

F/O Donald Curry Graham J/18627 RCAF

Donald was born on 10 June 1921, the son of Fred F. and Lena C. Graham, of Middleton, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, Canada. He was employed as a clerk when he enlisted in Halifax, on 26 June 1940.

He was a Wireless Operator serving with 428 (Ghost) R.C.A.F. Squadron at RAF Middleton St. George, County Durham. This entire crew were on their second tour, and they had completed a further 13 operational flights.

Lancaster X KB846 NA-I took off at 1644 hours from RAF Middleton St. George, on 15 March 1945, on a night operation to attack the German city of Hagen; one of 267 aircraft. With clear visibility this proved to be a devastating attack, with most of the bombing falling in the centre and eastern districts. 505 people were killed and 30000-35000 were bombed out. On the return journey the aircraft was repeatedly attacked by enemy night fighters. The attack was so severe KB846 was set on fire, and crashed near Krefeld, west of the target area, with the loss of five of the crew. Those killed were identified by the U.S Army, and initially buried in the U.S. Military Cemetery, at Margraten, Holland.



Donald was reburied at Nederweert War Cemetery, Netherlands. IV. B. 6. He was 23 years old.

F/O Donald Curry Graham RCAF, Wireless Operator (killed)
F/O Earle Robert Evans DFC RCAF, Air Gunner (killed)
P/O George Tucker Llewellyn RCAF, Flight Engineer (killed)
F/L Ross Curtis Hamill RCAF, Air Bomber (killed)
F/L Raymond William Newton RCAF, Navigator (killed)
F/L James Douglas Crawford Craton DFC RCAF (survived)
F/O Bruce Bernard Gray DFC RCAF (survived)

He is commemorated on Panel 172

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