

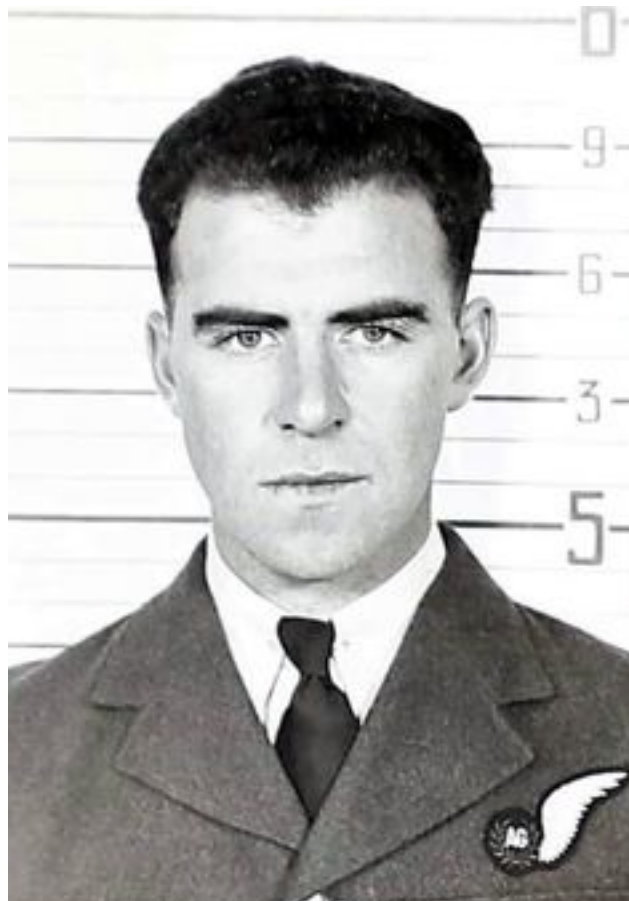
PO Lloyd Eby Findlay J/89738 RCAF

Lloyd, known as "Fin", was born on 12 May 1917 in Kelloe, Manitoba, Canada, the son of Jacob Bruebacher Findlay and Margaret Ellen Findlay nee Dunseith.

Educated at Kelloe School and Lake School, Manitoba, Lloyd was employed on the family farm when, in September 1941, he enlisted in the RCAF. Lloyd completed his flying training in Canada in October 1942 with the award of his WOp/AG badge and embarked for the UK the following month.

Following additional training at 9 (O) Advanced Flying Unit, RAF Llandwrog, Gwynedd, Wales, 11 Radio School, RAF Hooton Park, Cheshire and 7 (Coastal) OCU RAF Limavady, Derry, Northern Ireland, Lloyd was posted to 303 Ferry Training Unit at RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire before transferring to the Middle East in September 1943.

Serving at RAF Setif, Algeria and 22 Personnel Transit Centre Almaza, Egypt, Lloyd returned to the UK in December 1943 and was posted to 407 Sqn at RAF Chivenor, Devon.



In February 1944 Lloyd was posted to 415 Sqn at RAF Bircham Newton, Norfolk. By July the squadron was based in RAF Docking, Norfolk.

On 13 July 1944 three 415 Sqn crews were tasked with an anti-shipping patrol of the Frisians, Dutch Coast and Dunkirk. The squadron had transferred to Bomber Command the day before; however, this was essentially a Coastal Command task.

At 00:46 Lloyd and the crew departed RAF Docking, Norfolk in Wellington MF494 (NH-G). The crew were due on patrol at 02:20 and off patrol at 02:47 just south of Heligoland. Nothing further was heard from the crew, although the two other aircraft on the patrol reported a sighting of a night-fighter.

Post war investigations revealed that Lloyd's aircraft was shot down at 02:03, 20 miles North of Ameland, Friesland, by Uffz Rudolf Wilsch, flying a BF110 of 7./NJG1 from Leeuwarden Airfield.

Lloyd was posthumously commissioned, backdated to 12 July 1944.

Also Killed: Flt Lt Robert Leonard Harman RCAF (Nav); FO Robert Jordan Sheen RCAF (Pilot); PO Edward George Crawley RCAF (WOp/AG); PO Gordon Keith Huish RCAF (WOp/AG); PO Joseph Jacques Rodolphe Vannier RCAF (WOp/AG); FS John Hands (FE)

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

Lloyd is commemorated on Wall Panel - 163

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