

Sgt Lloyd Albert Winston Matthews 581518 RAF

Lloyd was born in 1913 in Spalding, Lincolnshire, the 4th son of George Matthews and Mary Matthews nee Sexton.

Educated at Spalding Grammar School, Lincolnshire, Lloyd was employed in the family Drapery Business when he joined the RAF the week before war was declared.

Qualified as an Observer, in the summer of 1940 Lloyd was posted for advanced training with 101 Sqn at RAF West Raynham, Norfolk. At the outbreak of war, 101 Sqn had just been equipped with the Blenheim IV and was engaged in training crews for front line Blenheim squadrons.

On 12 June 1940, Lloyd and his pilot were returning to RAF West Raynham in Blenheim IV L9258 (SR) from Weston Airfield, Spalding, where they had diverted the previous day due to bad weather at base after completing formation flight bombing training on Wainfleet Range.

The Blenheim was observed to emerge from cloud in a dive and crash one mile East of Hilborough, Swaffham, Norfolk, killing both men.

Also killed: PO Frederick Alan Smith Fletcher (Pilot)

Lloyd is buried in Spalding Cemetery, Lincolnshire

Lloyd is commemorated on Wall Panel 206