

Flying Officer Leslie William Beer 179985 RAF

Flying Officer Leslie Beer was born in 1922 in Guildford, Surrey, the son of Reginald and Doris Hilda Beer. He married Freda Margaret Lane in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire in 1944. The following year their daughter Suzanne was born.

Leslie was commissioned as a Pilot Officer on 26 July 1944. He was previously a Flight Sergeant with service number 1321656 in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.



Leslie was the pilot of No. 50 Squadron Lancaster NG302 (squadron code: VN-R) on the night of 17/18 December 1944. Taking off from RAF Skellingthorpe, Lincoln, the crew joined 280 Lancasters and 8 Mosquitoes of 5 Group on a mission to bomb the city of Munich in Germany.

It is now believed that his aircraft was hit by flak on the return journey, crashing shortly afterwards. The aircraft crash site is in the region of Goes, Zuid-Beveland, Zeeland, Holland. All seven crew members sadly perished.

Leslie was just 22 years old.

He is buried at Schoonselhof Cemetery, Coll. Grave V.A. 76.

His name is recorded on IBCC Panel 7

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