

PO George Hamilton Webster J/5471 RCAF

George was born on 1 August 1919 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, the son of William Webster and Ellen Webster nee Hamilton.

Educated at Salisbury Public School, Lord Selkirk High and St John's High, George was employed as a clerk by the Department of Education when, in November 1939, he volunteered for service with the RCAF.

Called up immediately, George was employed on ground duties as a clerk in Canada until November 1941 when he re-mustered as aircrew.

Completing his pilot training in Canada in May 1941 with the award of his Wings, George was granted a commission and embarked for the UK the following month.

Following advanced training at 20 OTU RAF Lossiemouth, Scotland, in October 1941 George 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 George and his 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.

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

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

George is commemorated on Wall Panel 261

Webster Bay on Jefferson Lake is named in his honour

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