

Sgt George Francis Beever 937912 RAF

George was born in 1911 in Kippax, Yorkshire, the son of Francis Beever and Mary Beever nee Hobson. In 1934 he married Linda Forster in Kippax and they had three children.

Educated at Castleford Grammar School and Whitwood Technical College, George was a self employed builder and contractor. A member of the Civil Air Guard, George was a keen aviator before war was declared.

George joined the RAF after the declaration of war and trained as an Observer, joining 18 Sqn in early 1941.

On 22 April 1941, the crews of 18 Sqn were undertaking day training. George, the Pilot and a Ground Crew Flight Mechanic departed RAF Oulton, Norfolk in Blenheim IV T2232 (WV). Whilst flying at low altitude in the vicinity of the airfield, the Blenheim suffered an engine failure and crashed adjacent to the airfield, killing all on board.

Also killed : PO Peter Trevor-Roper Cook (Pilot); LAC Ronald Sydney Prael (Flight Mechanic)

George is buried in St Mary & St Nicholas Churchyard, Kippax, Yorkshire

George is commemorated on Wall Panel 129

Photo Source: Kippax War Memorial

