

Flt. Sgt. Leslie James Capton R/127800 RCAF



Leslie served with the Royal Canadian Air Force as part of 49 Squadron, based at RAF Scampton. He was an Air Gunner.

At 2104 hours on 28 August 1942 Leslie, the rear gunner, and his crew took off from Scampton in Lancaster R5897 EA-B to attack Nuremberg, Germany.

Sadly, their aircraft crashed in Kalchreuth, Germany. It is not known for sure whether the aircraft was shot down, although it is believed that it collided with another aircraft. The wreckage of both the Lancaster and a Wellington were found in the same area, with bodies from both buried together. The twelve bodies, seven of them from the 49 Squadron Lancaster, were buried in the village, being reinterred in the Durnbach War Cemetery after the war.

Leslie was the 20-year-old son of Leslie and Beatrice Capton of Ohsweken, Ontario. Before the war he was one of Brant County's outstanding young farmers. His sister, Delma, enlisted in the Canadian Air Force on the day that Leslie was reported missing.

The other crew members who died with him were:

Flt. Sgt. Edward Burton RAFVR - Pilot
Sgt. Kent Newbery RAAF – Second Pilot (flying as the flight engineer)
Sgt. Gilbert Swan RAAF - Navigator
Sgt. Ernest Ibbotson RAFVR – Wireless Operator/Air Gunner
Sgt. James Osbaldeston RAF – Air Gunner
Sgt. John Breivis /132553 (USA) RCAF – Mid-Upper Gunner

Leslie's name can be found on panel 17.

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