

**In Memory of
Sergeant LEO STANLEY LIDDIARD
921731, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on 20 April 1941
Son of George Stanley and Cornelia Florence Liddiard.
Remembered with honour
Faringdon War Memorial and
RUNNYMEDE MEMORIAL**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

This Memorial overlooks the River Thames on Cooper's Hill at Englefield Green between Windsor and Egham on the A308, 4 miles from Windsor.

The Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede commemorates by name over 20,000 airmen who were lost in the Second World War during operations from bases in the United Kingdom and North and Western Europe, and who have no known graves. They served in Bomber, Fighter, Coastal, Transport, Flying Training and Maintenance Commands, and came from all parts of the Commonwealth. Some were from countries in continental Europe which had been overrun but whose airmen continued to fight in the ranks of the Royal Air Force. The memorial was designed by Sir Edward Maufe with sculpture by Vernon Hill. The engraved glass and painted ceilings were designed by John Hutton and the poem engraved on the gallery window was written by Paul H Scott.

On 20 April 1941 Bristol Blenheim V5796 of No. 2 (Coastal Command) Operational Training Unit took off on a navigation exercise. The aircraft left RAF Catfoss (Brandesburton, East Riding of Yorkshire) at ~19:30 hours, the last radio message was received when the aircraft was about 50 miles west of Flamborough Head at 11:35; the radio message is not recorded. The full crew was: Sergeant James Hanley Hamill (RNZAF), Pilot; Sergeant L S Liddiard, Observer, Sergeant Basil Frederic Clare, Wireless Operator/Air Gunner. Only Sergeant Hamill's body was washed ashore near Bircham Newton, Norfolk and is buried in St Mary's Churchyard, Great Bircham.