

Sgt John Donald Fieldman 1375183 RAFVR

John was born on 22 April 1922 in Paddington, London, the son of Jack Feldman and Esther Feldman nee Gluckstein, both parents were of Russian descent. They anglicised their names to John and Norah Fieldman.

Educated in London, John studied Wireless Telegraphy before joining the RAF and training as a Pilot.

On 7 September 1941, six Blenheims of 226 Sqn, together with six of 110 Sqn were tasked with an anti-shipping operation.

At 11:30 John and his crew departed RAF Wattisham in Blenheim IV Z7306 (MQ-U). On Beat North, 110 Sqn saw no shipping and returned to base. Whilst on Beat South, 226 Sqn encountered a convoy about 4 miles West of The Hague consisting of a heavily laden merchant vessel escorted by three flak ships. One Flakship of 800 tons was seen to blow up, and the merchant vessel was enveloped in smoke.

At 14:00 John's aircraft, together with one other from the squadron, was hit by flak and seen to climb sharply before crashing into the North Sea off Scheveningen, Den Haag, Zuid-Holland, killing all on board.

Also killed : Sgt Frank Kent Phillips (Observer); Sgt John Herbert Carr (WOp/AG)

John has no known grave and is commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey

John is commemorated on Wall Panel 163

Photo Source: Ancestry

