



Frederick Ritchie Donnison

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Frederick was born on June 27 1917 in Calgary, the son of Fred Donnison (English) and Mary Jane Donnison nee Vivers (Scottish) of Calgary. They were married in 1906 in Calgary. He was married on May 17 1941 in Winnipeg with Mabel Donnison nee Hicks of Winnipeg. His brother was Edwin Donnison and his sisters were Mrs. Margery Grace Robertson and Mrs. Winnifred King.

He was an elevator mechanic helper and member of the Presbyterian Church. His sports were golf, hockey and baseball.

He enlisted on October 9 1940 the Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada and he enlisted on October 16 1940 then the RCAF in Calgary and he went on September 2 1941 thereafter overseas to the UK.

Frederick was killed in action on Wednesday June 17 1942 age 24, just 10 days before his 25th birthday due to a crash before or after an attack on Essen in Germany. He washed up on July 12 1942 near Katwijk aan Zee. The other fallen RCAF crew member P/O Arnold H. Harris age 23 was buried then in Noordwijk in grave 1-6 and he washed up on July 11 1942 near Noordwijk. The other fallen RCAF crew member F/Sgt Harry A. MacDonald age 24 was buried then at the Bergen op Zoom War Cemetery in grave 29-B-12 and he washed up on July 8 1942 then near Callantsoog. The other fallen RCAF crew members were missed then and they are therefore at the Runnymede Memorial in England: Sgt Norman E. Costigan age 28 at panel 103 and F/Sgt John T. Hunter age 24 at panel 104.

On his headstone: LOVINGLY REMEMBERED ALWAYS

He was awarded on August 4 1941 the Air Gunner's Badge and he was awarded on April 29 1946 posthumously The Operational Wings and Certificate in recognition of gallant services.

He served with the 419 Sqdn Royal Canadian Air Force.

Bergen op Zoom Canadian War Cemetery, grave 6-H-5