FO James Affleck 130906 RAFVR



James, known as Jim, was born on 2 January 1920 in Scotland, the only son of James Affleck and Elizabeth Affleck. In August 1943 James married Euphemia Russell Logan in Penicuik, Midlothian, Scotland.

Educated at Lasswade Secondary School, Bonnyrigg, James was employed on the office staff of printers W Thyne & Co., in Edinburgh when, in July 1939, he joined the RAF and commenced pilot training; however, when his training was suspended, James re-mustered as navigator.

Following advanced training at 54 OTU RAF Church Fenton, Yorkshire, in October 1941 James was posted to 29 Sqn at RAF West Malling, Kent. In June 1942 James was granted a commission. In September 1943 James was posted to 488 Sqn at RAF Bradwell Bay, Essex.

At 20:15 on 15 September 1943, James and his pilot departed RAF Bradwell Bay in Mosquito XII HK203 (ME-) tasked with a "Foreness" defensive patrol.

Whilst patrolling at 16,000ft James was informed of enemy aircraft approaching the coast at 3000ft. Diving to 4000ft, the Mosquito closed in quickly and shot down a Heinkel III. Unfortunately, at 21:38, the Mosquito crashed into the sea.

The pilot's body was recovered and his injuries, bullet wounds to face and body, confirmed he had been killed in the air combat. James's body was never recovered.

Also Killed: F/L James Athol Gunn RNZAF (Pilot)

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

James is commemorated on Wall Panel – Not Yet Erected

Photo Source: aircrew remembered