

Sergeant William David Gordon Bond 903298 RAFVR



Born on 23 Mar 1921, William was the son of William Charles and Ivy Lillah Bond, of Bedhampton, Hampshire. He had one sister, Sheila. Just prior to the outbreak of war in 1939 he was living with his parents and sister in Havant & Waterlooville, where he was a chemist and apprentice Pharmacist. He had already joined the RAF and was attached to RAF Uxbridge.

In 1941, he was based at RAF Bicester as part of No. 13 Operational Training Unit. There is very limited detail in the Accident Record file held at the National Archives at Kew. The accident in which he was involved occurred at 0005 hours on 24 February 1941 when William was piloting Blenheim L1309. The cause of the accident is unknown and the accident file records that an enquiry was unnecessary. He crashed at Caversfield Park, Oxon soon after taking off from RAF Bicester for solo night flying practice. William died shortly before reaching his 20th birthday.

William is buried in St Laurence's Churchyard Caversfield, Nr Bicester, Oxfordshire (grave 10).

He is commemorated on IBCC Panel 11.

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