



WILLIAM HENRY CALDER

R/116334

Sergeant, air gunner.

Family affairs.

William Henry Calder is born September 2nd 1919 in Edmonton, Alberta.

He was not married. He was the son of John Mutch Calder and Mildred V. Woodbine. He had no other brothers and/or sisters. They all lived in Mayerthorpe, Alberta. His father was a farmer and a livestock dealer.

In 1934 at the age of 15 William left the North Paddle Mayerthorpe Public School and until 1937 he studied for three years at the Mayerthorpe High School. He reached Grade 11. From 1937 until his enlistment in 1941 he worked at his father's farm for 4 years.

His hobbies were wood- and metal working. His favorite sport was baseball.

Military affairs.

August 8th 1941 he is enlisted at the Royal Canadian Air Force in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

His training and education he got subsequently in Brandon, Manitoba until September 30th 1941, in Winnipeg until April 12th 1942, in Mossbank Saskatchewan until May 13th 1942, and in Halifax, Nova Scotia until June 13th 1942. Then he left for Great Britain.

In the late evening of June 21st 1943 his plane left for a bombing raid on Krefeld, Germany. On June 22nd 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, Plot 25, row C, collective grave 1-2.



Remarks.

- On his tombstone is written: "Time passes on but memories linger".
- He received: Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & Clasp, Aircrew Europe Star, 39-45 Star, War Medal and the Defence Medal.
- Total salary in just more than 22 months active service were 325,90 \$(Canadian).
- In the Ancestry as well as via Google no information is found about William Henry Calder. The information up here in **military affairs** is found in the story about John Lionel Frederick Lown, see below at the crew members. The total crew, all Canadians, of the 429 squadron of the RCAF was:
 - 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
- In three documents of the CWGC is **incorrectly** stated, that the age of his death is **24 years**. That must be **23 years**.