FS Wynne Roberts 918118 RAFVR



Wynne was born on 14 September 1919 in Vron, Denbighshire, the son of Richard Roberts and Jane Roberts nee Williams. At the outbreak of war, Wynne was a Chemistry Student at Bangor University from where he volunteered into the RAFVR and trained as a WOp/AG.

On 2 August 1941, 226 Sqn deployed from RAF Wattisham to RAF Manston to participate in Circus Operations, the designation for fighter-escorted daylight bombing raids by light and medium bombers of 2 Gp, Bomber Command against targets in German-occupied northern Europe.

At 07:00 on 10 August 1941, the squadron commenced standby. At 11:15, reports were received of a 2000 ton ship, escorted by 2 flak ships near Calais. Three aircraft, together with fighter escort were tasked to attack. Wynne, operating as the WOp/AG, and his crew took off at 11:50 in Blenheim IV Z7280 (MQ-M). Heavy and light flak, together with fighter opposition, was encountered in the target area. Wynne's aircraft was attacked from the rear by a ME109 and was shot down in flames when approaching the target ship, 3 miles N of Fort Phillipe. One other squadron aircraft was also lost.

Also killed : Sgt John Maxwell Osborne RCAF (Pilot); Sgt Kenneth Allen McManus RCAF (Observer)

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

Wynne is commemorated on Wall Panel 233

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