



## **ANGUS JOHN BLACK**

**J/24704 before R/166122**

Flying officer, air bomber.

### **Family affairs.**

Angus John Black was born on April 25th 1923 in Carman, Manitoba. He was not married. He is the son of Joseph Alexander Black and Catherine Mary Permontier. His mother was until February 22th 1922, the day that she married Joseph, an American citizen from Redwood County, Wisconsin. He had 2 brothers Duncan and Joseph and 2 sisters Catherine and Mary Ann. They all lived in Carman, except Catherine. She lived in Ottawa, Ontario. His father's profession was blacksmith.

Angus left Public School in 1937 when he was 14 years old. He went to the Carman High School and reached Grade 12 in 1939, then he left school. His hobbies were carving and tinkering with engines. His favourite sports were tennis, icehockey, skiing, curling, badminton and baseball. For 2 years, 1940-1942, he worked as a clerk at MacLeods Hardware in Carman.

## **Military affairs.**

May 6th 1942, 19 years old, he is enlisted at Royal Canadian Air Force in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His training and education were subsequently in Brandon, Manitoba in Ottawa until July 4th 1942, until November 6th 1942 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan until February 6th 1943 in Dafoe, Saskatchewan until April 4th 1943 in Winnipeg. Then via Halifax, Nova Scotia to Great Britain.

June 22th 1944 he was killed in action, because his plane was shot down in Vlijmen, near Den Bosch (Noord Brabant). It is not clear whether the crash was on the outward or return flight of a bombing raid on Wesseling, south of Bonn, Germany.

He was temporarily buried on the Roman Catholic Cemetery in Loon op Zand near Tilburg, Sheet 5, 1/100000 156399, 17821.

May 30th 1947 he is reburied on the British War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, plot 27, rij B, grave 5.

## **Remarks.**

- On his tombstone is no additional text is written.
- He received the 1939-45 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & CLASP, Defence Medal, Aircrew Europe Star & CLASP, France and Germany Star and the General Service Medal.
- Total salary in 2 years and 1 month active service are 448,80 \$(Canadian).
- In the Ancestry and via Google very few additional information has been found about Angus John Black. Via Google I found a number of pictures. In the Ancestry two letters were found.

One of his mother, August 5th 1947, in which she asked the Defence Ministry where the grave of her son is situated, because friends of her will visit the Netherlands and her son's grave. In the same letter she also asked for her son's personal belongings,

because she had not received anything. March 9th 1948 she got the answers.

The second letter was from Miss June Kimball, July 29th 1944, als to the Defence Ministry. She, a good friend of Angus, asked for the adress of the Angus' parents, because she want to write them a letter. Unfortunately the answer on this letter is not found.

- The names of the crew members are unknown.