

Littlechart

Second World War 1939 – 1945

SKINNER, JACK. D.F.C. Warrant Officer (Pilot), 1332584.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Died 19 March 1945. Aged 21.

Born 1923, Little Chart, Ashford, Kent.

Son of Frank and Mary Skinner of Westwell, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Oxford (Botley) Cemetery. Grave Ref: Plot H/1. Grave 226.

Also commemorated on Second World War memorial plaque located in Westwell, Ashford, Kent (St. Mary) parish church. Attended Ashford Grammar School (now Norton Knatchbull), between 1934 and 1939, where he is commemorated in the Book of Remembrance. At the time of his demise Jack was an instructor based at R.A.F. Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, training other pilots to tow aircraft and died resultant of an accident towing a glider. R.A.F. Brize Norton, was used for various forms of flying training until July 1942, when it became the home of the Heavy Glider Conversion Unit (H.G.C.U.), later being renamed No. 21 H.G.C.U., which remained at R.A.F. Brize Norton until 31 December 1945.

