

Sgt Robert Drummond Stevenson 1051631 R

Robert was born in 1913 in Lanarkshire, Scotland, the son of Robert Dickson Stevenson and Sarah Drummond Stevenson nee Drummond. He was married to Eileen Jeannie Proctor and their baby girl was born four months after he was reported missing.

When he was called up in 1939, he was a dental student at Anderson College of Medicine, Glasgow, having previously worked as a dental technician in Kilsyth.

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, operating as the Observer, and the 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 : PO Robert Michael Cundy (Pilot); Sgt John Charles Bennett (WOp/AG)

Robert is buried in the Calais Canadian War Cemetery, Leubringhen, France

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

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