

FS Clarence Scott Elkington R/75861 RCAF

Clarence was born on 24 August 1918 in St Catharine's, Niagara, Ontario, Canada, the son of Scott Clarence Elkington and Agnes Elkington nee McHutchion.

Educated at St Catharines, Ontario and Brantford Collegiate and Institute, Clarence was employed as a clerk and salesman when, in August 1940, he volunteered for aircrew duties in the RCAF.

Called up in November 1940, Clarence completed his training in Canada in September 1941 with the award of his wings, and immediately embarked for the UK.

Following advanced training at 25 OTU RAF Finningley, Yorkshire, in August 1942 Clarence was posted to 101 Sqn at RAF Stradishall, Suffolk.



On the night of 24/25 August 1942 Bomber Command was tasked with an op against Frankfurt am Main, Germany, a significant industrial centre with good railway connections crucial to the German war effort. A combined force of 226 aircraft, including eighteen 101 crews, were allocated to the op.

At 21:48 on 24 August 1942 Clarence and his crew departed RAF Stradishall in Wellington III Z1594 (SR).

At 00:18 on 25 August whilst outbound, Clarence's aircraft was intercepted by Lt Hans Autenrieth and Uffz Rudolf Adam of StabII./NJG1 flying a Bf110 from St Trond Airfield. The aircraft crashed at Ougrée, Seraing, Liège, Belgium, killing Clarence and the Air Gunner. The three surviving crew were taken as POW.

Also Killed: Sgt John Henry Garland (AG)

Originally buried in St Trond (Brusthem) Cemetery, Belgium, in January 1947 Clarence was moved to Heverlee War Cemetery, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium

Clarence is commemorated on Wall Panel 160

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