

## Alexander John Stuart Buller

### Pilot Officer 42391 Royal Air Force 101 Squadron



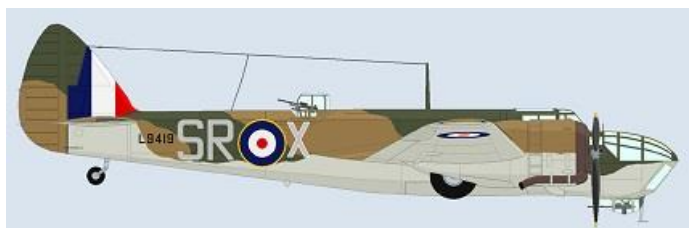
Alexander was born on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1920 to Admiral Sir Henry Tritton Buller and Lady Hermione Moray Buller. He was their eldest child and was followed by Robin Francis, Peter Henry and Patricia Moray.

Alexander, known in the family as Sandy, was educated at Stowe School from 1934 – 1937 and is remembered in the Chapel at Stowe and in the Old Stoics Book of Remembrance.

Alexander joined the Royal Air Force at the outset of the Second World War and completed his flying training to qualify as a Pilot Officer on a short service commission. He was based at RAF West Raynham, when on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1940, Blenheim IV P 4912 of 101 Squadron piloted by Alexander, crashed at Stanton St. John, near Oxford whilst carrying out a height test, resulting in the deaths of all three crew members. The incident was recorded as an accident occurring whilst on war service. He was 20 years old. Alexander was awarded the War Medal, 1939 – 1945 and the 1939 – 1945 Star.

Pictured below right is an artist's impression of a Bristol Blenheim IV bomber, painted in the colours and markings of RAF 101 Squadron. The aircraft Alexander flew would have looked very much like this.

Alexander's parents lived at Netherwood, Shipley. Admiral Sir Henry Buller commanded *HMS Highflyer* from 1913 - 1916 which whilst under his command chased and sank *SS Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse* in 1916. He was appointed





Flag Officer of His Majesty's Yachts from 1921 - 1931 and in 1932 was appointed Groom-in-Waiting to the King. Lady Hermione was a supporter and member of the Care Committee of Shipley School and regularly took part in charitable work for the school and community. Alexander's family suffered a second tragedy when their son Robin, a Commander in the Royal Navy, died prematurely in 1956.

Above photo courtesy of Malcolm Green – Countryman Photography.

Alexander was laid to rest in Shipley Churchyard. His parents and brother were later laid to rest with him. The inscription on his grave reads "To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die."





**Left: War Medal 1939 – 1945**



**Right: 1939 – 1945 Star**

In Memory of  
Pilot Officer Pilot

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42391, 101 Sqn., Royal Air Force who died on 06 June 1940 Age 20

Son of Admiral Sir Henry Tritton Buller, K.C.V.O., C.B., and Lady Hermione Buller, of Southwater.

Remembered with Honour  
Shipley (St. Mary) Churchyard



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