

PO Ian Prosser 41950 RAF

Ian was born in 1918 in Aberdeen, Scotland, the son of John Forbes Prosser and Helen Prosser nee Grant.

Educated at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen. Ian was employed by the Aberdeen Branch of the National Bank when, in February 1939 he joined the RAF.

In February 1940 Ian was awarded his Wings, granted a commission and was posted to 105 Sqn, operating as part of the Advanced Air Striking Force in France. The squadron suffered heavy losses and were ordered back to the UK in early June where they were to convert to the Blenheim.

Stationed at RAF Watton, Norfolk, in August 1940 Ian commenced ops on the Blenheim.

On 28 October 1940, three 105 Sqn aircraft were tasked with an attack on the Ehrang marshalling yards, Trier, a railway junction where the Eifel Railway from Cologne joined the Koblenz-Trier line, making it a crucial point for transporting goods and personnel.

At 18:30 on 28 October Ian and his crew departed RAF Watton in Blenheim IV T2229 (GB-)

The initial target was obscured by clouds, and the formation diverted to the alternative target of Koblenz, the HQ of the German Army Group B.

On return, Ian's aircraft crashed at Cranmer Hall, near RAF Sculthorpe, 2 miles NW of Fakenham Norfolk. Ian and the Observer were killed instantly, the WOp/AG died shortly later in hospital. This was Ian's 13th op.

Also killed: Sgt Arthur Fraser Dallas RNZAF (Obs); Sgt Jack Hardcastle (WOp/AG)

Ian is buried in St Mary Churchyard, Great Bircham, Norfolk

Ian is commemorated on Wall Panel 229

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