LAC Kenneth Parry 550953 RAF



Kenneth was born in 1920 in Llandudno, Caernarvonshire, Wales, the only son of Rowland Edward Parry and Elizabeth Ann Parry nee Thomas.

Educated at Lloyd Street and John Bright Schools, Llandudno, Kenneth joined the RAF in 1936 and trained as a WOp/AG.

At the outbreak of war, Kenneth was deployed with 18 Squadron from RAF Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire, to Beauvraines, France as part of the Air Component of the BEF.

At 20:30 on 11 May 1940 Kenneth, operating as the WOp/AG, and the crew departed Méharicourt, Picardie, France in Blenheim IV L8861 (WV) tasked with a low level reconnaissance over the Albert Canal.

At 21:15, probably as a result of flak and/or ground fire, the aircraft crashed near Kanne, 14 km ENE of Tongeren Belgium, killing all on board.

Also Killed : FO Charlie Bellis (Pilot); Sgt Horace David Welch (Observer)

Originally buried in Kanne Churchyard, Belgium, in January 1967 Kenneth and his crew were transferred to the Cement House Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Kenneth is commemorated on Wall Panel 223

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