

Sqn. Ldr. Reginald Wiseman Brown DFC 104694 RAFVR

Reginald was born May 1914, the son of Alvin Cleon and Agnes Brown, of Antler, Saskatchewan, Canada. He had two brothers and three sisters.

He was awarded the DFC in May 1942 as part of 218 (Gold Coast) Squadron. His citation reads "Flying Officer Brown was detailed to attack the Skoda Works at Pilsen. Dense cloud was experienced in the last 20 miles to the target but, owing to the navigational skill of Flying Officer Brown, the objective was reached and located 5 minutes before the estimated time. Flying Officer Brown has continually displayed great skill and courage, and has always identified his targets under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions".

He was lost on his second tour of operations as a Navigator with 7 Squadron.

Lancaster ND590 MG-B took off from Oakington at 0002 hours 24 June 1944 on a mission to Coubronne. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take-off and it did not return to base. "Post war enquiries by a Missing Research & Enquiry Unit established the aircraft crashed at approximately 0100 hours in a field near Warhem (Nord), and all the crew were killed. The village of Warhem (Nord) is 12km south east of Dunkirk".

It was part of 412 aircraft from No 3, 4, 6 and 8 Groups attacking 4 flying-bomb sites, which were all hit. 5 Lancaster's were lost.

Reginald is buried at Warhem Communal Cemetery, Nord, France. Row A. Coll. Grave 48. The inscription reads "His name is written in letters of gold in hearts he left at home. Mother". He was 30 years old.



Sqn. Ldr. Reginald Wiseman Brown DFC Navigator(killed)
P/O Charles Adrian McCarthy RAAF, Wireless operator/Air Gunner (killed)
Flt. Lt. William Alexander Irwin DFC RNZAF Pilot (killed)
Flt. Lt. Clifford Harris Drewer RAAF Air Bomber (killed)
Flt. Sgt. Ralph Nixon Air Gunner (killed)
Flt. Sgt. John Thomas Ward Air Gunner (killed)
Flt. Sgt. Eric Cornish Flight Engineer (killed)

Reginald is commemorated on Panel No 137
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