

Sgt. Clifford John Gooderick 751954 RAFVR

Clifford was born in 1918 in Hull, Yorkshire, the eldest son of John Henry and Edith Hilda Gooderick (née Butcher) of Hessle.

Educated at Hull Technical College, Clifford was employed on the staff of Messrs S C Bastow Ltd, Hull before joining the RAF and training as a WOp/AG.

On 30 October 1940 six 101 Squadron crews were detailed for a bombing mission in the Duisberg-Ruhrort area, Germany.

At 1715 hours Clifford, operating as the WOp/AG, and the crew departed RAF West Raynham, Norfolk, in Blenheim IV T2246 (SR). The targets were obscured by cloud and the aircraft were forced to seek targets of opportunity in the region. The returning aircraft encountered poor visibility over eastern England and Clifford's aircraft was well off course when, at 2300 hours, it crashed in Dunster Wood, near Coleby 6 miles North of Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, killing all on board.

Also killed were the pilot P/O Jack Milton Cave and observer Sgt. John Gregson Hitchen.

Clifford is buried in Haltemprice (Hessle) Churchyard, Yorkshire.

He is commemorated on Wall Panel 171.

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