

Flt. Lt. Clifford Harris Drewer 417818 RAAF



Clifford was born February 1910, the son of Hubert Harris Drewer and Minna Little Drewer; husband of Rita Kathleen Drewer, of Millswood Estate, South Australia, father to Robert. He was a teacher prior to the war.

Following his navigator training in Australia, he was promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant, and then seconded to the RAF in the United Kingdom, attached to 7 Squadron as a bomb aimer.

Lancaster ND590 MG-B took off from Oakington at 0002 hours on 23/24th 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.

Clifford is buried at Warhem Communal Cemetery, Nord, France. Row A. Coll. Grave 48. The inscription reads "Resting "Thy will be done"". He was 34 years old.

Flt. Lt. Clifford Harris Drewer RAAF, Air Bomber (killed)
Flt. Lt. William Alexander Irwin DFC RNZAF, Pilot (killed)
Sqn. Ldr. Reginald Wiseman Brown DFC, Navigator (killed)
P/O Charles Adrian McCarthy RAAF, Wireless operator/Air Gunner (killed)
Flt. Sgt. Ralph Nixon, Air Gunner (killed)
Flt. Sgt. John Thomas Ward, Air Gunner (killed)
Flt. Sgt. Eric Cornish, Flight Engineer (killed)

Clifford is commemorated on Panel No 157

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