Sgt Cyril James Moore 410555 RAAF



Cyril was born on 25 March 1918 in North Carlton, Victoria, Australia, the son of James Frederick Moore and Minnie Louisa Moore nee Kimm.

Educated at Coburg High School, Victoria, Cyril was employed as a motor engineer and clerk when, in August 1941, he applied for aircrew duties in the RAAF.

Called up January 1942, after basic training in Australia, in May 1942 Cyril was sent to Canada to complete his training under the Empire Air Training Scheme. In February 1943 Cyril was awarded his Air Gunner's badge and embarked for the UK the following month.

Following advanced training at 29 OTU RAF North Luffenham, Rutland and 1657 HCU RAF Stradishall, Suffolk, on 1 July 1943 Cyril was posted to 75(NZ) Sqn at RAF Mepal, Cambridgeshire.

On 5/6 July 1943, Bomber Command was tasked with Gardening ops off the French Coast and the Frisian Islands. A combined force of 34 aircraft, including four 75(NZ) Sqn aircraft were allocated to the op. The squadron's target area was the Frisian Islands.

At 23:45 on 5 July 1943 Cyril, operating as the Mid Upper Gunner, and the crew departed RAF Mepal in Stirling III EF436 (AA-A).

At 02:31 on 6 July Cyril's aircraft was intercepted by Oblt Hermann Greiner of the 11./NJG 1 flying a Bf 110 flying from Leeuwarden airfield. The aircraft crashed into the sea, 12 miles NW of Terscherlling, killing all on board. This was Cyril's first op.

Also Killed: FS Raymond Thomas RNZAF (Pilot); Sgt Andrew Lackenby (FE); Sgt Leslie Owen Lewington (AG); Sgt John Bernard McLoughlin (WOp/AG); Sgt William Edward Stobbs (Nav); Sgt Douglas Arthur Allen Tayler (AB)

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

Cyril is commemorated on Wall Panel 214

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