

Flt Lt Clarence Edward Charles Haggitt 63828 RAF

Clarence was born on 29 March 1911 in Nelson, British Columbia, Canada, the son of Charles Haggitt and Grace Eleanor Haggitt nee Bradshaw. In 1940 he married Margaret McCracken Bell in Dartford, Kent, and their daughter was born in 1941.

Clarence arrived in the UK in 1937 and joined the RAF in 1939 to train as a Pilot. He was commissioned in April 1941.

On 6 September 1941, six Blenheims of 226 Sqn, together with six of 110 Sqn were tasked with an anti-shipping operation. At 11:30, Clarence and his crew departed RAF Wattisham in Blenheim IV Z7312 (MQ-N).

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 flak ship of 800 tons was seen to blow up, and the merchant vessel was enveloped in smoke.

During the operation Clarence's aircraft, together with one other from the squadron was seen to crash into the North Sea off Scheveningen, Den Haag, Zuid-Holland.

Also killed : PO Robert Francis Bennett (Observer); FO Charles Douglas Ramsay (WOp/AG)

Clarence is buried in Amsterdam New Eastern Cemetery, Noord-Holland, Netherlands

Clarence is commemorated on Wall Panel 175

Photo Source: Revelstoke, BC, Canada WW2 Casualties

