Edward KENNY (1915 – 1940)



Sgt, 968455

Air Gunner

Edward Kenny

RAF

5th November 1940

Age 25

214 Squadron

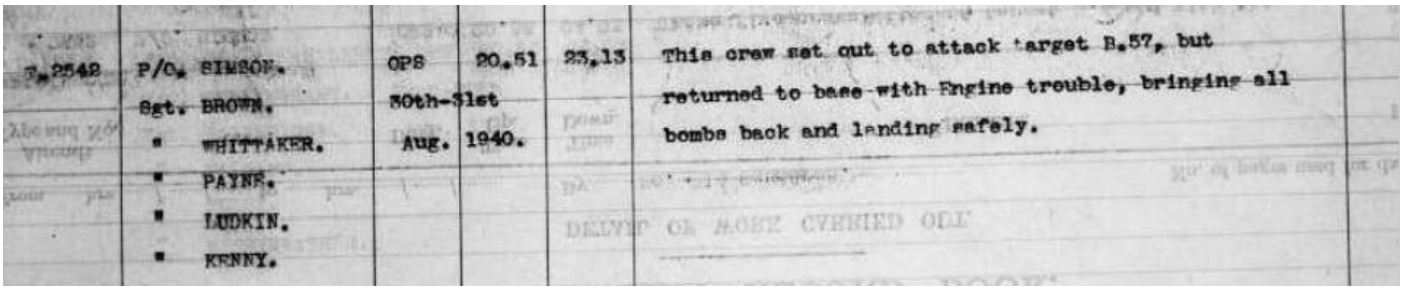


Edward KENNY was born on 18th April 1915 in Kenora, Ottowa, Canada. He was the son of Thomas Kenny, an engineer on the Canadian Pacific Railway and his wife Elvira formerly Wahlen who had family roots in Sweden. They had married in Kenora in 1907. She had arrived in North America in 1901 when she was just 16 years old.

It is not known when Edward joined the RAF, it may have been prior to the outbreak of war. He served with 214 Squadron which began conversion to Vickers Wellington I medium bombers in May 1939. 214 Squadron officially entered the War on June 14 1940 flying Wellingtons; the first raid was a fire raising attack on German forests by 2 Wellingtons on 14 / 15 June 1940.

From July to October 1940 Edward was part of a Wellington crew along with P/O Simson, Sgt Brown, Sgt Whittaker, Sgt Payne and Sgt Ludkin. They were kept very busy during these months taking part in many operations quite often in Wellington T.2542 with seven night operations in August alone.

At the end of August they had to return to base with engine trouble but as we can see from the operations record, they managed to land safely with their bomb load intact.



T.2542	P/O. SIMSON.	OPS	20.51	23.13	This crew set out to attack target B.57, but returned to base with Engine trouble, bringing all bombs back and landing safely.
	Sgt. BROWN.	30th-31st			
	" WHITTAKER.	Aug. 1940.			
	" PAYNE.				
	" LUDKIN.				
	" KENNY.				

The aircraft was obviously repaired in time for the next operation on the 2nd September when they were one of ten crews that attacked the forests in the Schwarzwald area. This time they managed to drop their bombs effectively and return safely.

On the 8-9th September they were one of five crews that attacked Boulogne and on the 14-15th they attacked Antwerp with six other aircraft.

Still with the same crew in October and flying the same Wellington, Edward had little respite with operations on alternate nights attacking the barges at Calais on 7-8th, Hamburg 10-11th and Bitterfeld, an industrial town in Saxony, Germany on 12-13th.



BU-K Wellington T2470 of 214 Squadron being towed into a hangar at Stradishall.



Killed: First overseas war casualty of Kenora Ont., where he was born 25 years ago, SGT. EDWARD KENNY, of the Royal Air Force, was killed in action Nov. 5. He was the son of Thomas Kenny, retired C.P.R. engineer, of Kenora.

