

FS David Urquhart R/208306 RCAF

David was born on 23 May 1925 in St Ann's, Ontario, Canada, the son of Robert Urquhart and Eva May Urquhart nee Wright.

Educated at Bismark Public School, Ontario, David was employed as a press operator when, in November 1942 he volunteered for service in the RCAF.

Called up in December 1942, David completed his training in Canada in September 1943 with the award of his Air Gunner badge and embarked for the UK the following month.

Following advanced training at 30 OTU RAF Hixon, Staffordshire and 11 Base, RAF Blyton, Lincolnshire, for conversion to the Lancaster, in April 1944 David was posted to 101 Sqn at RAF Ludford Magna, Lincolnshire.



On 30 June/1 July 1944 Bomber Command was tasked with an op against railway yards at Vierzon, a small town 60km south of Orleans, France, 118 aircraft, including ten 101 Sqn crews, were allocated to the op. Three squadron crews failed to return.

At 22:19 on the 30 June David, operating as the Mid Upper Gunner, and the crew departed RAF Ludford Magna, Lincolnshire, in Lancaster I DV301 (SR-Y).

At 01:30 on 1 July, shortly after David's crew had finished their bombing run, the aircraft was intercepted at low level by a night fighter and crashed at L'Autiere near Langon, a village 12 miles E of Vierzon, killing all on board. This was the crew's 17th op.

Also killed: FO William Roberts Cuthbertson (Nav); PO James Nelson Brown (Pilot); FS Albert Thomas Couch RCAF (AG); FS Carl Victor Krieg RAAF (SDO); FS John Pritchard RAAF (AB); Sgt Thomas Lyth (WOp/AG); Sgt John William Offord (FE)

David is buried in the Langon Communal Cemetery, Loir-et-Cher, France

David is commemorated on Wall Panel 109

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