

Sgt Victor Harvey 580542 RAF

Victor was born in 1920 in Loughborough, Leicestershire, the son of Samuel Harvey and Flora Harvey nee Martin.

Educated at Emmanuel Church School and Loughborough Grammar, Victor was employed as a solicitor's clerk when, in September 1938, when war was on the horizon at the height of the Munich Crisis, he joined the RAF.

At the outbreak of war, Victor was qualified as an Observer and was posted to 18 Sqn in RAF Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire. On 1 September 1939 the squadron, together with 57 Sqn as 70 Wing, was mobilised as the Air component of the British Expeditionary War and prepared to move to France.

Arriving in Beauraines, Somme, in October the wing moved to Meharicourt, Somme, for reconnaissance duties.

On 27 December 1939 Victor's crew was one of two 18 Sqn crews despatched to Metz on the French/German border to standby for reconnaissance duties. Victor departed Meharicourt, operating as the Observer, in Blenheim IV L8598 (WV).

Due to bad weather, one aircraft was forced down at Rheims, and Victor's aircraft crashed at Champigny, NW of Rheims, killing all on board. The cause of the loss is unknown.

Also killed : Sgt Leonard James Sabin (Pilot); LAC Jason Job (Fitter); AC1 William Stuart Martin (WOp/AG)

Victor is buried in Le Quesnal Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France

Victor is commemorated on Wall Panel 178

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