



Thame Remembers



Flight Sergeant Stanley Riswyn Colbert

Stanley Riswyn Colbert was born on 26th September 1921 in Sheffield, Yorkshire. His parents were George Cyril and Olive Bertha Colbert.

The family later lived in Cuxham, Oxfordshire from where Stanley attended Lord Williams's School in Thame.

In the early years of World War Two Stanley enlisted in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve as a pilot (service number 1165025). He flew Lancaster Mk I bombers with 97 Sqn based at RAF Woodhall Spa, near Lincoln.

On 9th January 1943 his aircraft R5738D set out on a mission to bomb Essen, Germany with a 4000lb "cookie" bomb. They were shot down by a night fighter at 19.10pm, east of Eindhoven, and crashed near Maasbree on the Dutch side of the Dutch/German border. Stanley is



buried along with most of his crew in Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Nijmegen, Netherlands. Sgt Dell RCAF (air gunner) survived but subsequently died a PoW.

He is remembered in Thame on the Lord Williams's School Memorial Board.



**The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to his grave on
1st October 2014
by
Brian and Julie West
Thame Residents**

