

PO William Rand Lugar J/4707 RCAF

William, known as "Randy" was born on 18 June 1920 in Greenwich, Nova Scotia, Canada, the eldest son of William Robert Bauld Lugar and Grace Chipman Lugar nee Crandall. In February 1941 he married Audrey Kathleen Hopwood in Halifax, Nova Scotia. They had one son.

Educated at Bloomfield High School, Nova Scotia, William entered Dalhousie University to study Electrical Engineering where he was a member of the Officer Training Corps.

Whilst in his third year of University, William volunteered for aircrew duties with the RCAF and was called up in August. Trained in Canada, William was awarded his Observers badge in January 1941 and commissioned the following month.

In June 1941 William arrived in the UK and, after advanced training, on 9 September 1941 he was posted from 20 OTU at RAF Lossiemouth, Scotland, to 101 Sqn at RAF Oakington, Cambridgeshire.



On 20 September 1941 four crews from 101 Sqn were tasked with an attack on Ostend, Belgium.

At 19:12 William, operating as the Observer, and the crew departed RAF Oakington in Wellington1C X9922 (SR).

Believed to have successfully attacked the target, the Wellington was known to be returning with unserviceable radios. Unable to establish communication to enable a fix on their position, in order to try and get a visual reference point the pilot descended through thick cloud and at Park Farm, Preston Deanery, Northamptonshire, impacted trees on high ground. At 23:00 the starboard wing hit the ground and the aircraft flipped and broke up, killing five of the six man crew.

Also Killed: PO David Ivor Evans (Pilot); FS David Gifford Chattell RCAF (Wop/AG); Sgt William Robert Dil RNZAF (Pilot); Sgt Frank Denis Rogers (WOp/AG)

William is buried in Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire

William is commemorated on Wall Panel 201

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