

Sgt Frank Godfrey Truscott 1168521 RAFVR

Frank, known as “Lucky”, was born on 28 June 1917 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the son of Lewis Alexander Truscott and Kate Evelyn Truscott nee Foulds.

Educated at Kew Beach and Norway Public Schools and Riverdale High, Frank was employed as a machinist at the Canadian Radiator Company, Cambridge, Ontario when Frank first applied for service when underage and was rejected. On the outbreak of war Frank enlisted in the York Rangers. Frustrated by what he perceived as a lack of “action”, as the Unit had not been mobilised, Frank persuaded his Commanding Officer to release him so he could travel to the UK to enlist and, in June 1940, he worked his passage across the Atlantic on an oil tanker.

On arrival, Frank enlisted in the RAF and, following his qualification as WOp/AG and OCU training, in October 1941 Frank was posted to 214 Sqn at RAF Stradishall, Suffolk.

On 28/29 January 1942, Bomber Command was tasked with an attack on Munster, Nordrhein – Westfalen, Germany, home to multiple military units. A combined force of eighty-four aircraft including seven 214 Sqn crews was allocated to the op.

Between 18:30 and 20:00 on 28 January Frank, operating as one of the Gunners, and the crew departed RAF Stradishall in Wellington Ic X9890 (BU-F).

Nothing further was heard from the crew, and they are believed to have gone down in the North Sea. This was Frank’s 13th op.

Also Killed: PO George Hamilton Webster RCAF (Pilot); FS Francis Alexander Tait RCAF (Pilot); Sgt Christopher John Irwin (Obs); Sgt Peter Gray Milton (WOp/AG); Sgt George Marsh Robinson (WOp/AG)

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

Frank is commemorated on Wall Panel 256

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