



ALEXANDER ROY

R/84376

Wireless operator, air gunner.

Family affairs.

Alexander Roy is born on July 16th 1920 in Glasgow, Scotland. He was not married.

He was the son of Alexander Roy and Janet McCrae Thompson, both also born in Scotland. They lived in Kent Street 8, Port Colborne, Ontario. His father was working in the forestry. According the Ancestry he had one brother, who died very young, his name is unknown.

From 1925-1933 on the McKay Primary School, from 1933-1935 on the Port Colborne High School, then he was going to work. From 1935-1939 at Humberstone Shoe, from 1939-1940 at Ontario Bag Company and from 1939 until his enlistment in 1941 at the International Nickel Company all in Port Colborne.

His hobby was building model aircrafts and he was very active in all kind of sports on moderate level.

Military affairs.

January 27th 1941 he was enlisted to the Royal Canadian Air Force in Hamilton, Ontario. His education and training he got subsequently until March 19th 1941 in Brandon, Manitoba, until April 28th in Regina, Saskatchewan until September 12th in Calgary, Alberta until October 19th unknown and until November 2nd 1941 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Then to Great Britain.

He died on September 5th 1942, because his plane was shot down above the North Sea, about 10 km north of Vlieland, Friesland on a raid on Bremen, Germany.



He was temporarily buried at the Cemetery Huisduinen, Den Helder, Noord-Holland, S3B, 1/250.000, GSGS 4042, M.R.Y. 9787, S169. May 29th 1947 he is reburied at the British War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, Plot 31, row B, grave 11.

Remarks.

- On his tombstone written: "Remembrance keeps him near".
- He received the following awards: 39-35 Star, Defence Medal, War Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Aircrew Europe Star and the Operational Wings.
- Total wages in 1 year and 8 months active service at the RCAF: 271,21.
- From 1939-1940 Alexander Roy he was a volunteer in the Port Colborne Firebrigade.
- Directly after his enlistment he had to go by train from Hamilton to Brandon. This took totally 39 hours, over a distance of 2325 km.
- May 30st 1941 he is condemned in Calgary to 3 days cel, because he left the training via an unauthorized exit without permission.
- Roy's plane (Vickers, Wellington, MK IV, QT-C, RAF 142 Sqdn) lift off from Grimsby, Engeland on September 4th 1942 at 23.57 hours for a bombing raid on the German town Bremen. From this mission it didn't return, because it was shot down above the North Sea, about 10 km north of Vlieland, Friesland at 04.03 hours by the German nightfighter of Oberleutenant L. Linke of 5./NJG-2.

Names, service numbers of the crew members:

Pilot I. C. Lamont(RCAF), R/84347

Navigator F. W. Baker(RAF), 1390119

Wireless operator/ Air gunner(RCAF) A. Roy, R/84376

Rear Air Gunner R. H. Culp(RCAF), R/75722

Bomb aimer H. J. Balkwill(RAF), 1391203

2 of the 5 crew members were also from the Royal Air Force and 3 from the Royal Canadian Air Force. No one survived the crash. The bodies of Lamont and Culp have never been found, they are commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial in Egham, England.



The bodies of Roy and Roy en Balkwill were recovered from the sea September 5th 1942 and temporarily buried in Huisduinen and later on reburied in Bergen op Zoom. The body of Baker washed up on September 19th 1942 on Schiermonnikoog, Friesland and was buried there.

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