

Sgt Hugh Cuthbert Craig 1169555 RAFVR

Hugh was born on 8 January 1920 in Ashton in Makerfield, Lancashire the eldest son of John Craig and Catherine Craig nee Carney. In 1941 he married Kathleen Daisy Buckman in Surrey.

Before joining the RAF and training as an Observer, Hugh was employed as an Aeronautical Engineering Draughtsman for a Government Contractor, and was an Army Reservist with the Scots Guards. At the beginning of May 1942 Hugh was posted to 101 Sqn at RAF Bourne, Cambridgeshire.

On the night of 8/9 July 1942 Bomber Command were tasked with an attack on Wilhelmshaven, a key naval base for the German Navy, and of a combined force of 285 aircraft 101 Sqn contributed eight crews.

Just before midnight on 8 July Hugh, operating as the Observer, and the crew departed RAF Bourn, Cambridgeshire, in Wellington III X3634 (SR-T).

At 01:40 on 9 July whilst over the target area, Hugh's aircraft was hit by 1. Luftsperr-Abteilung 206 (o) and the Marine-Flak-Abteilung 232 Battery Sande and crashed into the Innenjade, a body of water near Wilhelmshaven, killing all on board. This was his 15th op.

Also Killed: PO James Richard Tregea (Pilot); Sgt Charles Henry Stewart (AG); Sgt Alexander Albert Brace (WOp/AG); Sgt Leslie John Symonds (AG)

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

Hugh is commemorated on Wall Panel 150