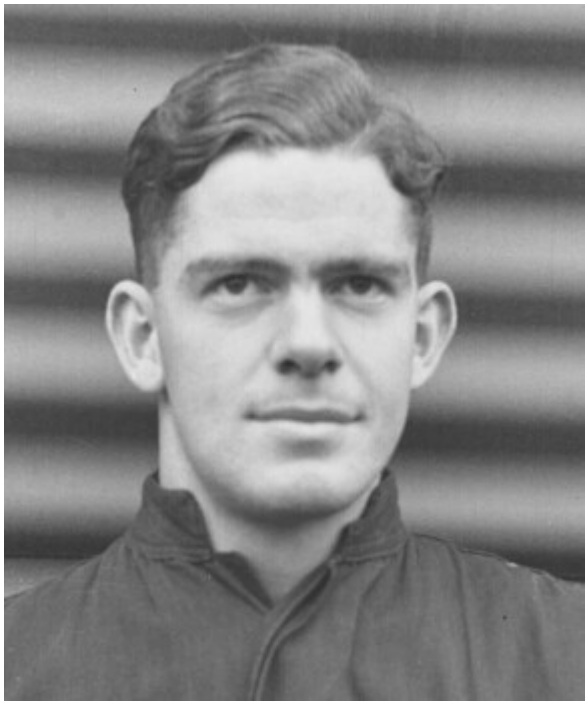
FO George Oswald Jones 410493 RAAF



George was born on 9 November 1920 in Armadale, Victoria, Australia, the only child of George Musgrave Jones and Hannah Rogers Jones nee Edis. In 1942 he married Olive Catherine Chapman in Victoria.

Educated at Scotch College, Melbourne, George was a student of Agricultural Science at Melbourne University when, in June 1941, he volunteered for service in the RAAF, having previously served with the Melbourne University Rifles Militia.

Called up in January 1942, George completed his aircrew training in Australia in October 1942 with the award of his Navigator badge, was commissioned in November and embarked for the UK in January 1943.

Following advanced training at 4(O) Advanced Flying Unit RAF West Freugh, Dumfries, Scotland, 27 OTU RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire and 1660 HCU RAF Swinderby, Lincolnshire, in March 1944 George was posted to 463 Sqn at RAF Waddington, Lincolnshire.

On 10/11 May 1944 Bomber Command was tasked with attacks on the Belgian and French marshalling yards at Courtrai, Dieppe, Ghent, Lens and Lille. A combined force of 506 aircraft, including fourteen 463 Sqn crews was allocated to the op. The squadron's target was Lille, used by enemy forces for the transportation of supplies to the Western Front.



At 22:14 on the 10 May George, operating as the Navigator, and the crew departed RAF Waddington in Lancaster I LL881 (JO-E).

Post war it was established that, whilst outbound, George's aircraft exploded mid-air and the bulk of the wreckage fell on a factory in the southeast suburbs of Lille, France, killing all on board.

Also killed: FO Dudley Francis Ward DFC RAAF (Pilot); PO William John Lewis RAAF (FE); WO Lloyd George McKenzie RAAF (AB); FS John Henry Brown RAAF (WOp/AG); FS George Martin Dann RAAF (AG); FS Colin Henry Eastgate RAAF (AG)

George is buried in Forest-Sur-Marque Communal Cemetery, Nord, France

George is commemorated on Wall Panel 56

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