

Sgt Anthony Ezra Rosen 1144632 RAFVR

Anthony, known as Tony, was born on 3 June 1922 in London, the son of John H Rosen and Fanny Rosen nee Krotosky.

Educated at Dudden Hill School and Willesden County School, before joining the RAF in August 1941 he was employed as a Book Publisher's Clerk.

In September 1943 Anthony was posted to 101 Sqn based at RAF Ludford Magna, Lincolnshire as a WOp/AG.

On the morning of 18 November 1943 "Bomber Harris" decided the offensive against Berlin would resume. The weather was forecast favourable. That night, an all Lancaster force of 440 aircraft were tasked with the raid on Berlin, with 101 Sqn contributing 23 crews.

At 17:21 Anthony, operating as the WOp/AG, and the crew departed RAF Ludford Magna, Lincolnshire in Lancaster III LM370 (SR-K2), routing out over the Lincolnshire coast to rendezvous with the rest of the force and commencing a route to Berlin South of the Ruhr across Belgium.



The visibility over the target area was poor, and winds were not as forecast making the task extremely difficult. The 101 Sqn Lancasters arrived just before 21:00 and completed blind drops. Despite this, German reports stated that bombs fell in most parts of the city with reasonable impact on the industrial areas.

At 23:11 whilst on the homeward flight, Anthony's aircraft was intercepted over the Dutch province of Drenthe on the Dutch/German border by Fw Rudolf Frank of the 2./NJG3, flying a Ju88 from Wittmund Airfield. The Lancaster crashed on an area of peatland on the outskirts of Oud-Schoonebeek killing all on board. This was his 7th Op.

Also Killed: FO Charles Patrick McManus (Pilot); FO Guy Dermot Spyers (Nav); FO Barry Kingsley Petyt (AB); WO2 George Philip Herman RCAF (Special Operator/AG); FS George Herbert Gittins DFM (AG); Sgt Kenneth Jones (FE); Sgt Charles Harold Downs (AG)

Anthony is buried in Schoonebeek (Oud Schoonebeek) General Cemetery, Drenthe, Netherlands.

Anthony is commemorated on Wall Panel 92

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