

LAC Jason Job 567602 RAF

Jason was born in 1918 in Mountain Ash, Glamorganshire, the son of Jason Job and Drusilla Charlotte Job nee Brooks.

Educated at Darranlas and the Central School, Mountain Ash, Jason joined the RAF in January 1935 and trained as an engineering apprentice on entry 31 at RAF Halton, Buckinghamshire.

At the outbreak of war, Jason was qualified as an aircraft fitter and was posted to 18 Sqn at 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 two 18 Sqn crews despatched to Metz on the French/German border to standby for reconnaissance duties. Jason, on board to transit to Metz to maintain the aircraft, departed Meharicourt in Blenheim IV L8598 (WV).

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

Also killed : Sgt Victor Harvey (Obs); Sgt Leonard James Sabin (Pilot); AC1 William Stuart Martin (WOp/AG)

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

Jason is commemorated on Wall Panel 189