

Sgt Robert Mower 755552 RAFVR

Robert (Bob) was born in 1919 in Sculcoates, Yorkshire, the son of Robert Mower and Florence Emily Mower nee Bell.

Educated locally, Robert joined the RAFVR at the outbreak of war and trained as a WOp/AG.

Between February and March 1941, 110 Sqn was on detachment to RAF Horsham St Faith, Norfolk from RAF Wattisham.

On 13 March 1941, Bomber Command tasked 139 aircraft against targets in Hamburg. At 15:00, nine 110 Sqn crews were briefed on the targets and at 20:27, Robert, operating as the Observer, and the crew departed RAF Horsham St Faith in Blenheim IV R2278 (VE). Whilst over the Dutch province of Groningen, the aircraft was identified on German radar and night fighters were sent to intercept. At 22:48, whilst flying over the town of Zevenhuizen, a ME109 flown by Oberfeldwebel Paul Gildner of 4./NJG 1 attacked and shot down the aircraft. The Blenheim crashed near Tolbert, Groningen, Netherlands killing all on board.

Also killed : Flt Lt John Dickinson DFC (Pilot); Sgt Charles William Fry (Observer)

Robert is buried with his crew, and a crew from 214 Sqn who died on the same day, in a collective grave in the Groningen (Esserveld) General Cemetery, Groningen, Netherlands

Robert is commemorated on Wall Panel 216