

P/O Charles Adrian McCarthy 410696 RAAF

Charles was the son of Charles Francis and Ira McCarthy; husband of Dorothea Isabell McCarthy, of Port Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. He was a Wireless Operator/Air Gunner on 7 Squadron.

Lancaster ND590 MG-B took off from Oakington at 0002 hours 24 June 1944 on a mission to Coubronne. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take-off and it did not return to base. "Post war enquiries by a Missing Research & Enquiry Unit established the aircraft crashed at approximately 0100 hours in a field near Warhem (Nord), and all the crew were killed. The village of Warhem (Nord) is 12km south east of Dunkirk".

It was part of 412 aircraft from No 3, 4, 6 and 8 Groups attacking 4 flying-bomb sites, which were all hit. Five Lancaster's were lost.

Charles is buried at Warhem Communal Cemetery, Nord, France. Row A. Coll. Grave 48. The inscription reads "He gave when life was needed. Dearly loved, always remembered". He was 23 years old.



P/O Charles Adrian McCarthy RAAF, Wireless operator/Air Gunner (killed)

Flt. Lt. William Alexander Irwin DFC RNZAF, Pilot (killed)

Flt. Sgt. Ralph Nixon, Air Gunner (killed)

Flt. Sgt. John Thomas Ward, Air Gunner (killed)

Flt. Sgt. Eric Cornish, Flight Engineer (killed)

Sqn. Ldr. Reginald Wiseman Brown DFC, Navigator (killed)

Flt. Lt. Clifford Harris Drewer RAAF, Air Bomber (killed)

Charles is commemorated on Panel No 207

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