

PO Andrew James Newell Scott 414685 RNZAF

Andrew was born on 30 December 1921 in Mataura, Southland, New Zealand, the youngest son of William Lorimer Scott Marian Phebe Scott nee Dickson.

Educated at Gore High School and the Southland Technical High School, Andrew was employed on the family farm when, in July 1940, he volunteered for aircrew duties with the RNZAF

Called up in August 1941, Andrew commenced pilot training in New Zealand and, following basic flying training, in November was sent to Canada under the Empire Air Training Scheme to continue his flying training. In March 1942 Andrew was awarded his wings and in April he embarked for the UK.

Commissioned in December 1942, on 13 January 1943 Andrew completed his advanced training at 11 OTU RAF Bassingbourn, Hertfordshire, and was posted to 75(NZ) Sqn at RAF Mildenhall, Suffolk.



On 3 February 1943, 263 Bomber Command crews were tasked with an operation against targets in Hamburg, Germany. Nine 75(NZ) Sqn Stirlings were allocated to the task. Two squadron aircraft failed to return.

At 18:21 Andrew, operating as the Co-Pilot, and the crew departed RAF Newmarket in Stirling I R9250 (AA-W).

At 19:46 Andrew's aircraft was intercepted by Hptm Reinhold Knacke of the I./NJG1 flying a Bf110 from Gilze-Rijen Airfield, and crashed in the floodplains between Eck en Wiel and Ingen, Gelderland, 8km W of Tiel, Netherlands. Several crew members baled out, although the bodies of the Captain, the Bomb Aimer and Wireless Operator were left in the aircraft when the Germans realised that they were unable to recover the aircraft, and ordered the Dutch to bury the crashed Stirling. Andrew's body was discovered on the floodplains near Elst - his parachute had not deployed fully due to the low altitude he had escaped from the aircraft. This was Andrew's 2nd op.

Also killed: FO Harold Lowe DFC (WOp/AG); PO Kenneth Howard Blincoe DFC RNZAF (Pilot); FS Edward McDermott RCAF (AG); Sgt Frank Arthur Boese (Nav); Sgt Desmond Clearwater RNZAF (AG); Sgt George Wood Cook RNZAF (AB); Sgt Desmond David Hayward (FE)

Andrew is buried in Amersfoort (Oud Leusden) General Cemetery, Utrecht, Netherlands

Andrew is commemorated on Wall Panel 238

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