

Walter George TATE

Born: 1920
Parents: Son of Thomas Walter and Dorothy Rose Tate of Bognor Regis Sussex
School Years: 1933-1938 – Chichester High School for Boys
Oxford School Certificate – Passed with Credits – July 1937
Civilian Occupation: Grade IV Clerk - Architect's Department – County Hall – Chichester
'The Martlet' – 'Roll of Service' – July 1941

Archive Report – Allied Forces

Operation: Emden
Date: 15th/16th January 1942 (Thursday/Friday)
Unit: No. 104 Squadron
Type: Wellington 11
Serial: W5417 – Code EP-F
Base: RAF Driffield, Yorkshire
Location: Not Known – lost without trace
Pilot: Sgt Basil Andrew Adams 1293087 RAFVR Age 19 – Missing believed killed
Pilot 2. Sgt Charles Kenneth German 1056639 RAFVR Age 20 – Missing believed killed
Obs. P/O Royal George Lindsay NZ401396 RNZAF Age 30. Missing believed killed
W/OP/Air Gnr: Sgt. Reginald Philip Henry Sperring 1282478 RAFVR Age 19. Missing believed killed
W/Op/Air Gnr: 'Old Boy' Sgt Walter George Tate 1255945 RAFVR Age 20 – Missing believed killed
Air/Gnr: Sgt Reginald Cooke 913706 RAFVR Age? Missing believed killed



Reason for loss – Taking off from RAF Driffield in North Yorkshire at 18.48 hrs On 15th January 1942 to bomb an important shipyard at Emden – fifty aircraft took part with reports of many fires. Sadly there is no record of where the aircraft came down. No night fighter claims have been made for this aircraft. It is assumed that it was hit by flak and disappeared either over the North or Wadden Sea shown on the illustration above.

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Chichester War Memorial

Runnymede

Extract from WW2TALK –LINK

A contributor in 2012:

“I am looking for information on three RAF casualties from Sussex”

Sgt Pilot Robert Cole – 76 Sqn. – RAF Driffield – Died on ops 31.7.1943

Sgt Gunner John Barrington – 76 Sqn. RAF Driffield – Died on ops 20.12.1943

Sgt Gunner Walter Tate – 104 Sqn. – RAF Driffield – Died on ops 15.01.1942

“They were all members of the Bognor Regis Cycling Club before the war”