



**DONALD STEWART MacGREGOR**  
**R/162613**

**J/26671 formerly**

Flying Officer, Pilot

**Family affairs.**

Donald Stewart MacGregor was born on March 31st 1921 in Port Alberni, Vancouver Island, British Columbia. He was not married.

He was the son of John Andrew MacGregor and Isabella Hendry Macdonald, both born in Inverness, Scotland, who married November 26th 1916 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. They lived Port Alberni, 705 North Park Drive, Box 522. His father was manager of his own store in men's clothes. He had 2 brothers, James Ian and Hector Cameron and 2 married sisters Anne McIntosh-MacGregor and Helen Cantile-MacGregor. They all also lived in Port Alberni.

From 1927-1934 on the Port Alberni Public School, from 1934-1938 on the Port Alberni High School (Junior Matric) and from 1938-1939 a course correspondence on the Department of Education in Victoria, Vancouver Island. Thereafter 2 years worked as sales employee in father's store. His hobbies were hunting and fishing. He sported on moderately level in baseball, softball, football and basketball.

## **Military affairs.**

April 14th 1942 he was enlisted to the Royal Canadian Air Force in Vancouver, British Columbia. His education and training he got subsequently until June 1st 1942 in Vancouver, until November 21th in Edmonton, Alberta until February 6th 1943 in High River, Alberta until June 12th in Claresholm, Alberta until August 28th in Summerville, Nova Scotia and until October 13th 1943 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Then to Great Britain.

He died on June 6th 1944, because his plane, after a collision with another plane, crashed near Oude Tonge, Goeree-Overflakkee, Zuid-Holland in a raid on Scholven-Buer, near Gelsenkirchen, Germany. He is temporarily buried in Oude-Tonge on the Temporarily Cemetery, 5649, Sh. 4., 1/100.000. On July 9th 1946 he is reburied on the General War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, Plot 20, row B, grave 11.

## **Remarks.**

- No additional text is written on his tombstone.
- He received the following medals and awards: 39-35 Star, Defence Medal, War Medal, General Service Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and the Operational Wings.
- Total wages in 2,5 years active service at RCAF are: 415,06 \$(Canadian).
- MacGregor's plane (Handley Page, Halifax, MKIII, MZ2310, EY-U, RAF 78 Sqdn ) lift off in Brighton, England at 14.32 hours on June 6th 1944 for a raid on the German town Scholven-Buer, near Gelsenkirchen. It didn't return from this mission, because above Goeree-Overflakkee(Zuid-Holland) at 16.30 hours near Oude Tonge it collided with the Halifax LL588. Both planes crashed in the Grote Bloksepolder near Oude Tonge and all crew members of both planes were killed.

Names and service numbers(of Donald Stewart MacGregor's plane):

Pilot C.W. Crawford(RAF), 183801

2<sup>e</sup> Pilot D.S. MacGregor(RCAF), J/26671

Flight Engineer A. Reilly(RAF), 1373687

Navigator C.R. Clement(RAF), 1532013

Wireless operator/Air Gunner J.R. Charley(RAAF), AUS42491

Rear Air Gunner J. Divens(RAF), 1822288

Air Gunner mid-front R. Heugh(RAF), 1568930

Bomb aimer J.B. Anderton(RAF), 1685678

So 6 of 8 crew members were of the Royal Air Force, 1 of the Royal Canadian Air Force and 1 of the Royal Australian Air Force. They are all buried on the British War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, except R. Heugh, he is commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial in Egham, England.

The Ancestry describes a very thorough and extensive investigation, which has been done in the years shortly after WWII. Aim was to find the burial places and to identify all the crew members of the two planes. This worked except for one(R. Heugh). The Ancestry stated that according eyewitnesses a parachute came down in the sea. May be that was from R. Heugh, but it couldn't be proved for sure.

**Bron:** <https://www.verliesregister.studiegroepluchtoorlog.nl/zz.php>