



JOHN KENNETH WOOD

R/82786

Warrant officer, bomb aimer.

Family affairs.

John Kenneth Wood is born November 25th 1919 in Toronto, Ontario. He was not married.

He was the son of John Francis Wood and Martha Pearl Long. It is unknown when and where they got married. According the Ancestry he had 1 brother and 1 sister, but their names were not published. They all lived in Stirling, Ontario R.R. no. 2. His father was a farmer.

When he was 13 years old he left Stirling Public School in 1932 and until 1938 he studied for six years at the Stirling High School. He reached the Junior and Senior Matriculation, except modern history. Until 1940 he helped for 2 years at his father's farm and until 1941 as an assistant-cheesemaker at Harold Noive, Trenton, Ontario.

His hobby was dancing, his favorite sports were ice hockey and baseball.

Military affairs.

He is enlisted on February 11th 1941 at the Royal Canadian Air Force in Ottawa, Ontario. His training and education he got subsequently in Toronto until 19 February, until March 18th in Picton, Ontario until March 25th in Toronto, until May 17th in Dunnville, Ontario until June 22th in Toronto, until August 9th in Malton, Ontario until September 19th in Brantford, Ontario until November 10th in Trenton, Ontario until February 28th 1942 in Ancienne Lorette, Quebec until April 11th in Mont-Jolie, Quebec until May 26th in Pennfield Ridge, Quebec until June 10th in Rivers, Manitoba and then until July 20th in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Then to Great Britain.



In the late evening of June 21st 1943 his plane left for a bombing raid on Krefeld, Germany. On June 22th 1943 the plane crashed near Oudenbosch (near Roosendaal, Noord-Brabant). He is temporarily buried at the Protestant cemetery Zuylen (near Breda, Noord-Brabant), GSGS 2541 SH4, 1/100,000, 928354. October 10th 1946 he is reburied at the British War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, lot 25, row C, collective grave 1-2.

Remarks.

- On his tombstone is written: "To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die".
- The following awards he received: War Medal, 39-45 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & Clasp and the Aircrew Europe Star.
- Total salary in just more than 26 months active service is 377,61\$(Canadian).
- In the Ancestry as well as via Google only limited information is found about Arthur James Sieffert. The information up here in **military affairs** is found in the story about John Lionel Frederick Lown, see down here at the crew members.

The total crew, all Canadians, of the 429 squadron of the RCAF was:

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| R/116334 | W.H. Calder | Sergeant, air gunner |
| J/13992 | J.L.F. Lown | Officer, pilot |
| R/131818 | A.S. Rhodes | Wireless operator, air gunner |
| R/119786 | A.J. Sieffert | Sergeant, navigator |
| R/82786 | J.K. Wood | Warrant officer, bomb aimer |