

PO Arthur Frederick Etherington 78460 RAFVR

Arthur was born on 10 February 1920 in Barnes, Surrey the youngest son of William George Ernest Etherington and Emily Susannah Etherington nee Cattermole.

Before joining the RAF, Arthur was employed as an Insurance Clerk.

Enlisting shortly after the outbreak of war, Arthur completed his Observer training in March 1940 at No 2 Air Observer School, RAF Warmwell, Dorset and was commissioned the following month. After conversion training, in June 1940 Arthur was posted to 107 Sqn.

On 25 September 1940, nine 107 Sqn aircraft were despatched at 3 minute intervals to attack the docks at Calais.

At 04:05, Arthur, operating as the Observer, and the crew departed RAF Wattisham in Blenheim IV T1883 (OM). Whilst over the target Arthur's aircraft was engaged by enemy fire and they crashed in Guemps, about 10km SE of Calais, killing all on board.

Also killed : PO Winton Selwood Shann (Pilot); Sgt William Henry Powell (WOp/AG)

Arthur is buried in Guemps Churchyard, Pas de Calais, France

Arthur is commemorated on Wall Panel 161

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