". He was 24 years old.

Sgt. Keith Alexander Andrew RAAF (killed)

Sgt. Ernest George Alfred Miflin RAAF (injured)

He is commemorated on Panel 2

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