



CHARLES JOHN WYLLIE

R/74287

Warrant Officer Class 1/Pilot.

Family affairs.

Charles John Wyllie is born on April 11th 1917 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He was not married. His parents lived in Est. San Ramon, Duggan, F.C.C.A. Argentina. He was the son of Charles John Wyllie and Helen MacKenzie, both born in Scotland. His father was a farmer. No other family relatives are known. He studied from 1923-1933 on the John Neilson Institute, Scotland mathematics, geography, English and French. He worked from 1937-1940 as a cattle buyer at Cia. De La Plata in Buenos Aires. His hobbies are unknown. He played intensively soccer and moderately cricket and net-ball.

Military affairs.

Before he was enlisted to the Canadian Army he fulfilled his military service duty of 1 year in Argentina at the Grenadiers Brigade. October 17th 1940 he was enlisted to the Royal Canadian Air Force in Ottawa, Ontario. His education and training he got subsequently until November 9th 1940 in Toronto, Ontario until December 10th in Hamilton, Ontario until January 28th 1941 in Mount Hope, Ontario until April 21st in Brantford, Ontario and until April 24th 1941 in Debert, Nova Scotia. Then he left for Great Britain.

He died May 8th 1942, because his plane was shot down near Den Helder, Noord-Holland on a reconnaissance flight.

He is temporarily buried at the Cemetery Huisduinen near Den Helder, Sh 3B. , GSGS 4042, MR Y. 9787, 1/250.000, S112.

May 29th 1947 he is reburied at the British War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, Plot 32, row A, collective grave 3-4.



Remarks.

- On his tombstone is written: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few".
- He received the following awards: 39-35 Star, War Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Atlantic Star and the Operational Wings.
- Totale salary in 1 year and 7 months active service at the RCAF: 320,14\$(Canadian).
- Via Google no additional interesting information could be found, also no pictures of him. All information is from the service file in the Ancestry.
- November 28th 1941 he was wounded in an air-fight with a German plane. He had shrapnels in his right thigh and leg and was operated in the hospital. December 28th 1941 he left the hospital and got 14 days leave. Then he returned to his unit.
- Charles' plane (Lockheed, Hudson, MK V, AM683, PZ-Y, RAF 53 Sqdn) lift off from North Coates, Grimsby, England on May 8th 1942 at 01.18 hours for a reconnaissance flight (Operation Rover Patrol). From this mission it didn't return because it was shot down at 03.55 hours about 500 meters south of Den Helder, Noord-Holland. It is unknown if this was by flak or an enemy aircraft.

Names, service numbers of the crew members:

Pilot C. J. Wyllie (RCAF)	R/74287
Observer A.T. Thompson (RAF)	981197
Wireless operator/airgunner W.R. MacLeod(RAF)	1060032
Wireless operator/airgunner W.J. Rowe (RAF)	1052528

Three of the four crew members were from the RAF and one of the RCAF. Nobody survived the crash and they were all buried at the Cemetery Huisduinen near Den Helder and later on, in 1947, they were reburied at the British War Cemetery.

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