

FO Warren James Keating Fisher J/41106 RCAF

Warren was born on 10 April 1924 in Indian Head, Saskatchewan, the eldest son of Sidney James Fisher and Thelma Ray Fisher nee Wilson.

Educated at Indian Head School, Warren was employed as a labourer by Forestry Farm, Indian Head when, in September 1942, he enlisted in the RCAF.

Warren completed his pilot training in Canada in January 1944 with the award of his Wings, was granted a commission and embarked for the UK in February.

Following advanced training at 3(P) Advanced Flying Unit RAF South Cerney, Gloucestershire, 28 OTU RAF Wymeswold, Leicestershire and Lancaster conversion at 11 Base, Warren was briefly posted to 90 Sqn at RAF Tuddenham, Suffolk, before he was posted to 514 Sqn at RAF Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire in January 1945.



On 3/4 February 1945, Bomber Command was tasked with an operation to attack the Hansa Benzol Plant at Huckarde- Dortmund, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany. A combined force of 149 aircraft was allocated to the op, including eleven 514 Sqn crews.

At 16:19 on 3 February Warren and his crew departed RAF Waterbeach in Lancaster III LM685 (JI-B2).

Returning crews reported slight to moderate heavy flak in the Dortmund and Ruhr areas, combined with considerable searchlight activity throughout the Ruhr. On the run up to the target, Warren's aircraft was coned by searchlights and hit by flak, crashing near Gelsenkirchen, Nordrhein- Westfalen, killing all on board.

Also Killed: FO Alan Quillam Downward (Nav); FO Donald Edward Stephens RCAF (AB); PO Alfred Hector Morrison RCAF (AG); FS Ronald Hardy RAAF (WOp); FS William Barclay Warr (FE); Sgt Albert Richard McWhinney RCAF (AG)

Originally buried in Gelsenkirchen Cemetery, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany, in June 1949 Warren was moved to the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany

Warren is commemorated on Wall Panel 164

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