

Sgt Aubrey Raymond Dally 405746 RNZAF

Aubrey was born on 11 March 1915 in Waikino, Waikato, New Zealand, the son of Thomas William Dally and Ellen Elizabeth Dally nee Ray.

Educated at Waihi District High School, Aubrey was employed in ammunition production by Mason & Porter, Auckland when, in March 1940 he applied for aircrew service with the RNZAF.

Called up in December 1940, Aubrey was employed on ground duties until June 1941 when he commenced aircrew training, and in July he was sent to Canada to complete his training under the Empire Air Training Scheme.

In February 1942 Aubrey was awarded his Air Gunner badge and immediately embarked for the UK. Following advanced training at 11 OTU RAF Bassingbourn, Hertfordshire, in July 1942 Aubrey was posted to 101 Sqn at RAF Bourn, Cambridgeshire.

On the night of 31 July/1 August 1942, 630 Bomber Command crews were tasked with an operation against Dusseldorf, Germany. Eleven 101 Sqn aircraft were allocated to the task.

Shortly after midnight on 1 August, Kenneth and the crew departed RAF Bourn in Wellington III BJ841 (SR).

At 02:03 Aubrey's aircraft was intercepted by Lt Autenrieth & Uffz Adam of the Stab II./NJG 1, flying a Bf110 from St Trond airfield in Belgium. The aircraft crashed in Titz, Nordrhein-Westfalen, 12 miles south of Monchengladbach, killing all on board. This was Aubrey's 2nd op.

Also killed: WO1 Albeni Camille Vautour RCAF (Pilot); Sgt Allan Wilfred Daniel (WOp/AG); Sgt Derryck Douglas Northfield (Obs); Sgt Sidney Bertram Ward (WOp/AG)

Originally buried in the Monchengladbach Town Cemetery, in July 1947 Aubrey was moved to the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.

Aubrey is commemorated on Wall Panel 152

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