



## **Frederick Peter Cammaart**

**J/88363**

Pilot Officer Air Bomber

### **Personal matters**

His parents are from Zeeuws Vlaanderen and it is not known when they went to Canada. Fredrick has 1 brother (Albert). His father was a laborer at Schultz-Die & Co. At the age of 16 he started working after completing a general and later administrative education. His first job was at M&P and A&P food stores in delivery and administration. Then as a payroll clerk at Dominion Glass in Wallaceburg. He worked there for 2½ years until he joined the RCAF on 9-2-1942. He was 1.63 m., had brown eyes and brown hair. He was single and Roman Catholic. His hobbies and sports were collecting stamps and model airplanes, softball, tennis, swimming and badminton.

Military matters.

See also the story of N. Kobes (edited by N. de Vries):

[https://wikimiddenbrabant.nl/Cammaart,\\_Frederick\\_Peter](https://wikimiddenbrabant.nl/Cammaart,_Frederick_Peter). He attended various training courses: Technical Training School in St. Thomas, Initial Training School in Fingal, Bombing and Gunnery School in Fingal and the Air Observer School for training as a bombardier. In the story of N. Kobes it is stated that he was first deployed in Tunisia, after which he was deployed from England. For this the crew first had to learn to fly the Halifax.

On 23-4-1944 his plane was shot at and crashed on a farm in Abcoven (a hamlet of Goirle). They were on their way for a bombing raid to Düsseldorf.

### **Special details.**

- The file contains letters from his mother concerning his personal belongings and outstanding payments.
- [https://wikimiddenbrabant.nl/Cammaart,\\_Frederick\\_Peter](https://wikimiddenbrabant.nl/Cammaart,_Frederick_Peter) contains a very extensive description of his background, the military operations in

which he participated and the circumstances of the crash of his plane. This story was written by G. Kobes and edited by N. de Vries and used an article by John Martinello that appeared in the Canadian newspaper 'The Chatham Daily News' in 2008.

- His plane Halifax LV 780 was shot down by a German night fighter (according to G. Kobes) on 23-4-1944 at 01.50 hours on a mission to Düsseldorf. It crashed on the house "Ter Loo" in Abcoven (a hamlet and now part of Goirle, the Netherlands). The plane belonged to the 424. (Tiger) Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) with its home base in Skipton-on-Swale, Yorks. The squadron motto is: "Castigandos castigamus" (We chastise those who deserve to be punished)

Names and service numbers of the crew:

- Vornbrock W.F. J87663 pilot
- Laird J.S. J87503 navigator
- Hanson L. 1131665 radio operator
- Cammaart F.P. J88363 bomb aimer
- Morrissey F.P. J91170 (probably also gunner)
- Renning J.J. R197906 gunner
- Walters L. 1850361 flight engineer

- F. Morrissey is the only survivor. The others were buried on 25-4-1944 at the Catholic cemetery in Goirle (MR. E1528 grave 1 to 6).
- The Canadian crew members were later reburied at the Canadian cemetery in Bergen op Zoom:
  - - Cammaart grave 3, row E plot 12
  - - Laird in grave 4, row E plot 11
  - - Vornbrock in grave 9, row E plot 11
  - - Renning grave 6, row E plot 11
- His parents were born in Hontenisse. Hontenisse is a former municipality in Zeeuws Vlaanderen and was incorporated into the municipality of Hulst during the municipal reorganization of January 1, 2003.
- At the Riverview Cemetery in Wallaceburg (Ontario) lies a gravestone with the inscription:
  - Peter J. Cammaart (1889-1949)
  - Lucy Duerinck, his wife, (1890-1969) and at the bottom of the gravestone:
  - P/O Frederick P. Cammaart, 1923-1944, buried in Holland.
  - • Inscription on the Cammaart gravestone: "Greater love no man has than to lay down his life for his friends". "Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends." • In Village Green, Skipton on Swale, North Yorkshire England there is a memorial stone (metal plaque with inscription and maple) with the text "A memorial to the Canadian personnel who served at RAF Skipton on Swale during WW2, including 424 Sqn RCAF".

Written by Conny and Hans de Graaf, Faces to Graves Bergen op Zoom.

Sources:

[https://wikimiddenbrabant.nl/Vliegtuigcrash\\_Goirle,\\_Abcoven,\\_23\\_april\\_1944](https://wikimiddenbrabant.nl/Vliegtuigcrash_Goirle,_Abcoven,_23_april_1944)

Hierin een beschrijving van de crash en het gevolg ervan.

[https://wikimiddenbrabant.nl/Cammaart,\\_Frederick\\_Peter](https://wikimiddenbrabant.nl/Cammaart,_Frederick_Peter)

Hierin een zeer uitgebreide beschrijving van zijn achtergrond en militaire acties tot aan de crash en foto's ook van zijn grafsteen. Tevens een verwijzing naar de grafsteen van zijn ouders.

<https://www.cwgc.org/stories/stories/pilot-officer-frederick-peter-cammaart-j88363-royal-canadian-air-force-424-sqdn/>

De Engelse versie van dit verhaal.

<https://losses.internationalbcc.co.uk/loss/204233/>

Hierin een opsomming van zijn gegevens.

[https://nl.findagrave.com/memorial/12724102/frederick\\_peter-cammaart](https://nl.findagrave.com/memorial/12724102/frederick_peter-cammaart)

Hierin een korte beschrijving en foto's van de grafstenen van zijn ouders (met vermelding van Fredrick) en van zijn broers John en Peter John, die beiden op hun geboortedag zijn gestorven. Bovendien een foto van de grafsteen van zijn broer Albert (1926-1997).

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Hierin foto's van de gedenksteen in Village Green en de gegevens van zijn medebemanningsleden Hanson, Laird, Renning, Vornbrock en Walters.



