

**Surname:** CARTER **Forenames:** Hedley Walter

Born: 1922 Epsom Surrey  
Bapt:  
Marr:  
Died: 1942/11/03  
Burr: 194211/07 St Marks

Father: Hedley Vicars CARTER (2) Mother: Edith Lily GIRLING  
Spouse (1)

Child 1: 2: 3: 4:

**Rank & Service No:** Sergeant 926380  
**Unit, Regiment, Country of Service:** RAF Volunteer Reserve

**Source:** **Information:**

w.findagrave 1922 he was born in Epsom, Surrey

w.freebmd 1922, June qtr, his birth was registered in Epsom. His mother's maiden name was GIRLING

W. Chorley – "Bomber Command Losses" <https://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php?topic=511778.0>

!484 Flight, Airspeed Oxford 1 DF536

"Took off at 19.59 from Driffield for a night bombing exercise but almost immediately dived into the ground. Eye witnesses judged the height to be between 150 and 200 feet. Accident investigators were unable to say what had caused the crash, but it is possible an explosion had occurred in the starboard engine, or in the wing itself. " Two other crew were on board.

<https://www.yorkshire-aircraft.co.uk/aircraft/yorkshire/york42/df536.html>

"On 3rd November 1942 a number of flash bombs exploded on board this aircraft soon after taking off from Driffield airfield. The aircraft dived into the ground from between 150 feet and 200 feet sadly killing the three in the aircraft. I do not yet know the location of where this accident occurred other than it was in the region of Driffield airfield and it occurred at 20.00hrs."

Pilot - WO2 John Joseph William Forster RCAF (R/92075), aged 29, of Mission, British Columbia, Canada. Buried Driffield Cemetery, Yorkshire (grave 6191).

Observer - Sgt Hedley Walter Carter RAFVR (926380), aged 20, of Wallisdown, Bournemouth. Buried Talbot Churchyard, Bournemouth, Dorset (grave 989).

Observer - Sgt Francis John Faye RAFVR (1529983), aged 22, of Skelton/Brotton. Buried Skelton and Brotton Cemetery, Brotton, Yorkshire (G/N/15).

Burial record 1942, 7<sup>th</sup> of Nov, he was buried at St Marks, age 20, living at 9 Pine Parade, Wallisdown

Tombstone (EC)