

FS Frederick George William Cason 515481 RAF

Frederick was born in 1913 in Dovercourt, Essex, the son of Frederick Cason and Kate Ellen Cason nee Starling. He was a member of RAF Wattisham Ground Crew.

At 0745 on 1 November 1940, a low flying DO17Z dropped a stick of ten 50Kg HE bombs on RAF Wattisham. The bombs started detonating in the married quarters before sweeping across the administration site and ending near the hangers. Bombs scored direct hits on 3 barrack blocks and the station married quarters. The concrete floor in one of the barrack blocks collapsed onto the sleeping airman on the ground floor, and damage was considerable. 12 were killed, 4 seriously injured and 15 were slightly hurt.

At 0800, the Dornier (Do 17Z-2 3387 of 4./KG3), based in Belgium and piloted by Lt Fritz Bräuer, was shot down over the North Sea, off Orfordness, by a Hurricane fighter.

Also killed were :

Cpl Donald Fox

AC2 William Ernest George Greenhead

AC2 John Heyes

Cpl Emrys George Howells

LAC William Robert Lambe

Sgt John Menzies Lister

Sgt William Hubner Minihane

AC2 Thomas Gardner Moran

Sgt Llewellyn Frank Webb

Cpl Frederick Wheatley

AC2 Frederick Wright

Frederick is buried in All Saints Churchyard, Hitcham, Suffolk together with 10 other Servicemen killed at RAF Wattisham in the raid.

Frederick is commemorated on Wall Panel 142