

Flt. Sgt. Colin Gordon Goodfellow 939708 RAFVR

Colin was born on 27 November 1920 in Reading, Berkshire, the son of Arthur Gordon and Phyllis Emily Goodfellow (née Kesterton).

Raised and educated in Ellesmere, Shropshire, Colin was employed as a Clerk before the outbreak of war.

On 6 July 1941 Colin was posted from 105 Squadron at RAF Swanton Morley to 107 Squadron at RAF Great Massingham when his pilot was promoted to take command of the squadron.

On 12 July 1941 nine Blenheims were tasked with an anti-shipping patrol in Beat 9. In the lead aircraft Colin, operating as wireless operator/air gunner, departed at 1120 hours in Blenheim IV Z7487 (OM). At 1235 hours, whilst flying along the Dutch coast, the aircraft was shot down by the German Marine Flak and crashed into the North Sea off IJmuiden, Noord-Holland. Colin and the pilot were killed whilst the observer was rescued and became a POW.

Also killed was the pilot Wg. Cdr. Arthur Frank Calvert Booth.

Colin has no known grave and is commemorated on the Runnymede memorial, Surrey.

Colin is commemorated on Wall Panel 171.