Charles Franklin Adair



Service Number: R-221011

Rank: Air General

Summary: Charles Franklin Adair was born on January 4, 1925 in Hamilton, Ontario. He attended Maitland Street School for seven years, and Strathroy Collegiate Institute for one year. In his spare time he enjoyed making model planes, playing golf and baseball. He was not married. From 1939 to 1942, Charles worked as a machine operator at the Sommerville Company, London Ontario, and briefly at Ford Motor Company in Windsor before enlisting with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Charles was one of four brothers who enlisted, three of whom never returned. He received training in Regina, Saskatchewan and Brandon, Manitoba

before going overseas. Charles' service number was R-221011, and he was a Sergeant Air Gunner in #88 Hong Kong Squadron.

He was killed in action on September 9, 1944 when his Boston aircraft #BZ 416 was shot down over Boulogne, France. Two other members of the crew, Flying Officer Robert J. Calford and Flying Officer Mervyn Emsig, were also killed. A fourth member of the air crew, Sergeant A. J. King was taken as a prisoner of war. Charles was 19 years of age when he died. He is buried at the Calais Canadian War Cemetery in Leubringen, Pas de Calais, France.

