

Sgt Ewart Harrison Crellin 564130 RAF

Ewart was born in 1912 in Ramsey, Isle of Man, the son of Ewart and Lily Lee Crellin.

Educated at Ramsey Grammar School and King William's College, Isle of Man, in January 1930 Ewart entered the RAF as an Aircraft Apprentice with Entry 21 at No.1 School of Technical Training, RAF Halton.

By the outbreak of war, Ewart was employed as an Air Observer with 18 Sqn at RAF Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire. The squadron was deployed in September 1939 to Beauvraines, France as part of the Air Component of the BEF.

At the beginning of October 1939, 18 Sqn were tasked with completing reconnaissance flights in three areas, extending as far North as Bremen. To be nearer to Germany, the squadron began sending crews on 48 hour tours of operational duties to the base at Metz, NE France. On 16 October, the squadron was moved to Méharicourt, Picardie, France.



At 13:15 on 30 October 1939, Ewart, operating as the Observer, and the crew departed Metz in Blenheim I L6694 (WV) tasked with a reconnaissance flight over the Siegfried Line. The Blenheim was shot down by Hptm Werner Mölders in a Bf.109 of 1./JG53, crashing near Malborn, 14 Miles NE of Trier, killing all on board.

Also Killed : Flt Lt Alan Arthur Dilnot (Pilot); AC1 John Stanley Burrows (WOp/AG)

Originally buried in Malborn Cemetery, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany, in June 1948 Ewart and the crew were transferred to the Cologne Southern Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Ewart is commemorated on Wall Panel 150

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