

**Albert Douglas PENNYCORD RAFVR**

**Born:** 1921

**Parents:** Son of Albert and Lilian Pennycord of Selsey, West Sussex

**School Years:** 1933 - 1938

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*Wave of Vickers 'Wellingtons'*

**Armed Forces Record**

**Service Rank:** Sergeant

**Service Number:** 1187020

**Service Record:** 466 Squadron

**Service Base:** R.A.F. Leconfield

**Date of Death:** 08/09.04.1943

**Wireless Operator/Gunner Sergeant Albert Douglas PENNYCORD with a mixed RAF and RCAF five-man crew took off from RAF Leconfield at 2132 on the night of 8/9<sup>th</sup> April 1943 in**

HE 155 Wellington III. It was one of ninety-seven and part of a combined 392 aircraft raid on Duisburg, Germany. This was one of continuous heavy raids between March/July on Germany's industrial base.

His was one of seven Wellingtons which were lost without trace. There is a theory that many aircraft on operations to Europe came down in the North Sea but this outcome can never be substantiated. 'Bert' Pennycord was twenty-two.

During the 1990s the local authority at Selsey West Sussex was able to release land for development made available following the closure of a holiday camp. One of the roads on the resulting residential estate was named '*Pennycord Close*' as a permanent memory to Albert Pennycord and his brother Jack who as a boy sailor lost his life when HMS *Royal Oak* was torpedoed at Scapa Flow in September 1939.

Commemorated -

Chichester High School for Boys

Chichester War Memorial

Selsey War Memorial

Runnymede

Chichester Observer – 1944 In Memorial

PENNYCORD – 'In proud and loving memory of our dearly beloved only son Sgt 'Bert' Pennycord RAF (VR) on his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday Jan 20<sup>th</sup> reported 'missing'.