

Mr Kenneth Thomas Tagg - Civilian Assistant Meteorologist

Kenneth was born on 24 March 1924 in Lewisham, London, the son of Thomas Tagg and Edith Mabel Tagg nee Tolfts .

Educated in London and Uckfield, Sussex, he was employed as an Assistant Meteorological Officer at RAF Wattisham. An enthusiastic flyer, Kenneth would take any opportunity to fly with the crews.

On the afternoon of 18 July 1942, Kenneth was a passenger in Blenheim IV Z7304 (WV) of 18 Sqn which departed RAF Wattisham on an air test.

At 15:45, in low cloud and poor visibility, the aircraft collided with one of the 365 foot high Chain Home radar transmitter masts at Stoke Holy Cross near Norwich. The aircraft fell into a nearby field and all aboard were killed.

The 'Curtain Array', slung between two of the masts and used to transmit the massive power of the radar, was brought to the ground by the impact. The station was only off the air for a few minutes while the Mechanics reconnected the transmitter to a 'Stacked Array', superceded by the Curtain but retained as a standby. The steel mast, third in a line of four, was badly damaged and was dismantled some time well after the accident. A new mast was constructed on new foundations considerably displaced from the original and the mid-level gantry platform, not required for the Curtain Array, was omitted from the rebuilt tower.

Also killed were : PO Philip Henry Lowther (Pilot); Sgt Kenneth Custance Ellis (Observer); Sgt George Bernard Crawford (WOp/AG)

Kenneth is buried in Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk

Kenneth is commemorated on Wall Panel 250

Photo Source: Aircrew Remembered

