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George Marsh Robinson 1922 - 1942

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Sgt George Marsh Robinson

Sgt George Marsh Robinson, 1169566, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, Nationality : United Kingdom. KIA on 28 January 1942 on operations over Germany aged 20.

Son of Thomas William and Annie Elizabeth Robinson, of Wigston, Leicestershire.

See CREWS AND LOSSES for Wellington Mk1c X9890 BU-F below

Wellington Mark I C X9890 BU-F

The Crew were lost during night bombing operations 28 January 1942 on operations over Munster Germany.

The crew of X9890 coded BU-F were:

Pilot Officer George Hamilton Webster (J5471) RCAF (KIA) Pilot*
Flight Sergeant Francis Alexander Tait (R/70913) RCAF (KIA)
Sergeant Christopher John Irwin (924231) RAF (KIA)
Sergeant George Marsh Robinson (1169566) RAF (KIA)
Sergeant Peter Gray Milton (997221) RAF (KIA)
Sergeant Frank Godfrey Truscott (1168521) RCAF (KIA)

According to the log of F/Lt Edward Baker DFC this date, entry reads as follows:
Jan-28, Wellington X9939, Pilot Ed Baker, 2nd pilot Sgt.Lancaster, and Crew D.C.O
Operations - Munster Airtime 4:25. By this it is nearly certain X9890 was lost on operations to Munster. Interestingly, on Jan-16 F/Lt Baker took X9890 on a test flight then flew it to Honnington where he left it and returned to base via a different aircraft R1505. On the morning of the 17th he apparently flew back to Honnington, re-tested X9890 then tested R1505 then apparently rejecting both he took Z1094 on operations to Bremen that night. I note that during this period many veteran pilots did test fly their aircraft prior to operations. This being the case one wonders what he found wrong with X9890 ?

This excerpt from Harry Ward's memoirs : "He could remember quite clearly as he rode out to their dispersal before take-off, seeing George Webster and his crew standing beside Freddie. Chris Irwin was in front of the plane in his Irwin jacket smiling broadly as he waved them on their way." Like so many others before them, Harry recalls that nothing was heard of them again.

SOURCE: Stewart Murray, Canada - Allison: "They Shall Grow Not Old"

SOURCE: Andrea Muzzi of Toronto Ontario Canada. (Niece to Sgt Truscott, granddaughter of Heloise - Franks sister)

SOURCE: Aileen Young (Harry Ward's Daughter)

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