

Sgt Anthony St John Bunker 745279 RAFVR

Anthony was born on 9 September 1919 in Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, the son of George Lancelot Vincent Bunker and Ethel Mary Bunker nee Bowen.

Anthony was employed as a Clerk in his Father's Garage before he joined the RAFVR as a Sgt Pilot at the outbreak of war.

On 16 July 1940, 8 Blenheims from 18 Squadron were tasked with bombing operations on aerodromes in Belgium and Holland. At 04:52 Anthony and his crew departed RAF West Raynham, Norfolk, in Bristol Blenheim IV P6933 (WV-G).

Whilst on the attack, the Blenheim was engaged by a Bf109 flown by Fw George Kiening of 6./JG54. The Blenheim crashed into the sea off Schelde, 10km NW of Vlissingen, Zeeland, Netherlands, killing all on board.

Also killed were : Sgt Peter Raymond Harris (Observer), Sgt John Frederick Hatch (WOp/Air Gunner)

Anthony's body was washed ashore at Heist-aan-Zee, West Flanders, Belgium and was initially buried in the Heist-aan-Zee Communal Cemetery. At the end of the war the 5 WW2 graves in the cemetery were transferred to the Cement House Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Anthony is buried in the Cement House Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Anthony is commemorated on Wall Panel 138