

PO David Ivor Evans 67606 RAFVR

David was born on 8 November 1917 in Swansea, Glamorganshire, the youngest son of William Evans and Harriett Maud Evans nee Hopkins.

Educated at Swansea Grammar School, David studied Aeronautical Engineering and was working at an aircraft factory when he volunteered for service with the RAF.

After training and receiving his wings, David was commissioned in June 1941. On 9 September 1941 David was posted from 20 OTU at RAF Lossiemouth, Scotland, to 101 Sqn at RAF Oakington, Cambridgeshire.

On 20 September 1941 four crews from 101 Sqn were tasked with an attack on Ostend, Belgium.

At 19:12 David and his crew departed RAF Oakington in Wellington1C X9922 (SR).

Believed to have successfully attacked the target, the Wellington was known to be returning with unserviceable radios. Unable to establish communication to enable a fix on their position, in order to try and get a visual reference point David descended through thick cloud and at Park Farm, Preston Deanery, Northamptonshire, impacted trees on high ground. At 23:00 the starboard wing hit the ground and the aircraft flipped and broke up, killing five of the six man crew.

Also Killed: PO William Rand Lugar RCAF (Obs); FS David Gifford Chattell RCAF (Wop/AG); Sgt William Robert Dil RNZAF (Pilot); Sgt Frank Denis Rogers (WOp/AG)

David is buried in Oystermouth Cemetery, Swansea, Glamorganshire

David is commemorated on Wall Panel 161

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