

Flt. Lt. George Edward Stockdale J/24298 RCAF



George Stockdale (right) with his mid-upper gunner Ross Jack

George Stockdale was the Canadian pilot of a 576 Squadron Lancaster shot down by a night fighter over Holland during an attack on the synthetic oil plant at Sterkrade on the night of 16/17 June 1944.



It was to prove a costly night for Bomber Command with 31 of the 321 aircraft taking part failing to return, the majority of them Halifaxes.

George's Lancaster, ME810 UL-K2, had left RAF Elsham Wolds shortly after 2300 hours and was reported to have crashed close to the Deelen night fighter airfield near Arnhem. There were no survivors.

George was one of three Canadians in the crew, all from Ontario, who were later buried together in the Canadian War Cemetery at Groesebeek. His home was in Hamilton, Ontario and he was the son of Mrs F Stockdale.

The others who died with him were the flight engineer Sgt. Douglas Fabb, navigator F/O Douglas Fuller RCAF, bomb-aimer F/O David Stewart, wireless operator Sgt. Jim Gray, mid-upper gunner Flt. Sgt. Ross Jack RCAF and rear gunner Sgt. Edward Morgan.

George's name can be found on IBCC panel 102.

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