

Gordon John Arthur Gerald (RAF n°36075)

War Medal 1939-45, 1939-45 Star, Air Crew Europe Star, ...



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Born in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, on March 18, 1912, joined RCAF 1934. Transferred to RAF on Permanent Commission as P/O on 22 July 1936 but seniority from 22 October 1934. Posted to 19 Sqn at Duxford 25 October 1936. F/O wef 22 January 1937 but seniority from 22 April 1936. F/Lt wef 22 January 1939 but seniority from 22 Apr 1938. He was promoted to Sqn Ldr wef 1 March 1940 and became C.O. 151 Sqn. at Martlesham Heath 5 August 1940. Shot down 18 August 1940 over Rochford. Hurricane P3940 crashed at Tabriums Farm, Battlesbridge. 1 December 1941 saw him promoted to W/Cdr. On 01 June 1942 (Circus 178), W/C Gordon led 350 Squadron (part of Debden Wing) as target support of 8 Hurribombers to Brugges. During this mission W/C Gordon and 3 members of 350 Squadron (P/O Laumans, F/Sgt Livyns and Sgt Hansez) were shot down when this unit was heavily engaged by 20 Fw190. MIA, he is remembered with honour at Runnymede Memorial (Panel 64)

(Information kindly provided by John Larder and Terry)

His claims are :

14/08/40      1 Bf-109 Destroyed      (151Sqn)

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