

Sgt Daniel Gilmore 818024 RAF (AuxAF)

Daniel was born in 1915 in Cardiff, Glamorganshire, Wales, the son of Daniel Gilmore and Mary Gilmore nee Canlan.

In September 1940 Daniel was posted to 75 (NZ) Sqn at RAF Feltwell, Norfolk where he was employed primarily as a Wireless Operator, but occasionally as an Air Gunner..

On 18 March 1941 99 aircraft, including eleven from 75(NZ) Sqn, were tasked with a night bombing op against the strategic ports of Kiel and Rotterdam. Daniel's target was Kiel.

At 19:50 Daniel, operating as the Wireless Operator, and the crew departed RAF Feltwell, Norfolk, in Wellington IC T2736 (AA).

The crews reported direct hits and multiple fires started. The flak was intense and accurate en-route and there was intense searchlight activity over the target. Kiel reported this as the heaviest raid so far, with special mention of the increase in incendiary attacks. Damage was caused in the Deutsche Werke U-boat yard and in many city centre buildings.

Returning from the raid, the crew became lost and flew over the coast too far north after encountering bad weather and with their wireless out of action. Eventually, being unable to obtain searchlight assistance because of an enemy air-raid at the time, the crew baled out over the Ryhill area to the south of Wakefield, Yorkshire when the aircraft ran out of fuel. Daniel's parachute failed to open and he was killed on impact. The rest of the crew landed safely. This was his 25th op.

Daniel is buried in Cardiff Western Cemetery, Glamorganshire, Wales

Daniel is commemorated on Wall Panel 170