

PO Robert Michael Cundy 45590 RAFVR

Robert was born on 3 October 1916 in Hatch End, Middlesex , one of twin brothers of Wright Cundy and Emma Louise Cundy nee Neary. Educated at Eastbourne College, in 1937 he was commissioned into a Territorial Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment. After the declaration of war he volunteered for aircrew and was commissioned into the RAF as a Pilot Officer in April 1941, when he commenced pilot training.

Although 13 Squadron was an army support unit, it was co-opted to Bomber Command throughout the period for which the Thousand Bomber raids were taking place. The squadron mainly flew intruder raids to key German aerodromes in an effort to neutralise the German night-fighter effort. The Sqn arrived at RAF Wattisham at 1900 on 25 May 1942 from RAF Detling. On 28 May, they were put on immediate readiness for "Intruder Operations".

On 30 May, in a major effort to help the bomber force attacking Cologne in the first of the Thousand Bomber raids, 34 Blenheims of 2 Group and 15 of Army Co-operation Command, attempted to attack German night fighter airfields alongside the bomber route.

Robert and his crew departed at 2230 on 30 May 1942 in Blenheim IV N3616 (R) tasked with bombing Juvincourt Aerodrome, France the largest German military airfield in France during the occupation. The crew failed to return after crashing in the sea off Calais. Robert's body was recovered for burial.

Also killed were : Sgt Robert Drummond Stevenson (Observer); Sgt John Charles Bennett (WOp/AG)

Robert is buried in the Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, France

Robert is commemorated on Wall Panel 272 (Not Yet Erected)