

FS Maynard Hazlett Moore R/141174 RCAF

Maynard was born on 30 August 1914 in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, the only son of Alexander Holgate Moore and Matilda, known as Lila, Moore nee Hazlett.

Educated at Dewson School, Humberstone Collegiate and Western Technical Schools, Ontario, Maynard worked as a Sales Clerk with several Toronto companies before volunteering for the RCAF in November 1941.

Maynard completed his training in Canada and was awarded his Observers badge in October 1942. Transferring overseas the following month, Maynard completed his advanced training at 75 OTU and 1659 CU before he was posted on to 161 Sqn at RAF Tempsford, Bedfordshire on 14 June 1943.

On 22 June 1943, Maynard's mission (Operations St Paul, Harrow and Catarrh), was to blind-drop 2 Dutch Agents and their equipment into Holland in the area of Marienberg, East of the Overijssel town of Ommen.

At 23:35 Maynard, operating as the Navigator, and the crew departed RAF Tempsford in Halifax V DG405 (MA-Y). Both Agents, the container with equipment and transmitting equipment were dropped successfully, and the aircraft set course for home.

At 02:06 on 23 June, the Halifax was engaged over the Noordoostpolder by Major Helmut Lent of the Stab IV./NJG1, flying a Bf110 from Leeuwarden airfield. The Halifax crashed into the IJsselmeer, 7km West of Urk, killing all on board. On 29 June Maynard was washed ashore near Urk and his body was transferred to Amsterdam for burial.

Also Killed: PO Robert Geoffrey Higgins (Pilot); Sgt Robin Douglas Pryde-Watson (AG); Sgt Norman Blanchard (FE); Sgt Gordon George (AB); Sgt Frank Groom (WOp/AG); Sgt Charles William Hartin (Nav); Sgt George Noel Cochrane (AG)

Maynard is buried in Amsterdam New Eastern Cemetery, Noord-Holland, Netherlands

Maynard is commemorated on Wall Panel 214

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