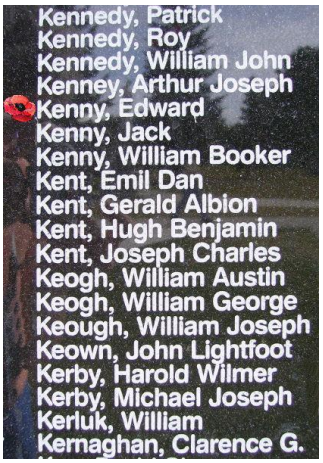
On 5th November the crew took off from Stradishall at 17:50hrs for a night raid on the ship yards at Hamburg. This time they were in Wellington T2470. The result of their involvement is not known as while approaching base in readiness to land back at base, another Wellington cut across the flight path of T2470, causing Sgt Turner to lose control and the Wellington dived into the ground at 22:15hrs near Denston, 1 mile east of Stradishall airfield. The aircraft burst into flames and the crew of six all lost their lives.

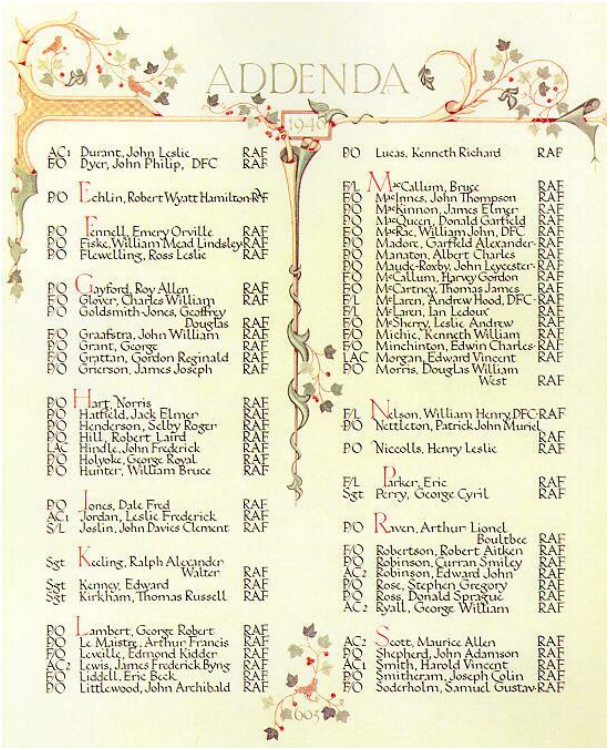
Sgt Edward Kenny was buried in Haverhill Cemetery in Section U, Grave 131.

Back home in Canada his death was reported in the local newspaper. Edward was the first overseas casualty from his home town, Kenora.

Sgt Edward Kenny is also commemorated on the Bomber Command Memorial Wall in Nanton, Alberta (photo courtesy of Marg Liessens) and on Page 603 of the WW2 Canadian ROH







ADDENDA

1940

AC1 Durant, John Leslie RAF
FO Dyer, John Philip, DFC RAF

PO Echlin, Robert Wyatt Hamilton RAF

PO Fennell, Emery Orville RAF
PO Fiske, William Mead Lindsley RAF
PO Flewelling, Ross Leslie RAF

PO Gayford, Roy Allen RAF
FO Glover, Charles William RAF
PO Goldsmith-Jones, Geoffrey Douglas RAF
FO Graafstra, John William RAF
PO Grant, George RAF
FO Grittan, Gordon Reginald RAF
PO Grierson, James Joseph RAF

PO Hart, Norris RAF
PO Hatfield, Jack Elmer RAF
PO Henderson, Selby Roger RAF
PO Hill, Robert Laird RAF
LAC Hindle, John Frederick RAF
PO Holyoke, George Royal RAF
PO Hunter, William Bruce RAF

PO Jones, Dale Fred RAF
AC1 Jordan, Leslie Frederick RAF
S/L Joslin, John Davies Clement RAF

Sgt Keeling, Ralph Alexander Walter RAF
Sgt Kenny, Edward RAF
Sgt Kirkham, Thomas Russell RAF

PO Lambert, George Robert RAF
PO Le Maistre, Arthur Francis RAF
FO Lewitt, Edmond Kidder RAF
AC2 Lewis, James Frederick Byng RAF
FO Liddell, Eric Beck RAF
PO Littlewood, John Archibald RAF

