

Leslie Reginald Vincent SIBLEY

152298, Pilot Officer (Air Bomber), Royal Air Force
died Wednesday 20th October 1943, aged 34.

Memorial Book text:

Home address was 37 Cowper Street, Olney.

1940 – A/C 2. Pine Grove Site 10, Royal Air Force, Bristol, 7.

A/C 1. Black Horse Hill House, Cribbs Causeway, Westbury on Tryn, Bristol.

1942 – LAC. C Flight, 1 Squadron, Avonside Hotel, 9 ITW., Stratford-on-Avon, Warcs.

1943 – Officers Mess, RAF Stanton Harcourt, Oxon. “Killed on active service, 20 October, 1943. Age 34. Interred in Olney Cemetery.

Mr Sibley’s family live in Olney. Widow – Mrs Elsie Sibley, 31 Midland Road. Son – Mr Melvyn Sibley, 10 Gilpin Way. Daughters – Mrs Jacqueline Smith, 31 Midland Road and Mrs Sandra Farr, 14 Carey Way. Photo kindly supplied by Mr & Mrs Melvyn Sibley.



CWWG information:

Son of William and Edith Sibley;
husband of Elsie Gwendoline Sibley,
of Olney.
Died Wednesday 20th October 1943,
aged 34.
Buried in Olney Cemetery (Grave 111).

Additional information:

[5] From ‘Royal Air Force Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War. Volume 7. Operational Training Units 1940-1947 by W R Chorley’ and 10 OTU’s Operational Record Book held at The Public Records Office:

20th October 1943. Whitley (Mk V) BD280 of 10 OTU. Crew F/Sgt J R Burton; W/O I K Nicoll; P/O L R V Sibley; Sgt D R Burton; Sgt A E Smart. The aircraft took off from its base at Stanton Harcourt, Oxfordshire, at 1840hrs (6.40pm) for a night cross country training flight. At approximately 2320hrs the port engine failed and the pilot was obliged to attempt an emergency landing. In doing so, at 2330hrs, the bomber stalled as F/Sgt Burton RAAF tried to avoid a line of high tension cables. Out of control, it smashed into the ground at Vicarage Farm, a mile or so NNW from the village of Ivinghoe, six miles ENE of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. All members of the crew, with exception of rear gunner (Sgt Smart), were killed.



headstone in Olney Cemetery