

## **Flt Lt Allan Blake Fyfe RCAF J/10954**

Allan Fyfe was a 23-year-old Canadian pilot who was killed on his fifteenth operation with the Pathfinders of 405 (Vancouver) Squadron RCAF.

He was one of four men who died when his Lancaster, ME622 LQ-H, was attacked by two night-fighters in quick succession over the target area during a raid on Stuttgart on the night of 15/16 March 1944.

ME622 had taken off from Gransden Lodge at 19:31, the Pathfinders leading a force across France and almost to the Swiss border but turning for Stuttgart, his Lancaster was attacked first by a Bf110 and then a single-seat Me109, leading to a blaze on the port wing. Three members of the crew managed to bail out to become prisoners but the other four, including Allan, died when the Lancaster crashed close to the village of Kayh, near Herrenberg, south of Stuttgart.

Allan was the son of S/L John Fyfe and Margaret Fyfe of Toronto. He was born in Vancouver before the family moved east to Toronto and he was educated at Bedford Park Public School and North Toronto Collegiate, enlisting in May 1940.

The others who died were the flight engineer Sgt Bernard Galbraith RCAF, wireless operator PO James Dempsey and mid-upper gunner FO Kenneth Cole RCAF. All are buried in Dürnbach War Cemetery. The survivors were the navigator Flt Lt D Quayle RCAF, bomb-aimer WOII H Searles RCAF and rear gunner FO W Edwards RCAF.

Allan's name can be found on panel 167.

Sources: Canadian veterans/405 Squadron Association.

