



Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial

In memory of
Pilot Officer
Keith Thomas Bielby
who died on 17 Aug 1944

Service details

<i>Conflict</i>	WWII
<i>Service</i>	RCAF
<i>Unit</i>	No. 158 Squadron, Royal Air Force
<i>Rank</i>	Pilot Officer
<i>Service number</i>	J89968
<i>Date of death</i>	19440817
<i>Cause of death</i>	killed in action

Narrative history

J89968 Pilot Officer (No. 158 Squadron RAF air gunner) Keith Thomas Bielby (b.1925) of Kelfield was KIA 19440817 and is buried at Stonefall cemetery, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, England. Bielby's Halifax crash landed at Foston-on-the-Wolds, East Riding Yorkshire, returning from a night raid on Kiel. He was the only son of Thomas Tyler and Verley Kathleen (Boyle, a nurse) Bielby who came from Morris township, Huron Co., Ontario, to a farm west of Kelfield in 1914, and Keith attended Kelfield and Wilkie schools. The family moved to the Loon River district southwest of Rapid View in 1938 but returned to Kelfield after Thomas' death. Keith enlisted at Saskatoon in 1943 just before his 18th birthday. Interestingly, Keith's plane crashed just two miles from their home base, and only about ten miles from the Bielby ancestral home at Weaverthorpe.

Memorial information

<i>Saskatchewan rural municipality for commemoration</i>	349 - Grandview
<i>Grave or memorial location</i>	Stonefall cemetery, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, England (Link to Commonwealth War Graves Commission web page: http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/46040/HARROGATE%20%28STONEFALL%29%20CEMETERY)
<i>Honour roll location(s)</i>	Kelfield Meadow Lake
<i>Geo-memorial</i>	Bielby Lake
<i>Geo-memorial location</i>	55.55,-104.8
<i>Geo-memorial NTS map reference</i>	73P10

Personal information

<i>Date of birth</i>	19250704
<i>Place of birth</i>	Kelfield
<i>Enlisted on</i>	19430525
<i>Place of enlistment</i>	Saskatoon
<i>Residence on enlistment</i>	Kelfield
<i>Occupation</i>	student

PDF documents on the Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial web site

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