

FS David Lewis Mullins 552232 RAF

David was born in 1921 in Llangynwyd, Glamorganshire, the son of John Mullins and Mary Mullins nee Charles.

Educated locally, David joined the RAF in 1937 and qualified as an Air Gunner aged 18 years. By the time of his death he had completed over 100 missions.

In February 1942, 110 Sqn commenced intensive training prior to their transfer to India, and David and his crew were attached to the A&AEE (Aeroplane & Armament Experimental Establishment) at RAF Boscombe Down, Wiltshire for flight trials.

On 28 Feb 1942 David and the crew departed RAF Boscombe Down in Albermarle I P1368. Whilst in flight, the starboard engine failed, leading to the feathering of the propeller on that side. By this time, the aircraft was on the brink of a stall. The pilot attempted a flat turn to the right but the starboard wing dropped and the aircraft spun-in from 500ft at Shalborne, near Hungerford, Wiltshire. All on board were killed.

Also killed : PO Thomas Walker Caston (Pilot); PO John Cobean Fisher RCAF (Navigator)

David is buried in St Cynwyd Churchyard Extension, Llangynwyd, Glamorganshire

David is commemorated on Wall Panel 216