FO Dugald Morrison J/28151 RCAF



Dugald was born on 17 March 1924 in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada, the only son of George Morrison and Martha Eleanor Morrison nee Corrigan.

Educated at Ridley College, St Catharines, Ontario, Dugald volunteered for service in the RCAF in May 1942 on leaving education. Called up in July 1942, Dugald completed his flying training in Canada in July 1943 with the award of his Wings, was granted a commission and embarked for the UK the following month.

Following advanced training at 18(P) Advanced Flying Unit RAF Church Lawford, Warwickshire, 24 OTU RAF Honeybourne, Worcestershire, 1659 HCU and 61 Base, RAF Topcliffe, Yorkshire, on 26 July 1944 Dugald was posted to 415 Sqn at RAF East Moor, Yorkshire, just three days before his death.

On 28/29 July 1944 415 Sqn was tasked with an op to Hamburg, the first heavy raid since the Battle of Hamburg over a year ago. A combined force of 307 aircraft was allocated to the task, including sixteen 415 Sqn crews. This raid was the first op for the squadron on its transfer from Coastal Command to Bomber Command.

At 22:25 Dugald, operating as the 2nd Pilot, and the crew departed RAF East Moor, Yorkshire in Halifax LW595 (6U-Q) "Queen of Them All". Nothing further was heard from the crew.

Post war investigations revealed that Lloyd's aircraft crashed at Stotel, Cuxhaven, south of Bremerhaven, Lower Saxony, killing eight of the nine-man crew. The Bomb Aimer survived and was taken as POW. This was Lloyd's first op.

Also Killed: FO George Kenneth Renaud RCAF (Nav); FO Arthur George Stein RCAF (Pilot); PO Lloyd William McElroy RCAF (AG); PO Alfred Wilfred Prosofsky RCAF (AG); PO George Campbell Reason RCAF (WOp/AG); PO Walter Dennis Robertson RCAF (AG); Sgt Angus McLeod MacIver (FE)

Originally buried in Geestemunde Cemetery, in November 1946 Dugald was moved to Becklingen War Cemetery, Niedersachsen, Germany.

Dugald is commemorated on Wall Panel – 215

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