

Sgt Francis Raines Lorrimar 741604 RAFVR

Francis, known as Frank, was born in 1914 in Hull, Yorkshire, the second son of William Raines Lorrimar and Sarah Lilian Lorrimer nee Jackson.

Educated at Marist College, Hull, before joining the RAF and training as a Pilot, Francis was a partner and Director in the family firm of WR Lorrimar & Sons, Corn & Cake Merchants.

On 25 September 1940, eight 101 Sqn crews were detailed for an attack on the docks at Ostend, Belgium.

At 03:25 Francis and his crew departed RAF West Raynham, Norfolk in Blenheim IV P6905 (SR). The target was located and the bombing run was completed at between 11000 - 14000 feet.

At 05:35 whilst returning to base, for unknown reasons Francis crashed one mile South of Swaffham, Norfolk. The aircraft exploded on impact, killing all on board.

Also killed : Sgt Philip Watson Booth (Obs); Sgt Donald Brill Simms (WOp/AG)

Francis is buried in St Mary Churchyard, Swine, Hull, Yorkshire

Francis is commemorated on Wall Panel 200

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