

PO Gordon Keith Huish J/87891 RCAF

Gordon was born on 20 July 1922 in Manor, Saskatchewan, Canada, the son of Archibald Huish and Clara Huish nee Jones.

Educated at Lord Tennyson School and Kitsylano High, Vancouver, British Columbia, Gordon was employed as a Bus Boy at the Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver when, in June 1941, he volunteered for service in the RCAF.

Called up in July 1941, Gordon completed his flying training in Canada in June 1942 with the award of his WOp/AG badge.

Following advanced training at 1 OTU RCAF Bagotville, Quebec and 36 OTU Greenwood, Nova Scotia, in May 1943 Gordon embarked for the UK.

Completing additional training at 11 Radio School, RAF Hooton Park, Cheshire, in September 1943 Gordon was posted to 407 Sqn at RAF Chivenor, Devon. In February 1944 Gordon 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, Gordon 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 Gordon's aircraft was shot down 20 miles North of Ameland, Friesland at 02:03 by Uffz Rudolf Wilsch, flying a BF110 of 7./NJG1 from Leeuwarden Airfield.

Gordon was posthumously commissioned, backdated to 5 June 1944.

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

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

Gordon is commemorated on Wall Panel - 186

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