

PO Alfred Hector Morrison J/95454 RCAF

Alfred was born on 13 September 1912 in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, the son of Samuel Morrison and husband of Sarah Edith Glennys Gordon. They had two children.

Educated at Sacred Heart School, Winnipeg, and five years private tuition in Florida USA, Alfred was employed as a motorman and bus operator by British Columbia Electric Railway, New Westminster, British Columbia when, in September 1943, he enlisted in the RCAF.

Alfred completed his aircrew training in Canada in May 1944 with the award of his Air Gunner badge and embarked for the UK the following month.

Following advanced training at 28 OTU RAF Wymeswold, Leicestershire and Lancaster conversion at 11 Base, Alfred was briefly posted to 90 Sqn at RAF Tuddenham, Suffolk, before he was posted to 514 Sqn at RAF Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire in January 1945.



On 3/4 February 1945, Bomber Command was tasked with an operation to attack the Hansa Benzol Plant at Huckarde- Dortmund, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany. A combined force of 149 aircraft was allocated to the op, including eleven 514 Sqn crews.

At 16:19 on 3 February Alfred, operating as the Rear Gunner, and the crew departed RAF Waterbeach in Lancaster III LM685 (JI-B2).

Returning crews reported slight to moderate heavy flak in the Dortmund and Ruhr areas, combined with considerable searchlight activity throughout the Ruhr. On the run up to the target, Alfred's aircraft was coned by searchlights and hit by flak, crashing near Gelsenkirchen, Nordrhein- Westfalen, killing all on board.

Also Killed: FO Alan Quillam Downward (Nav); FO Warren James Keating Fisher RCAF (Pilot); FO Donald Edward Stephens RCAF (AB); FS Ronald Hardy RAAF (WOp); FS William Barclay Warr (FE); Sgt Albert Richard McWhinney RCAF (AG)

Originally buried in Gelsenkirchen Cemetery, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany, in June 1949 Alfred was moved to the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany

Alfred is commemorated on Wall Panel 215

Alfred was posthumously commissioned, backdated to 2 February 1945.

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