

Sgt George Hedley Tice IGSM 507671 RAF

George was born on 20 August 1909 in Camberley, Berkshire, the son of Hedley Tice and Elizabeth Tice nee Novell. In April 1931 he married Kathleen Margaret Ryan in Camberley, Berkshire.

On leaving school aged 14, George was employed as a farrier in his father's blacksmith business until he enlisted in the RAF in November 1927. After training at the School of Technical Training, he qualified as a Rigger and in March 1928 he was posted to 32 Sqn at RAF Kenley.

George re-mustered as an Air Gunner, and was then selected for pilot training. By the outbreak of war, having served overseas where he was awarded the IGSM, George was a Pilot on 21 Sqn at RAF Watton, Norfolk.

On 16 February 1940, 21 Sqn were tasked with a reconnaissance of Borkum and Heligoland. At 05:00 George and his crew departed RAF Watton, Norfolk in Blenheim IV L8759 (YH). The crew failed to return and a German radio broadcast later reported that they had been shot down into the sea off Heligoland. This was confirmed when it was claimed by Uffz Kurt Augustus Hendrik Opolski from the 5./JG77 flying a Bf109.

Also Killed: Sgt John Howard Wadmore (Observer); LAC Frank Birch (WOp/AG)

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

George is commemorated on Wall Panel 254

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