



**NEIL MacDOUGALL**

**R/76083**

Sergeant, Wireless Operator, Air Gunner.

**Family affairs.**

Neil MacDougall is born on January 23rd 1918 in Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia. He was not married.

He was the son of Alex MacDougall and Catherine McAulay, respectively born in Mira Gut, Nova Scotia and Sydney Mines. They lived in New Aberdeen, Nova Scotia, 427 Third Street. name of the street unknown. His father was a foreman. In the Ancestry and via Google no brothers and/or sisters are found.

From 1926-1935 on the New Aberdeen Public School(Grade 8) and from 1936-1939 on the Glace Bay(Nova Scotia) High School(Grade12), then 1 year sales clerk at the Canadian Department Store of J.C. Eaton Company, Moncton, New Brunswick. His hobby was building model planes, He sported on moderately level in football, baseball, softball, icehockey and basketball.

## **Military affairs.**

October 18th 1940 he was enlisted at the Royal Canadian Air Force in Halifax, Nova Scotia. His education and training he got subsequently until November 10th 1940 in Toronto, Ontario until February 21th 1941 in Trenton, Nova Scotia April 28th again in Toronto, until October 15th in Montreal, Quebec and until November 3rd 1941 in January 12th 1942 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Then to Great Britain.

He died on June 20th 1942, because his aircraft was shot down above the Northsea at Zandvoort (Noord-Holland) in a raid on the German town Emden.

He is temporarily buried on the Cemetary Huisduinen near Den Helder, GSGS 4042, Sh. 3.B., 1/250.000, M.R.Y. 9787, S137.

May 29th 1947 he is reburied on the General War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, Plot 31, row B, grave 5.

## **Remarks.**

- The tekst on his tombstone is: "Thy brother shall rise again, ST. John XL23".
- He received the following medals and awards: 39-45 Star, Aircrew Europe Star, Defence Medal, War Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp and the Operational Wings.
- Total wages in 1 year and 8 months active service at RCAF are: 246,97 \$(Canadian).
- In the Ancestry and via Google very little information about Robert James Kee is found.
- MacDougall's plane (Vickers Wellington MKIII, X3669, SR-H, RAF 101 Sqdn ) lift off from Bourn Cambridge, Engeland for a raid on the

German town Emden. The precise time is not stated, the date was June 19th or 20th 1942. It didn't return from this mission, because it was shot down at 03.13 hours on June 20th 1942 above the Northsea, about 7 km south-west of Zandvoort. His plane was shot down by Oberleutenant G. Friedrich of III/NJG 1. Four of the five crew members were killed, one survived and became prisoner of war by the Germans.

Names, service numbers:

Pilot F. J. Keen(RAF)	929521
Observer G. E. Sheppard(RAF)	114054
Wireless Operator/Air Gunner N. MacDougall(RCAF)	R/76083
Roer Air Gunner W. R. Payne(RAF)	1384377
Front Air Gunner J.W. Williams(RAF)	1285053

Only W. R. Payne survived the crash and became prisoner of war.

Het lichaam van Neil MacDougall is found in a dinghy by the German Kriegsmarine near Zandvoort.

The body of J. W. Williams has never been found, he is commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial in Runnymede Memorial in Egham, Engeland.

F.J. Keen en G.E. Sheppard are buried in Noordwijk(Zuid-Holland) graf 1 8 resp. 1 7.

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