

Flt. Sgt. Eric Cornish 575796 RAF

Eric was born in Bideford in 1922, the son of Eli Charles and Dorothy May Cornish; husband of Diana Margaret Cornish, of Hastings, Sussex. He had four sisters. He was a Flight Engineer on 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.

Eric is buried at Warhem Communal Cemetery, Nord, France. Row A. Coll. Grave 48. He was 21 years old.



Wireless operator/Air Gunner

Flt. Sgt. Eric Cornish, Flight Engineer (killed)

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.Sgt. John Thomas Ward, Air Gunner (killed)

Flt. Sgt. Ralph Nixon, Air Gunner (killed)

Flt. Lt. Clifford Harris Drewer RAAF, Air Bomber (killed)

Eric is commemorated on Panel No 148

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