Sgt Thomas Robinson Thompson 1062688 RAFVR

Thomas was born on 31 May 1921 in Sheffield, Yorkshire, the son of Thomas Edwin Thompson and Eva Alice Thompson nee Kay.

Educated locally, before joining the RAFVR and training as a WOp/AG, Thomas was employed as a Joiner.

In August 1942 a detachment of 226 Sqn Boston IIIs were scheduled to fly to RAF Ouston, Northumberland to participate in a number of exercises and make use of the local bombing ranges. One was exercise "Dryshod", an Army Co-Operation exercise to rehearse the Allied landings at North Africa which took place later in the month. Bad weather prevented the aircraft from arriving as planned on 2 August but, after a delay of 2 days, 16 aircraft finally departed RAF Swanton Morley for Ouston.

On 4 August 1942 whilst on approach to RAF Ouston Thomas's aircraft, Boston III AL679 (MQ-X), crashed just off the aerodrome owing to an engine failing whilst making an approach to land. Despite surviving the crash, Thomas died in hospital the same day from injuries sustained. The Pilot and Observer survived the crash.

Thomas is buried in Intake Village Cemetery, Sheffield, Yorkshire

Thomas is commemorated on Wall Panel 253