

Sqn Ldr George Freeman Hall 37350 RAF

George was born in 1913 in Wimbledon, Surrey, the youngest son of Frank Lavington Hall and Eleanor Mary Hall nee Harrison.

George was awarded a Short Service Commission in January 1935 before posting to No 2 Course at 6 FTS at Netheravon, Wiltshire. Following completion of his flying training, George was posted on to 82 Sqn, based at RAF Cranfield, Bedfordshire and equipped with Blenheims. In May 1940, George was posted on to 110 Sqn as a Flight Commander.

On 22 May 1940, 59 Blenheims were tasked with attacking the German troops advancing to the northern French Coast. At 06:00 six 110 Sqn aircraft were placed on 3 hour standby, later changed to 9 aircraft on one hour notice from 12:00. Orders were received for six aircraft to carry out reconnaissance, and to bomb enemy troops and transport on roads in the vicinity of Henschel and St Pol.



At 16:15 George and his crew departed RAF Wattisham in Blenheim IV L8761 (VE). The first 4 aircraft were able to identify and bomb the target, but the remaining two, including George, were unable to definitively identify the enemy and did not bomb. George's aircraft was hit by anti aircraft artillery and crashed in the village of Loison-sur-Crequoise, 11km East of Montreuil, Pas de Calais, where the bombs exploded on impact killing the crew.

Also Killed: Sgt Kenneth Frederick Quarrington (Observer); LAC Charles Scott Torrance (WOp/AG)

George is buried with his crew in a collective grave in the Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. The crew were originally buried in the Loison-sur-Crequoise Churchyard, Pas de Calais, and transferred after the war.

George is commemorated on Wall Panel 175

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