

Donald SALISBURY

Born: 1914

Parents: Son of Arthur and Fanny Salisbury of Boxgrove West Sussex

School Years: 1928-1934 (an original) – House Story - Chichester High School for Boys

School Captain 1933-1934

Oxford School Certificate – Hons. – July 1931

University of London – Higher School Certificate - 1933

Speech Day Prize Winner – 1932 - 1933

Paper 'Soap Bubble' – First-time open illustration by experiment at School

Debating Society (Secretary)

Football – 1st XI Cricket – 1st X1

Sports Day – Senior 120 Yards Hurdles (Record)

Armed Forces Record

Service Rank: Flight Sergeant

Service Record: Joined the RAF in 1941 – Trained in Canada with the Empire Training Scheme as a pilot

Service Number: 1178771

Service Base: No. 42 Squadron

Date of Death: 30 September 1942



Bristol "Beaufort" Mark 11



"Bravely into action"

'Chi High' at War 1939 – 1945 by Andrew Berriman (revised 15.12.14)

"In 1942 Sergeant Pilot Donald Salisbury, one of the Originals was killed, lost in Coastal Commander; earlier in that year, he had revisited the school following internment in Portugal after his plane had been forced down in the Bay of Biscay".

'The Martlet' – School Notes – December 1942

"It is with the deepest regret that we record the deaths on active service of two other Old Boys. Salisbury, School Captain 1933-1934, lost his life whilst serving as a Sgt. Pilot and R.A. Bailey, D.S.C, Sub-Lt in the Fleet Air Arm was killed in operations in Madagascar. Both these fine fellows had distinguished careers at School and in civil life and quickly made their mark in the R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm. To their sorrowing parents and relatives, we extend our sincerest and deepest sympathy in their great bereavement and our appreciation of the sacrifices their sons and they have made for our safety and future welfare. It is our duty to see that they shall not have died in vain"

On the 30 September 1942 a No. 42 Squadron Bristol 'Beaufort' Mark II 1 OADU 1DW823 with this crew:

Sergeant Raymond Hutson (1064674)

Warrant Officer Robert Arthur Golding (787862)

Sergeant Gerald George Tennant (9189870)

Flt Sergeant Donald SALISBURY (1178771)

went missing over the Mediterranean during what may have been an operational ferry mission. All the crew were lost. Donald SALISBURY was twenty-eight.

Commemorated

Chichester High School for Boys

Chichester War Memorial

The Church of St Mary and Blaise War Memorial - Boxgrove Priory

Runnymede