Sqn Ldr Cyril Sydney Kemp 37882 RAF

Cyril was born on 16 June 1912 in Southampton, Hampshire, the son of Henry Thomas Kemp and Margaret Elizabeth Kemp nee Shearing. In 1939 he married Olive Sylvia Goldsmith in East Dereham, Norfolk.

Educated at King Edward VI School, Southampton, Cyril joined the RAF and was granted a Short Service Commission as a Pilot in June 1936.

The weather in February of 1941 had severely hampered ops from RAF Wattisham and, on 19 February 1941, the squadron was temporarily moved to RAF Swanton Morley, Norfolk.

On 23 February 1941 six 107 Sqn aircraft were detailed to attack targets in enemy occupied territory. Cyril's target was Boulogne, France.

At 18:45 Cyril and his crew departed RAF Swanton Morley, Norfolk, in Blenheim IV T2138 (OM). The aircraft successfully located and bombed the target but, at 22:13 whilst on return to base, the aircraft crashed 8miles SW of Swanton Morley, killing all on board. The aircraft was flown into the ground whilst trying to avoid a mid-air collision with a Wellington aircraft

Also killed: PO Peter Moody (Observer); Sgt Alan Lloyd (WOp/AG)

Cyril is buried in St Michael Churchyard, Verwood, Dorset

Cyril is commemorated on Wall Panel 193