

Sgt Stanley Bews 759127 RAFVR

Stanley was born on 30 October 1913 in Sunderland, Durham, the son of William Thomas Bews and Mary Ann Bews nee Plumpton.

Educated locally, Stanley was employed as a clerk, before joining the RAF at the outbreak of war and training as an Observer.

On 4 September 1940, 6 aircraft from 107 Sqn were detailed to attack Mardyck and Abbeville Aerodromes. At 21:00, Stanley, operating as the Observer, and the crew departed RAF Wattisham in Blenheim IV R3824 (OM). The crew successfully attacked Mardyck Airfield; however, at 23:05 when landing back at RAF Wattisham, the aircraft went out of control and crashed into a parked Blenheim. Stanley and the Pilot were killed, the WOp/AG was fortunate to survive.

Also killed: PO Francis James Otterway (Pilot)

Stanley is buried in Belmont Cemetery, Durham

Stanley is commemorated on Wall Panel 130