Sgt Albert Frederick Daniels 1160552 RAFVR



Albert was born on 24 July 1920 in Weybread, Suffolk, the son of Frederick Daniels and Senor Florence Mary Daniels nee Daniels.

Educated at Bungay Grammar School, Albert was employed as a wholesale drapery clerk in London when, in July 1940, he enlisted in the RAF and trained as a WOp/AG.

Following advanced training at 17 OTU RAF Upwood, Cambridgeshire, in July 1941 Albert was posted to 18 Sqn at RAF Horsham St Faith, Norfolk.

In October 1941, the 18 Sqn Operational Echelon was detached to Malta, one of the most difficult postings for the aircrew. Malta was bombed almost continuously for a large part of the war and Blenheim crews were engaged in deadly anti shipping sweeps aimed at interrupting supplies for the German African Campaign.

On 5 November 1941, eight 18 Sqn Blenheim crews were tasked with an anti-shipping operation against a convoy of motor vessels and one destroyer in the Gulf of Sidra, Libya.

Albert, operating as the WOp/AG, and the crew departed RAF Luqa in Blenheim IV Z7801 (-P).

Before they were able to complete their bombing run, Albert's aircraft was hit by flak from the escorting destroyer and crashed into the Gulf of Sidra, killing all on board.

Also Killed: Sgt Harry Vickers (Pilot); FS Gordon Albert Lowe RCAF (Obs)

Albert has no known grave and is commemorated on the Malta Memorial

Albert is commemorated on Wall Panel – Not Yet Erected

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