

FS Carl Victor Krieg 437425 RAAF

Carl was born on 12 October 1924 in Nuriootpa, South Australia, the youngest child of Gustav Wilhelm Krieg and Alwine Wilhelmine Sophie Krieg nee Kretschmer.

Educated at Nuriootpa High School, Carl was employed as a bank clerk with the National Bank in Nuriootpa when, in January 1943, he volunteered for service in the RAAF.

Called up in January 1942, Carl completed his training in Australia in December 1943 with the award of his WOp/AG badge, and embarked for the UK the following month.

Following advanced training at 11 Base, RAF Blyton, Lincolnshire for conversion to the Lancaster, in May 1944 Carl was posted to 101 Sqn at RAF Ludford Magna, Lincolnshire as a Special Duties Operator.

On 30 June/1 July 1944 Bomber Command was tasked with an op against railway yards at Vierzon, a small town 60km south of Orleans, France, - 118 aircraft, including ten 101 Sqn crews, were allocated to the op. Three squadron crews failed to return.

At 22:19 on the 30 June Carl, operating as the Special Duties Operator, and the crew departed RAF Ludford Magna, Lincolnshire, in Lancaster I DV301 (SR-Y).

At 01:30 on 1 July, shortly after Carl's crew had finished their bombing run, the aircraft was intercepted at low level by a night fighter and crashed at L'Autiere near Langon, a village 12 miles E of Vierzon, killing all on board. This was the crew's 17th op.

Also killed: FO William Roberts Cuthbertson (Nav); PO James Nelson Brown (Pilot); FS Albert Thomas Couch RCAF (AG); FS John Pritchard RAAF (AB); FS David Urquhart RCAF (AG); Sgt Thomas Lyth (WOp/AG); Sgt John William Offord (FE)

Carl is buried in the Langon Communal Cemetery, Loir-et-Cher, France

Carl is commemorated on Wall Panel 60

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