FS David William Gibb Nichols 561600 RAF

David was born on 1 January 1911 in Camberwell, London, the son of Gershon Lamm and Emily Maria Lamm nee Nichols. In 1932 he married Jessie Maud Smith and had one son.

David joined the RAF in August 1927 as an aircraft apprentice before he was selected for Pilot training.

On 27 March 1940, David and his crew were tasked with a visual and photographic reconnaissance sortie of the Hornum Seaplane Base on the southernmost tip of the island of Sylt, with the object of ascertaining the damage sustained as a result of a night raid carried out by Bomber Command a few days previously.

David and the crew departed RAF Wattisham at 1155 in Blenheim IV L8747 (OM-G). The last reported sighting of the aircraft was as it entered cloud with enemy fighters on its tail. They were shot down in the target area at 1413 by a Me109 of 11/JG77 flown by Lt. Heinz Demes and crashed into the North Sea near Blaavands Huk, Denmark.

Also killed were : Sgt George Herbert Stiles (Observer), LAC Jack Brian Roberts (WOp/AG)

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

David is commemorated on Wall Panel 218