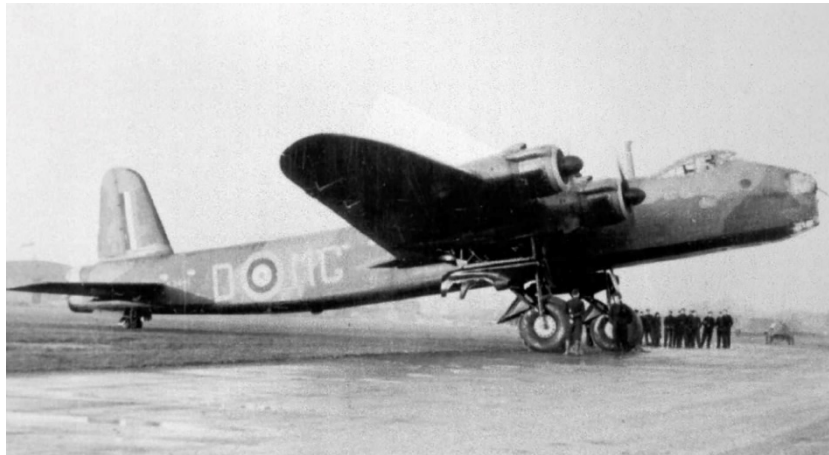


Sgt. Gordon Jeoffre Truscott 902080 RAFVR



7 Squadron Stirling at RAF Oakington

Gordon was born in January 1916, the son of George Charles and Elfreda Irene Truscott, of Plymouth. He married Hazel M. Stuart in December of 1940, in Cambridge. He had a twin, Donald, and was also brother to Harry, Robert and Doris; Harry was killed on active service with the Navy in November 1942.

Gordon was a wireless operator/air gunner serving with No. 7 Squadron, based at RAF Oakington.

His aircraft, Stirling W7438 MG-A, took off from Oakington at 0115 hours on 29 August 1941 on a night mission to attack Duisburg, Germany. Although they were last heard from at 0245 hours, the plane was reportedly coned by searchlights and hit by flak in the Ruhr area at around 0408 hours. It was witnessed burning in the air before exploding on impact as it crashed at Kaarst, WSW of Dusseldorf. All the crew were killed and buried together.

Gordon is buried at Rheinberg War Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. Coll. Grave 6. C 1-7. The inscription reads "Until we meet. Loving Mother, brothers Donald, Robert, Harry and sister, Doris". He was 25 years old.

The others who died with Gordon were:

Pilot	P/O John Ernest Chilvers
2 nd Pilot	Sgt. John William Blakey
Flight Engineer	Sgt. Frank Cecil Child
Observer	P/O Charles Francis Hart RCAF
Wireless Operator/Air Gunner	Flt. Sgt. Alfred Penn
Air Gunner	Sgt. Norman Richard Cowin

Gordon is commemorated on Panel 256.

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