



## **PERCY LLOYD BUCK**

**J/23022**

Lieutenant, Pilot

### **Personal affairs.**

Percy Lloyd Buck is born on July 17<sup>th</sup> 1915 in Montreal, Quebec. He was not married.

He was the son of Frederick James Buck and Mary Louisa Robinson. His father already died on January 29<sup>th</sup> 1927, his mother lived in Outremont, Montreal, 822 Dollard Avenue. They married on March 15<sup>th</sup> 1911 in Shrewsbury, Quebec. Father's profession is unknown. He had 2 brothers: William George Lawrence who also lived in Montreal, 5865 Decarie Boulevard, app.7 and Gerald Nelson Kent who served the army in Camp Borden (D/149630).

He left finally school in 1940,(25 years old, for his school education see above here), whereby he also worked from 1930-1940 as a bookkeeper/accountant at Crone Limited in Montreal. He reached the Junior Matriculation level. His hobby was building model planes. His sports were skiing, tennis, fishing and hunting.

### **Military affairs.**

He is enlisted on September 5<sup>th</sup> 1940 in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Ottawa, Ontario. His training and education he got subsequently until December 22<sup>th</sup> 1940 in Toronto, Ontario until March 5<sup>th</sup> 1941 in Windsor, Quebec until June 7<sup>th</sup> 1941 in Summerside, Nova Scotia until August 30<sup>st</sup>

1941 in Trenton, Nova Scotia until June 1943 in Uplands, Ontario and via Halifax, Nova Scotia in July 1943 to Great Britain.

He died September 12<sup>th</sup> 1944 because his plane was shot down on a bombing raid on Wanne-Eickel, Germany and crashed near Dordrecht, Zuid-Holland. He was temporarily buried on the Municipal Cemetery in Dordrecht, MR 906595, SH4. He is reburied on October 7<sup>th</sup> 1945 on the Canadian War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, Plot 08, row F, grave 12.

### **Remarks.**

- On his tombstone is written: "He is not dead" His memory lives for ever in our hearts. "Mother and brothers".
- He received: 39-45 Star, French and Germany Star, Defence Medal, General Service Medal, Operational Wings and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.
- Total wages in just more than 4 years active service are unknown. .
- In his service file really interesting information is very limited. Via Google a couple of interesting sites are found.
- <https://www.verliesregister.studiegroepluchtoorlog.nl/ahome/lossregister/results?sqlo=T4015> This site tells the story of the crew member Dugdale, who initially escaped and on December 24<sup>th</sup> 1944 was arrested and made prisoner of war.
- <https://caspir.warplane.com/pdoc/pn/600022654/>  
In this site is reported that Percy Lloyd Buck kept the plane long enough in the air so that his fellow crew members could bail out in time, although he was seriously wounded. This site also report the history of the 426-squadron (Thunderbird-squadron).
- Percy's plane (Handley Page, Halifax , MK VII, NP741, OW-K, RCAF 426 Sqdn) lift off in Linton-on-Ouse, Engeland on September 12<sup>th</sup> 1944 at 11.31 hours for a bombing raid on Wanne-Eickel, Duitsland. From this mission it didn't return, because it was hit by flak and crashed on the Weedeweg near Dordrecht, Zuid-Holland.  
Names and service numbers of the crew members:

- Pilot	P.L. Buck(RCAF)	J/23022
- Navigator	R.W. Walter(RCAF)	J/29995
- Bomb aimer	W. Sloan(RCAF)	J/29716
- Air Gunner/radio	P.S. Twyman(RAF)	1800367
- Air Gunner rear	J.H. de Luca(RCAF)	R/186546
- Flight engineer	H.P. Rose(RAF)	1654274
- Air Gunner mid	K.J. Dugdale(RCAF)	R/204416

Percy Lloyd Buck died of wounds on the same day in a hospital in Dordrecht. All others survived the crash and became prisoner of war

by the Germans. Initially Dugdale escaped and on December 24th 1944 he was arrested.

Percy Lloyd Buck is temporarily buried in Dordrecht and later on reburied in Bergen op Zoom. Percy Lloyd Buck is also commemorated on the Bomber Command Memorial Wall in Nanton, Alberta, see down under.



Buck, Frederick Sinclair  
Buck, Frederick W.  
Buck, Kenneth Howard  
Buck, Percy Lloyd  
Buckberrough, Robert  
Buckham, John A.  
Buckingham, Arthur V.  
Buckingham, John A.  
Buckley, Bayne  
Buckley, John Peter B.  
Buckmaster, John  
Buckwell, Walter H. S.  
Budd, Henry Ellwood  
Budd, Phil Clive  
Budd, Robert William H.  
Budden, David Hastings  
Budreau, Jack Gale  
Buechler, Maurice E.  
Buell, Chester Merrill  
Bugden, Arthur William

Consulted sources for this story are :

<https://caspir.warplane.com/pdoc/pn/600022654/>

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2641530>

<https://www.rafcommands.com/database/wardead/details.php?qnum=5975>

<https://www.armedconflicts.com/Buck-Percy-Lloyd-t270417>

<https://www.rcafassociation.ca/heritage/history/fallen-aviators/rcaf-casualties-second-world-war/bryden-to-byshe/>

<https://www.verliesregister.studiegroepluchtoorlog.nl/ahome/lossregister/results?sglo=T4015>