

WO1 Albeni Camille Vautour R/64920 RCAF

Albeni was born on 30 August 1920 in Saint Louis, New Brunswick, Canada, the son of Jean Baptiste Vautour and Clara Vautour nee LeBlanc.

Educated at New Brunswick Public and Normal Schools, Albeni was employed as a school teacher when, in June 1940, he applied for aircrew service with the RCAF.

Called up in August 1940, Albeni completed his pilot training in Canada in May 1941 with the award of his wings, and embarked for the UK in June.

Following advanced training at 22 OTU RAF Wellesbourne Mountford, Warwickshire, in September 1941 Albeni was posted to 405 Sqn RCAF at RAF Pocklington, Yorkshire. In February 1942 Albeni was posted to 419 Sqn RCAF at RAF Mildenhall, Suffolk before his final posting in June 1942 to 101 Sqn at RAF Bourne, Cambridgeshire.



On the night of 31 July/1 August 1942, 630 Bomber Command crews were tasked with an operation against Dusseldorf, Germany. Eleven 101 Sqn aircraft were allocated to the task.

Shortly after midnight on 1 August Albeni and his crew departed RAF Bourn in Wellington III BJ841 (SR).

At 02:03 Albeni's aircraft was intercepted by Lt Autenrieth & Uffz Adam of Stab II./NJG 1, flying a Bf110 from St Trond airfield in Belgium. The aircraft crashed in Titz, Nordrhein-Westfalen, 12 miles south of Monchengladbach, killing all on board.

Also killed: Sgt Aubrey Raymond Dally RNZAF (AG); Sgt Allan Wilfred Daniel (WOp/AG); Sgt Derryck Douglas Northfield (Obs); Sgt Sidney Bertram Ward (WOp/AG)

Originally buried in the Monchengladbach Town Cemetery, in July 1947 Albeni was moved to the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.

Albeni is commemorated on Wall Panel 257

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