Sgt John St. Clair Robertson 758182 RAFVR



John was born in 1921 in Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland, the only son of Thomas Robertson and Florence Robertson nee Smith.

Educated at Heaton Technical College, Newcastle upon Tyne, he enlisted as soon as he reached 18 years and received his wings at RAFC Cranwell.

On 10 December 1940, nine aircraft of 110 Sqn were tasked with attacking the Focke-Wolf Armament Factory and Hastedt Quintsch Armament Factory at Bremen.

John and his crew departed RAF Wattisham shortly after 0300 in Blenheim IV T1797 (VE), but failed to gain sufficient height and struck a tree, causing major structural damage to the airframe and resulting in one of the engines falling from its mountings. John ordered the Observer and WOp/AG to bale out, and both landed safely by parachute. The aircraft crashed at 0330 near Dedham, Essex and John's body was found by the aircraft.

John was cremated at the City Crematorium and is commemorated on Panel 7 in the Newcastle upon Tyne (West Road) Cemetery, Northumberland.

John is commemorated on Wall Panel 233

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