



Thame Remembers



Sergeant Cyril Frank White

Cyril White was born on 25th October 1920 in Thame, Oxon. His parents were Frederick and Hilda White (nee Bayliss) of 7 Tythrop Terrace, Thame. His father later went on to run the Abingdon Arms pub.

Cyril enlisted in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (1312741) in July 1942 and had completed his training as a Wireless Operator/Air Gunner by October that year. He was at the Operational Training Unit at Finningley from December '42 to February 1943 before a posting to 199 Sqn at RAF Ingham. His first operational sortie, in a Wellington, was on 4th March 1943 and his last a bombing mission to Essen was on 13th March 1943. The aircraft Wellington Mk X, L495 never returned and the crew were presumed lost over the North Sea.

He is commemorated on the Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede, Berkshire and is remembered in Thame on Thame War Memorial and on St Mary's Church Memorial Board.



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The Thame Remembers Cross was delivered to his memorial on 14th December 2014 by David Bretherton. (Thame Remembers)





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Pages from Sgt Cyril White's Flying Log Book which records his final flight

Units at which served as Observer or A.G.			Aircraft in which flown		
Unit	From	To	Unit	From	To
No. 4. S. S. C. MIDDLEY	23/7/42	23/9/42			
No. 8. A. G. S. EVANSON	23/9/42	23/10/42			
No. 24. O. T. H. LICHFIELD	7/11/42	19/2/43			
B. A. T. Course FINNINGLEY	20/2/43	27/2/43			
199 Squadron. INGHAM	1/3/43				

Type	Type	Type
Dominie	Proctor.	
Botha		
Wellington III.	Wellington X.	
Oxford.	Wellington III.	
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MARCH 1943.
199 Squadron. INGHAM.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	REMARKS (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Time carried forward	
						88.25	36.5
						Flying Times	
						Day	Night
		Wellington III.					
4/3/43	1900	M 960	F/Lt KING.	WIRELESS OPERATOR.	OPERATIONS. MINE-LAYING AT FREISANS.		5.20
6/3/43.	1100	D. 366	F/Lt. KING.	WIRELESS OPERATOR.	FLYING AIRCRAFT FROM ONYTON TO BASE.	.30	
7/3/43	1200	E. 263	F/Lt. KING.	WIRELESS OPERATOR.	MAP READING EXERCISE. LANDED AT CAMBRIDGE, 7 BACK.	1.10	
9/3/43	1500	M 960	F/Lt. KING.	WIRELESS OPERATOR.	BASE - WICKENBY - BASE.	.45	
10/3/43	1420	H 991	F/Lt. KING.	WIRELESS OPERATOR.	FIGHTER AFFILIATION WITH SPITFIRE.	1.00	
11/3/43	1100	B 1602	F/Lt. KING.	WIRELESS OPERATOR.	FORMATION FLYING.	1.10	
11/3/43	1530	L	— NO —	— NO —	ATX	.45.	
17/3/43	1945	B	— NO —	— NO —	ops base		3.00
						93.45	44.25

Cyril White
[Signature] 5/4/43.

Death Presumed.
13. 3. 43.