

Sgt Albert Gordon Moore 702054 RAFVR

Albert was born on 26 June 1918 in Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, the son of William Henry Moore and Catherine Fraser Moore nee Strathdee.

Employed as an electrician working for a neon light company, Albert joined the RAF shortly after the declaration of war and trained as a WOp/AG.

In June 1940 21 Sqn were sent to RAF Lossiemouth, Moray, Scotland on detachment in order to deter the German military from crossing the North Sea following the fall of Norway. Albert joined the squadron in Scotland in September. In October 1940 the squadron returned to RAF Watton, Norfolk.

For the month of November, the squadron was operating from the RAF Watton satellite airfield of RAF Bodney, Norfolk.

On 26 November 1940, seven Blenheims from 21 Sqn were ordered to attack the power station at Cologne.

At 17:15 Albert, operating as the WOp/AG, and the crew departed RAF Bodney in Blenheim IV R3914 (YH). Of the seven crews, 3 attacked the primary target, 3 attacked the secondary targets including the docks and marshalling yards. Albert and the crew failed to return.

At 23:35, whilst cruising at an altitude of 1500ft above sea level, the Blenheim crashed into the hillside at Middle End Moor, Middleton in Teesdale, close to Consett, Durham, killing all on board. All of the other squadron aircraft returned safely to base in Norfolk. Why the Blenheim was flying so far off course is unknown.

Also Killed: Sgt Harry Kenneth Collinge (Pilot); Sgt Douglas George Osborne (Observer)

Albert is buried in Catterick Cemetery, Richmond, North Yorkshire

Albert is commemorated on Wall Panel 214