

PO Peter Henderson Slater 77920 RAFVR

Peter was born in 1914 in Glasgow, Scotland, the son of Peter Henderson Slater and Elizabeth Ferguson Weir Slater nee Clunas.

Before joining the RAF, Peter was employed as a cashier for Elders & Fyffes, banana importers at their Glasgow Office. Peter gained his wings before the war at 11 RAF Elementary and Reserve Flying Training School at Perth, Scotland as part of the Volunteer Reserve.

Peter was called up from the Reserve and was commissioned in March 1940. Following conversion training he was posted to 21 Sqn at RAF Lossiemouth in August 1940.

In June 1940 21 Sqn were detached to RAF Lossiemouth, Morayshire, Scotland for operations against the German Navy in the recently invaded Norway.



At 18:30 on 26 October 1940, six Blenheims were being readied for take-off when 3 Heinkel 111's proceeded to attack the airfield from 100ft, the only major raid on RAF Lossiemouth. One bomb fell on the airfield destroying one Blenheim (T2233), damaging another beyond repair (R3760) and severely damaging 2 others (L1876 & L8744). Preparing for flight, Peter was one of three killed on the flight line.

One of the Heinkels was downed.

Also Killed: Sgt Hywel Jones (WOp/AG); Cpl Oliver Henry Selby Holland (Flight Mechanic)

Peter is commemorated at the Glasgow Crematorium

Peter is commemorated on Wall Panel 242

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