

Joseph Angus BOWYER

Born: 1920
Parents: Son of Joseph Sydney and Mary Maclean Bowyer of Lymington Hants
School Years: 1932 – 1936 House St Wilfred's Chichester High School for Boys
Athletic Sports – Active runner during several Sports Days
Civil Occupation` 'The Martlet' 'Roll of Service' A/c RAF July 1940

Armed Forces Record

Service Rank: Sergeant
Service Number: 923861
Service Record: 217 Squadron
Service Base: RAF Luqa - Malta
Date of Death: 20 June 1942



Bristol "Beaufort"

In 1942 *Old Boy Joseph Sydney BOWYER* was attached to 217 Squadron aircrew. The squadron was to be posted to Ceylon; its flight passage was via Gibraltar and Malta. Due to technical difficulties, the Squadron was held at Malta. Over the next two months, its Coastal Command Beaufort aircraft ops time was spent attacking enemy shipping in the Mediterranean.

Source 'Royal Air Force – Allied losses in the Mediterranean May end 1942' (Ross McNeil – 29.04.2009) comments that on 20th June 1942 a Beaufort (possibly DD 959) engaged in a torpedo attack on Messina Harbour. It ditched in the sea and three of the crew were observed in a dingy.

Sgt A.R King F/O J.R. Minster
Sgt J Moschas *OLD BOY* Sgt J.A. Bowyer

Old Boy Joseph Sydney Bowyer is commemorated at the Alamein Memorial Cemetery, Matruh, Egypt.

Commemorated

Chichester High School for Boys Chichester War Memorial