



F/O Elmer Oscar Aaron J/25067 Royal Canadian Air Force.

Elmer was born in September 1920 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Harry and Jeanne Aaron. There were several family moves over the years and 1939 saw him as a student at Montreal High School, showing an ambition to become a commercial artist. In March 1942, however, he enlisted into the Royal Canadian Air Force in Montreal before completing his studies. In October 1943 he was commissioned as a flying officer and he was posted abroad to the UK. By this time his family had left Canada and were then living in Sandon Street, Philadelphia, USA.

Having completed his training as a Wireless Operator he was posted to 106 Squadron, which operated Lancaster bombers out of RAF Methwingham in Lincolnshire. By the time of his last flight he had already completed 14 missions and was reported to have already been forced to bail out on two of those occasions.

At 2210 hours on 7 May 1944 his Lancaster, serial LL891, took off as part of a force of 58 aircraft detailed to attack the ammunition factories and dumps at Salbris in France. Twelve aircraft from 106 Squadron took part and the evidence showed that a good proportion of their objective was destroyed, having dropped a total of 64 tons of munitions. But there were some losses. Four aircraft from 106 squadron were lost, even though flak over the target was light. It was claimed that LL891 was shot down by a German night fighter, piloted by HPTm Hans-Karl Stab 111/NJG4, over the Vatan area at 0015 hours. Nothing further was heard from LL891, which was reported Missing.

Elmer is buried in the Main Cemetery at Orleans, France.

He is commemorated on Wall Panel 1.

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