PO Lucas, Kenneth Richard RAF

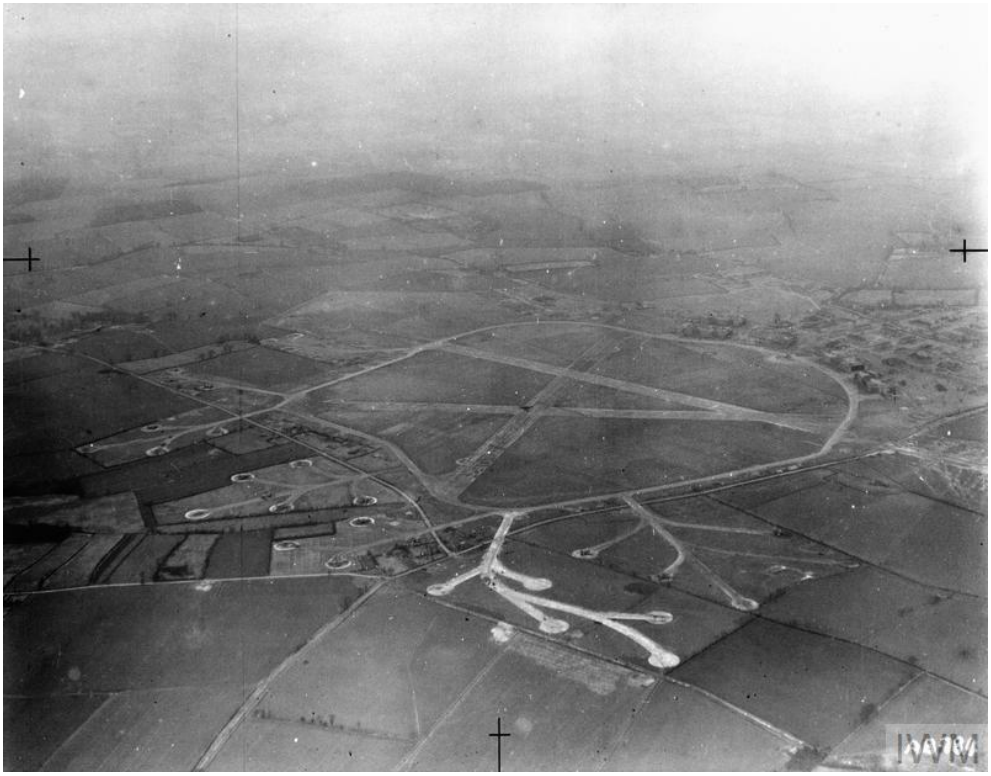
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FO MacInnes, John Thompson RAF
PO MacKinnon, James Elmer RAF
PO MacQueen, Donald Garfield RAF
FO MacRae, William John, DFC RAF
PO Madore, Garfield Alexander RAF
PO Manaton, Albert Charles RAF
PO Maude-Roxby, John Leycester RAF
FO McCallum, Harvey Gordon RAF
FO McCartney, Thomas James RAF
F/L McLaren, Andrew Hood, DFC RAF
F/L McLaren, Ian Ledoux RAF
FO McSherry, Leslie Andrew RAF
FO Michie, Kenneth William RAF
FO Minchinton, Edwin Charles RAF
LAC Morgan, Edward Vincent RAF
PO Morris, Douglas William West RAF

F/L Nelson, William Henry, DFC RAF
PO Nettleton, Patrick John Muriel RAF
PO Niccolls, Henry Leslie RAF

F/L Parker, Eric RAF
Sgt Perry, George Cyril RAF

PO Raven, Arthur Lionel Boultbee RAF
FO Robertson, Robert Aitken RAF
PO Robinson, Curran Smiley RAF
AC2 Robinson, Edward John RAF
PO Rose, Stephen Gregory RAF
PO Ross, Donald Sprague RAF
AC2 Ryall, George William RAF

AC2 Scott, Maurice Allen RAF
PO Shepherd, John Adamson RAF
AC1 Smith, Harold Vincent RAF
PO Smitheram, Joseph Colin RAF
FO Soderholm, Samuel Gustav RAF



RAF Stradishall from East- South-East

