

PO Lloyd Douglas Bowman J/6153 RCAF

Lloyd was born on 28 November 1916 in Midland, Simcoe, Ontario, Canada, the son of William John Bowman and Lavina Sarah Bowman nee Carruthers. In December 1940 he married Ethel Roesel Price and they had one son.

Educated at Regent Street Public School and Midland High, Simcoe, Lloyd was employed as a butcher in the Family Business.

Lloyd joined the RCAF in July 1940 and was awarded his Observer Badge in April 1941. In June 1941 he travelled to the UK and was commissioned the following month. After advanced flying and conversion training, Lloyd was posted to 107 Sqn in December 1941.

On 9 June 1942, 107 Sqn deployed 12 aircraft from RAF Great Massingham, Norfolk to RAF Exeter, Devon to participate in the Circus 9 raid on Lannion Airfield, Brittany with fighter escort provided by Spitfires from the Exeter (Czech) Wing.

In the early morning of the 10 June 1942, the 12 aircraft departed but were recalled at 09:07 due to poor weather. A second attempt was to be made when the weather improved. At 12:50 Lloyd, operating as the Observer, and the crew took off from RAF Exeter in Boston III Z2283 (OM) together with 10 other Bostons. At 13:49, bombs were dropped on the airfield from 12,300 feet and photographs showed a successful strike across two dispersal areas containing many aircraft. On the return journey, when just 25 miles from the English coast, the aircraft were attacked by Me109s from 8/JG-2. Lloyd's aircraft was hit and seen to crash in to the sea in flames, killing all on board.

Also killed : PO Thurstan Barns Skinner (Pilot); FS Alan Arthur Margrett (AG); Sgt Arthur Prince DFM (WOp/AG)

Lloyd has no known grave and is commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey

Lloyd is commemorated on Wall Panel 134

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