Sergeant Kenneth John Lord 921757 RAFVR



Kenneth was born on 10 June 1917 in Guildford, Surrey, the eldest child of William Henry Lord and Constance Emma Lord nee Tugwell. He married Ivy Rhoda Smith in 1940 in Surrey.

Educated at the Guildford Royal Grammar School, prior to joining the RAF Kenneth was employed as a Laboratory Assistant at the Cow & Gate Laboratories.

On the evening of 12 July 1941, 12 Hamdens from 50 Sqn were tasked, as part of a total force of 61 aircraft, to bomb the railway junction at Bremen. The weather was poor and electrical storms were encountered over the Dutch coast. Returning crews also reported numerous concentrations of searchlights between the Dutch coast and the target, with 20 - 30 forming cones.

Kenneth and the crew departed RAF Lindholme in Hamden I AE226 (VN) at 22:30 and nothing was heard from them after take-off. The aircraft was shot down en-route to the target by night fighter pilot Oberleutnant Helmut Lent of the 4./NJG 1, flying a Messerschmitt Bf 110 from Leeuwarden airfield. The aircraft crashed at 00:55 at Kortenakkers Veensloot, 30 km East-South-East of Groningen, Netherlands. This was one of 2 Sqn aircraft that failed to return.

Also killed were :
PO Edward Douglas Vivian (Pilot), Flt Sgt Jack Guest BEM (WOp/Air Gunner), Sgt Israel Jacobovitch (WOp/Air Gunner)

Kenneth is buried at the Veendam General Cemetery, Groningen, Netherlands.

Kenneth is commemorated on Wall Panel 64

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