

Sgt. Leopold Gordon Alexander 1311746 RAFVR



Leopold was an Air Gunner and served in 49 Squadron based at RAF Fiskerton. He was killed on 2 February 1943 on the crew's first operation from Fiskerton. He was 30 years old.

On the night of Tuesday 2 February 1943, 7 Lancasters climbed out of Fiskerton through thick cloud. A force of 161 four-engined bombers converged over Cologne that night and Bomber Command lost 5 aircraft in total: 3 Lancasters, 1 Halifax and 1 H2S equipped Pathfinder Stirling. Leopold's aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed between Kessel and Helden in Holland.

He and five other crew members are buried in Nijmegen Cemetery in Holland.

The rest of the crew of Lancaster ED440 were:

F/L R A Jackson Pilot (Killed)
F/Sgt. H M Magder RCAF (Killed)
F/O E J F Dunand RCAF (Killed)
Sgt. A J Clover (Killed)
P/O A W Lane (Killed)
Sgt. J R McMahom (Prisoner of War)

Leopold can be found on Panel 1

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