

FO Robert Jordan Sheen J/12823 RCAF

Robert, known as Bob, was born on 7 September 1918 in Taylorville, Alberta, Canada, the son of Moroni Sheen and Harriet Elizabeth Sheen nee Hank. In August 1936 he married Fanny Mary McClung in Cardston, Alberta. They had three daughters.

Educated at Jefferson Public School and Ralph Creek and Cardston High Schools, Robert was employed as an engineer by Benet and White, Calgary and the Alberta Government as an occasional contractor when, in August 1941, he enlisted in the RCAF.

Robert completed his flying training in Canada in July 1942 with the award of his Wings, was granted a commission and in October 1942 he embarked for the UK.



Following advanced training with 7 (Coastal) OTU, RAF Limavady, Derry, Northern Ireland and 1446 Training Flight, RAF Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, Robert was attached to No 3 Overseas Aircraft Delivery Unit (OADU) RAF Hurn, Dorset before he was posted to service in India.

Arriving back in the UK in November 1943, following training at 6 (Coastal) OTU, RAF Silloth, Cumbria, in February 1944 Robert was posted to 415 Sqn at RAF Bircham Newton, Norfolk. By July the squadron was based in RAF Docking, Norfolk.

On 13 July 1944 three 415 Sqn crews were tasked with an anti-shipping patrol of the Frisians, Dutch Coast and Dunkirk. The squadron had transferred to Bomber Command the day before; however, this was essentially a Coastal Command task.

At 00:46 Robert and his crew departed RAF Docking, Norfolk in Wellington MF494 (NH-G). The crew were due on patrol at 02:20 and off patrol at 02:47 just south of Heligoland. Nothing further was heard from the crew, although the two other aircraft on the patrol reported a sighting of a night-fighter.

Post war investigations revealed that Robert's aircraft was shot down 20 miles North of Ameland, Friesland, at 02:03 by Uffz Rudolf Wilsch, flying a BF110 of 7./NJG1 from Leeuwarden Airfield.

Also Killed: Flt Lt Robert Leonard Harman RCAF (Nav); PO Edward George Crawley RCAF (WOp/AG); PO Lloyd Eby Findlay RCAF (WOp/AG); PO Gordon Keith Huish RCAF (WOp/AG); PO Joseph Jacques Rodolphe Vannier RCAF (WOp/AG); FS John Hands (FE)

Robert has no known grave and is commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey

Robert is commemorated on Wall Panel - 240

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