

FO Alexander Brise Travers Cazalet 72328 RAFVR

Alexander was born on 2 May 1913 in Coddendam, Suffolk, the youngest son of Edward Travers Cazalet and Eva Mary Cazalet nee Hunter-Rodwell.

Educated at Pangbourne College, in 1932 Alexander signed on as an Assistant Purser with the Orient Line. Following his time abroad, Alexander returned to England from Rhodesia in 1937 and was appointed as a Company representative for the family business. Alexander was commissioned into the RAFVR in May 1938 but was not called up until 1940 when he completed his pilot training with 7SFTS at RAFC Cranwell and was posted on to 107 Sqn at RAF Wattisham.

On 8 September 1940, all 107 Sqn aircraft were bombed up ready to repel an attempted invasion by the enemy. Bomber Command tasked a force of 133 aircraft against ports and barges in Germany and Belgium - 12 Blenheims from 107 Sqn were detailed to attack tugs and barges lying in the Ostend dock.

At 20:05 Alexander and his crew departed RAF Wattisham in Blenheim IV T1851 (OM). Weather in the target area was very poor, with rain and low cloud limiting visibility. Nothing further was heard from the crew, and they were believed to have crashed into the North Sea.

Also killed: Sgt Leonard Charnock (Observer); Sgt Edward Francis Thompson (WOp/AG)

Alexander has no known grave and is commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey

Alexander is commemorated on Wall Panel 142

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