

Sgt Peter Raymond Harris 581152 RAF

Peter was born on 5 January 1921 in Hull, Yorkshire, the son of Harry Harris and Lily Harris nee Zubbin.

Peter joined the RAF before the war and completed his Observer training at RAF Yatesbury in 1939.

On 16 July 1940, 8 Blenheims from 18 Squadron were tasked with bombing operations on aerodromes in Belgium and Holland. At 04:52 Peter, operating as the Observer, and the crew departed RAF West Raynham, Norfolk, in Bristol Blenheim IV P6933 (WV-G).

Whilst on the attack, the Blenheim was engaged by a Bf109 flown by Fw George Kiening of 6./JG54. The Blenheim crashed into the sea off Schelde, 10km NW of Vlissingen, Zeeland, Netherlands, killing all on board.

Also killed were : Sgt Anthony St John Bunker (Pilot), Sgt John Frederick Hatch (WOp/Air Gunner)

On 25 July 1940 Peter's body was recovered from the sea by the German Navy.

Peter is buried in a joint grave with the WOp/AG in the Flushing (Vlissingen) Northern Cemetery, Zeeland, Netherlands

Peter is commemorated on Wall Panel 177