

F/O Joseph Feldman J/22629 RCAF

Canadian Joseph Feldman was a 630 Squadron bomb-aimer who was killed along with the rest of his crew when their Lancaster was believed to have been shot down by a night-fighter into the North Sea off the Belgian port of Zeebrugge.

His was one of five Lancasters lost during a No. 5 Group attack on the German military camp of Bourg-Léopold, two of them from 630.

Joseph was part of the crew of ND580 (LE-G), which had taken off from East Kirkby at 2220 hours on the night of May 1944 to join a force of 190 Lancasters and 8 Mosquitoes from 5 Group heading for the target. 11



His home was in Hamilton, in Ontario, and he was the 23-year-old son of Morris and Nellie Feldman. He had enlisted in the RCAF in February 1941. One sad footnote to his death was that his mother, Nellie, was unable to read and when a telegram arrived at their home in Hamilton, she kept it in her hand until her nine-year-old grandson, Lionel, later came in and asked him to read the fateful words 'We regret to inform you...'

Joseph and his crew were on their fifth operation with the squadron and are thought to have been shot down into the sea at 0104 hours on 12 May. No bodies were ever recovered and all seven men on board are now remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

The others who died were the pilot P/O Bob Jackson, flight engineer Sgt. Harold Owen, navigator Flt. Sgt. Denis Muddiman, wireless operator Sgt. Richard Cartlidge, mid-upper gunner Sgt. Arthur Seago and rear gunner Sgt. Ernest Louis.

Joseph's name can be found on panel 034.

Sources: 630 Squadron Association/Find-a-Grave.