

F/O George Henry Huttleston 154615 RAFVR



George was the son of William Alfred and Violet Beatrice Huttleston of Enfield, Middlesex.

He was an Air Bomber in 7 Squadron. George was distinguished during his training as he had the highest percentage of hits as a bomber.

Lancaster PB667 MG-Q took off from RAF Oakington at 1031 hours 20 March 1945 to bomb railway tracks over Recklinghausen, Germany; their 22nd mission and just 49 days before the end of the war. On its return it was badly damaged and caught fire over Zuid Belevand in Holland. Watching the bomber from the ground was a group from 4th Commando Brigade. They saw the bomber on fire and losing altitude but F/O Bacon managed to control it long enough to avoid crashing into a town before the engine exploded and the Lancaster crashed into a field. The fire was immense and all perished. The seven bodies were later recovered by the commandos and buried next to the wreckage. George, who had tried to parachute out of the aircraft, was seriously injured and taken to Goes where he later died.

George was reburied at Bergen-Op-Zoom War Cemetery. Grave 3.D.4. His epitaph reads "God's greatest gift, remembrance". He was 22 years old.



One of the original propellers emerged from the soil in the summer of 2010 and forms the heart of a monument, unveiled in 2013 in Nieuwdrop honouring the sacrifice of the crew.

F/O George Henry Huttleston, Air Bomber(killed)
Sgt. Harry McClements, Flight Engineer (killed)
F/O Lindsay Page Bacon RAAF, pilot (killed)
Flt. Sgt. Richard Roy Evans, Navigator (killed)
Sgt. Jim Alex Cornwall, Air Gunner(killed)
Sgt. Johnny Edward Taylor, Air Gunner (killed)
WO Philip Athol Tennant RNZAF, Wireless Operator (killed)

George is commemorated on Panel 187

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