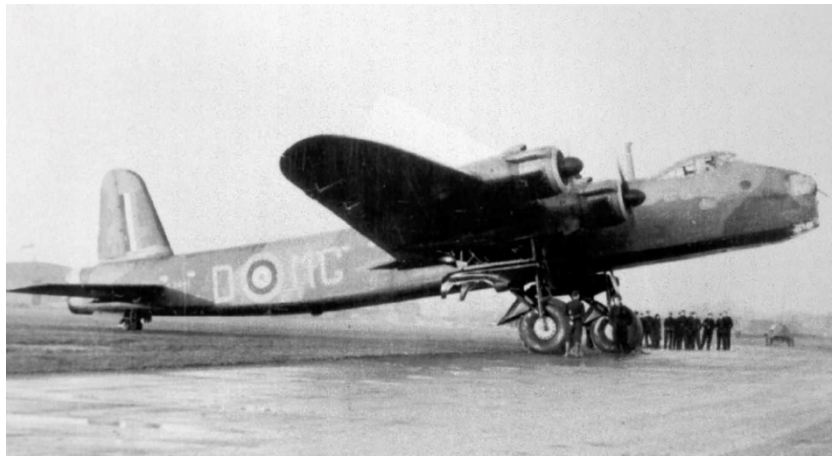


Sgt. Frank Cecil Child 631792 RAF



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Stirling at RAF Oakington

Born in Saskatchewan, Frank was the 23-year-old son of John W. L. and Harriet Child, of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He attended John Oliver High School, and the Technical School, and he was employed as an air conditioning mechanic at the Vancouver Ice and Cold Storage Company plant.

In 1939 he travelled to England and enlisted in the Royal Air Force. He was a flight engineer serving with No. 7 Squadron, based at RAF Oakington.

He and his crew took off from Oakington, in Short Stirling W7438 MG-A, at 0115 hours on 29 August 1941 on a night mission to attack Duisburg, Germany. Although they were last heard from at 0245 hours, the plane was reportedly coned by searchlights and hit by flak in the Ruhr area at around 0408 hours. It was witnessed burning in the air before exploding on impact as it crashed at Kaarst, WSW of Dusseldorf. All the crew were killed.

Frank is buried with the rest of the crew at Rheinberg War Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. Coll. Grave 6. C 1-7.

The others who died with Frank were:

Pilot	P/O John Ernest Chilvers
2 nd Pilot	Sgt. John William Blakey
Observer	P/O Charles Francis Hart RCAF
Wireless Operator/Air Gunner	Flt. Sgt. Alfred Penn
Wireless Operator/Air Gunner	Sgt. Gordon Jeoffre Truscott
Air Gunner	Sgt. Norman Richard Cowin

Frank is commemorated on Panel 19.

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