

P/O George Tucker Llewellyn J/95384 RCAF



George was born on 7 July 1913, the only son of George H. and Elizabeth Llewellyn, of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and the husband of Elizabeth Llewellyn, of Hamilton. Educated locally, he was an arc welder prior to enlisting in July 1942. He went overseas in June 1944, and completed his training in Wales. He had been involved in a previous flying accident on 13 January 1945, when he baled out of a Lancaster on night cross country training exercise which killed the pilot.

Known as 'Lew', he was a Flight Engineer 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.

George was reburied at Nederweert War Cemetery, Netherlands. IV. A. 13. The epitaph reads "His memory is as dear today as in the hour he passed away. Wife Betty". He was 31 years old.

P/O George Tucker Llewellyn RCAF, Flight Engineer (killed)
F/O Earle Robert Evans DFC RCAF, Air Gunner (killed)
F/O Donald Curry Graham RCAF, Wireless Operator (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 200

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