

British and Canadian Airmen lost their lives over Lenham in WWII¹



Sergeant Robert Potter was a wireless operator/air gunner (the two jobs were combined) in a Hampden bomber² of 49 Squadron based at Scampton, Lincolnshire, which was laying mines off Bordeaux and crashed, having run out of fuel, near Lenham 17.10.1940. He was the only casualty; the rest of the crew escaped. Sergeant Potter was 20 years old, son of James and Margaret Potter of Glasgow. He is buried in Glasgow (Sighthill) Cemetery, grave 10.C/1.159.



Evans. He was with the Royal Airforce and crashed in Lenham on 16/17th October 1940

However, the date of 16/17 October 1940 marks the middle of the Battle of Britain and is about the same time as a German Luftwaffe Pilot was shot down and killed over Lenham.

We unfortunately don't have more information.



Milton Lloyd Williams. He was a fly sergeant with the Royal Australian Air Force. He flew into a hill at Lenham in poor visibility during an Aa Co-Operation Exercise. He died 1.12.1944 aged 23. He is buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery. Son of Henry and Elsie Williams of Haberfield, New South Wales. No mention of him in the Bomber Command record, but he didn't have to be Bomber command.

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² Image on website shows cockpit of Hampden Bomber. This photograph CH 1207 comes from the collections of the Imperial War Museums., Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=21740185>