PO Glen Richard Dunn J/87712 RCAF



Glen was born on 3 August 1923 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, the only son of Frank William Dunn and Martha Dunn nee Selland.

Educated at McDougall and Central High, Calgary, Glen was studying aeronautical engineering at the University of Alberta, Edmonton when, in September 1941, he volunteered for aircrew duties with the RCAF.

Called up in March 1942, Glen competed his aircrew training in Canada in June 1943 with the award of his Navigator badge. Glen converted to the Ventura at 34 OTU RAF Pennfield Ridge, New Brunswick and in September 1943 he embarked for the UK.

Following advanced training at 13 OTU RAF Bicester, Oxfordshire, in January 1944 Glen was posted to 98 Sqn at RAF Dunsfold, Surrey.

On 13 April 1944 twelve 98 Sqn crews were tasked with an early morning attack on the German Naval gun positions, 2 miles East of Dieppe. The gun site consisted of three 175mm Channel guns, three Howitzers and two 20mm AA guns.

At 06:58 Glen, operating as the Navigator, and the crew departed RAF Dunsfold in Mitchell II FL181 (VO-R), flying as No. 2 to the leader.

The attack was successfully pressed home against heavy flak; however, on leaving the target area Glen's aircraft was hit in the port engine. The escape hatches were seen to be jettisoned but returning crews did not report seeing any survivors escape the aircraft before it went into a spin and crashed into the sea. Fortunately, the Rear Gunner managed to bale out, and was taken POW at Dieppe, the rest of the crew were killed.

Glen was commissioned posthumously, backdated to 12 April 1944

Also Killed: Flt Lt Kenneth Earle Cullen RCAF (Pilot); WOII Joseph Edward Allen RCAF (WOp/AG)

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

Glen is commemorated on Wall Panel - Not Yet Erected

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