

Sgt Kenneth Buck Minty 975772 RAFVR

Kenneth was born on 9 March 1919 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, the youngest son of William Minty and Elizabeth Hannah Minty nee Buck.

Educated at Oldfield Boy's School, Bath, Kenneth was employed as an apprentice ironmonger when, in December 1939 he volunteered for service with the RAF.

After training as a WOp/AG, Kenneth was crewed with his Pilot and Observer at 17 OTU at RAF Upwood, Cambridgeshire, and was posted to 21 Sqn at RAF Watton, Norfolk on 8 July 1941.

On 17 July 1941, 21 Sqn was sent from RAF Watton to RAF Manston, Kent, in preparation for anti-shipping ops in the Channel.

At 14:00 on 23 July 1941 Kenneth, operating as the WOp/AG, and the crew departed RAF Manston in Blenheim IV V6321 (YH-Z) as part of a 6 ship, with fighter escort, tasked with a daylight attack on shipping. A 4000 ton tanker with 4 Flak ships was identified off Ostend. Following a successful attack on the convoy, Kenneth's aircraft was hit by flak and crashed into the sea 2 miles North of Ostend, killing all on board.



Also Killed: Sgt Henry Percival Hartsidge RCAF (Pilot); Sgt Charles Douglas Phillips (Observer)

Kenneth is buried in Flushing (Vlissingen) Northern Cemetery, Zeeland, Netherlands

Kenneth is commemorated on Wall Panel 213

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