

Sgt Barry Herbert Coulter 1261820 RAFVR

Barry was born on 16 March 1923 in Eastbourne, Sussex, the son of Herbert Coulter and Enid Coulter nee Chesson.

Educated at Eastbourne Grammar School, Barry was employed as a junior clerk when he volunteered for service with the RAF. Trained as a WOp/AG, after advanced training Barry was posted to 75(NZ) Sqn at RAF Feltwell, Norfolk.

On 8/9 June 1942 Bomber Command were tasked with an op against the industrial target of Essen with the Krupp Armament Works the primary target. A combined force of 170 aircraft, including twelve 75(NZ) crews, were allocated to the op.

Just before midnight on 8 June Barry, operating as the Wireless Operator, and the crew departed RAF Feltwell, Norfolk in Wellington III X3587 (AA-P).

At 01:32 Barry's aircraft was coned by searchlights and hit by both heavy and light Flak. The aircraft crashed at Neuss, SW of Dusseldorf, Germany, killing all on board.

Also Killed: PO Rupert John Smith RNZAF (Pilot); Sgt William Graham Clark (Obs); Sgt William Robertson Ramsay RNZAF (WOp/AG); Sgt Henry Edward Jones (AG)

Originally buried in Dusseldorf North Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany, in December 1946 Barry and the crew were moved to the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.

Barry is commemorated on Wall Panel 149