

F/O Lindsay Page Bacon 62186 RAAF



Lindsay was born on 25 January 1924, the son of Victor Frederick and Emily Bacon, of Maroubra, New South Wales, Australia. He was brother to Kathleen and Wesley. He was a top student in engineering at the University of Sydney, whilst also playing football and tennis.

He enlisted in the Royal Australia Air Force in 1942 aged 18. He attended the Radio School and qualified with the rank of Pilot Officer. In August 1943 Lindsay embarked for overseas service as part of the Empire Training Scheme; one of almost 16000 who joined RAF squadrons throughout the course of the war. In February 1945 he was posted from 622 Squadron to 7 Squadron having already completed 40 missions over Germany.

He was a Flying Officer in 7 Squadron.

Lancaster PB667 MG-Q took off from RAF Oakington at 1031 hours 20 March 1945 to bomb railway tracks over Recklinghausen, Germany; their 22nd mission and just 49 days before the end of the war. On its return it was badly damaged and caught fire over Zuid Belevand in Holland. Watching the bomber from the ground was a group from 4th Commando Brigade. They saw the bomber on fire and losing altitude but Lindsay managed to control it long enough to avoid crashing into a town before the engine exploded and the Lancaster crashed into a field. The fire was immense and all perished. The seven bodies were later recovered by the commandos and buried next to the wreckage.

Lindsay was reburied at Bergen-Op-Zoom War Cemetery. Grave 13.A.8. His epitaph reads "His duty nobly done". He was 21 years old.

A letter was found on Lindsay's body from his mother and the commando wrote to the address to alert them of his fate. In doing so he added "the townsfolk highly appreciate the great sacrifice which the gallant crew made, and were caring for the graves of the men, who sacrificed their lives, that their town may be saved."



One of the original propellers emerged from the soil in the summer of 2010 and forms the heart of a monument, unveiled in 2013, in Nieuwdrop honouring the sacrifice of the crew.

F/O Lindsay Page Bacon RAAF, pilot (killed)
F/O George Henry Huttleston, Air Bomber(killed)
Sgt. Harry McClements, Flight Engineer (killed)
Flt. Sgt. Richard Roy Evans, Navigator (killed)
Sgt. Jim Alex Cornwall, Air Gunner(killed)
Sgt. Johnny Edward Taylor, Air Gunner (killed)
WO Philip Athol Tennant RNZAF, Wireless Operator (killed)

Lindsay is commemorated on Panel 125

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