

Sgt Holman Thomas Denison 552584 RAF

Holman was born in 1921 in Lincoln, Lincolnshire, the son of Joseph Denison and Ellen Denison nee Holman.

Educated at St Faiths and the Leake Intermediate Schools in Lincoln, in May 1938 he joined the RAF as a boy entrant. After the outbreak of war, he served in France as a Corporal WOp/AG, before returning to England and gaining promotion to Sergeant.

On 9 June 1940 he was reported missing on operations when his aircraft made a forced landing near Rouen during the Battle of France. The crew managed to evade the Germans and make it to Paris where they were able to return back to base on 11 June.

On the 30 June 1940, 12 aircraft from 107 Sqn were tasked to carry out an attack on Merville Aerodrome. Holman, operating as WOp/AG, and the crew departed RAF Wattisham at 10:10 in Blenheim IV R3870 (OM). As the aircraft crossed the Channel near Calais, three Blenheims became separated from the main force and came under attack from the air and the ground. Holman's aircraft was hit by flak and, although the crew managed to bale out of the blazing aircraft, only the Observer's parachute opened.



Also killed: Sqn Ldr Herbert Pilling AFC (Pilot)

Holman is buried in Ecques Churchyard, Pas de Calais, France

Holman is commemorated on Wall Panel 155

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