FS William Frederick Enman R/112120 RCAF

William was born on 26 September 1919 in Inmore, Prince Edward Island, Canada, the son of Herbert William Enman and Marie D Elizabeth Enman nee Arsensault. In April 1939 he married Bertha May Ballem in Prince Edward Island. They had one daughter.

Educated at North Inmore School, Prince Edward Island, William was employed as a farmer on the family farm when he volunteered for service with the RCAF. Called up in July 1941, William was employed on ground duties until June 1942 when he re-mustered as Air Gunner.

William completed his trade training in Canada in October 1942 with the award of his Air Gunner badge and, following advanced training at 34 OTU RCAF Pennfield Ridge, New Brunswick, in January 1943 he embarked for the UK.

Following conversion to the Boston at 1482 Flt at RAF West Raynham, Norfolk, in April 1943 William was posted to 18 Sqn at Souk el Khemis, known as "Kings Cross", Tunisia.

In June the squadron moved eastwards to Grombalia, near Tunis. In preparation for "Operation Husky", the Allied invasion of Sicily, 18 Sqn was tasked with the bombing of the Luftwaffe Aerodrome at Cosimo, Ragusa, Sicily. On 8 July 1943, seven 18 Sqn crews were tasked with an early morning strike on the airfield.

At 02:37 on 8 July 1943 William, operating as the Air Gunner, and the crew departed RAF Grombalia, Tunisia in Boston III AL751 (W). Returning crews reported that night fighters were operating over the sea on the run to the target area and, as William's aircraft is known to have crashed into the sea to the South of Sicily, it is believed the crew were a victim of one of the fighters. All on board were killed.

Also Killed: FO Frederick Perkins (Nav); PO Charles Grindle Baker DFC RNZAF (Pilot); FS Harry Frederick Palmer (WOp/AG)

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

William is commemorated on Wall Panel NYE