WO Lloyd George McKenzie 416443 RAAF



Lloyd was born on 15 January 1918 in Owen, Wakefield, South Australia, Australia, the son of Alexander McKenzie and Eva Adelaide McKenzie nee Robinson. In November 1943 he married LACW Esther Tidmarsh Plumb WAAF in Linlithgow, West Lothian, Scotland.

Educated at Owen Public School, Lloyd was employed as a district clerk when, in July 1940, he volunteered for service in the RAAF.

Called up in June 1941, Lloyd completed his flying training in Australia in October 1942 with the award of his Observers badge and in January 1943 he embarked for the UK.

Following advanced training at 9 (O) Advanced Flying Unit RAF Penrhos, Gwynedd, Wales, 27 OTU RAF Lichfield, Staffordshire and 1660 HCU RAF Swinderby, Lincolnshire, in March 1944 Lloyd 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 Lloyd, operating as the Bomb Aimer, and the crew departed RAF Waddington in Lancaster I LL881 (JO-E).

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

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

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

Lloyd is commemorated on Wall Panel 71

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