Sgt Alexander Livingston 562187 RAF

Alexander was born on 23 January 1911 in Kings Norton, Birmingham, the son of Hamilton Browne Livingston and Alice Livingston nee Shipton. In 1939 he married Irene Rebecca Cooper in Swaffham, Norfolk.

Educated at Kings Norton Boys Grammar School, in January 1928 Alexander enlisted as an Aircraft Apprentice and completed his training at RAF Halton with 17th Entry. Alexander saw service in Iraq, Egypt, Singapore and the North West Frontier. By August 1939, he was an Observer and Fitter on the strength of 226 Sqn. Equipped with Fairey Battles, in September 1939 226 Sqn was deployed to France as part of the Advanced Air Striking Force and was based in Reims.

On 20 May 1940, Alexander, operating as the Observer, and crew departed RAF Faux-Villecerf, France in Battle I K9176 (MQ-G) on night combat operations. At 02:00 on 21 May 1940 the aircraft was shot down and crashed at Montcornet, near Dagny-Lambersy, 13km SE of Vervins, Aisne, France.

The pilot and WOp/AG survived the crash and were taken Prisoner of War, Alexander was posted missing presumed dead.

Alexander has no known grave and is commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey

Alexander is commemorated on Wall Panel 200