FO Chisholm Martyn Wilson 421128 RNZAF



Chisholm was born on 15 June 1923 in Auckland, New Zealand, the youngest son of Joseph Macartney Wilson and Mary Louise Wilson nee Elmbranch.

Educated at Kings College, Auckland, Chisholm applied for service in the RNZAF in March 1941 whilst still a student.

Called up in February 1942, Chisholm completed his pilot training in New Zealand in September with the award of his Wings. Granted a commission in November, in January 1943 Chisholm embarked for the UK.

Following advanced training at 12(P) Advanced Flying Unit RAF Grantham, Lincolnshire and 54 OTU RAF Charterhall, Berwick on Tweed, in October 1943 Chisholm was posted to 488 Sqn at RAF Bradwell Bay, Essex where he converted to the Mosquito.

On the night of 24/25 March 1944, Chisholm was scrambled on a night coastal patrol over the Thames Estuary. At 22:55 on 24 March 1944, Chisholm and his Navigator departed RAF Bradwell Bay in Mosquito XII HK222 (ME-).

Information from the GCI Sector Operations confirmed that at 02:00 on 25 March Chisholm was closing in on a fleeing Luftwaffe aircraft and, just as the 'Tallyho' was expected, the plots ceased and nothing more was heard from the crew. Their last known position was off the North Foreland, near Ramsgate, Kent. This was Chisholm's 18th op.

Also Killed: FO Alan William Wilson RNZAF (Navigator)

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

Chisholm is commemorated on Wall Panel - NYE

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