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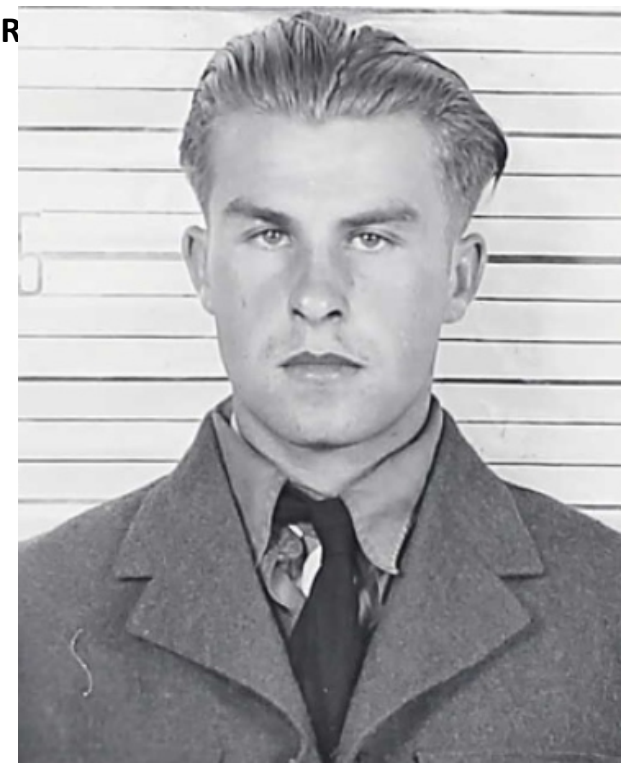

Gerhard, known as Eddie, was born on 7 May 1921 in Alice, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, the only son of William Frederick Schultz and German born Helene Schultz nee Stenzel.

Educated at Alice School, Gerhard was employed as a labourer and wood cutter when, in July 1942, he volunteered for service with the RCAF.

Called up in August 1942, Gerhard completed his training in Canada in April 1943 with the award of his Air Gunner badge, and he embarked for the UK the following month.

Following advanced training at 26 OTU RAF Wing, Buckinghamshire, in August 1943 Gerhard was posted to 101 Sqn at RAF Ludford Magna, Lincolnshire.

On 27/28 April 1944 Bomber Command was tasked with an attack on Friedrichshafen, home to factories involved in the production of gearboxes and engines for the German tank force. A combined force of 322 aircraft, including seventeen 101 Sqn crews, were allocated to the op. Two 101 Sqn crews failed to return.

At 21:39 on 27 April Gerhard, operating as the Special Duties Operator, and the crew departed RAF Ludford Magna in Lancaster III LM493 (SR-X)

At 01:31 on 28 April, Gerhard's aircraft was intercepted by Oblt Wilhelm Johnen flying a Bf110 of the 6./NJG5 flying from Hagenau Airfield. Gerhard, and the two Air Gunners were killed during the intercept before the aircraft crashed at Oberwinden, 3km SW of Elzach, Baden-Württemberg, Germany. Five of the crew were able to bale out and were taken as POW.

Also Killed: FO Rodney Sigsworth Campsall MiD RCAF (AG); Sgt John Vincent Bramhall (AG)

Originally buried in the Oberwinden Cemetery, Baden-Württemberg, Germany, in August 1948 Gerhard was moved to Durnbach War Cemetery, Bayern, Germany.

Gerhard was posthumously commissioned.

Gerhard is commemorated on Wall Panel 94

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