



# Flying Officer Ralph Leslie Elliott

1924 - 1944

SECOND WORLD WAR

Air Force: RCAF, #1 RAF (Observer) Advanced Flying Unit,  
Flying Officer-Bomb Aimer

Ralph was born in Corunna in 1924, the son of Thomas and Mary Elliott. Ralph had only one sibling, an older brother, and when Ralph was fourteen years old, his mother passed away. Leaving his job as a junior draftsman, Elliott, eighteen years old and single, enlisted in the RCAF in July 1943 in London. He was awarded his Air Bombers Badge in May 1944 and arrived in England the next month. Ralph became a member of RAF #1 (Observer) Advanced Flying Unit in September 1944, part of Bomber Command with the rank of Flying Officer-Bomb Aimer.

Nearly six months after arriving, on December 6, 1944, Ralph was involved in a tragic accident at RAF Station, Wigtown, Scotland. He and another flying officer were walking along a main camp road in the dark on their way to the aircrew dressing room prior to reporting for flying duty when they were accidentally struck from behind by an R.A.F. vehicle. Ralph incurred multiple injuries and the next morning succumbed to those injuries.

Ralph Elliott was so popular among the Bombing Command members of his station, that after his death, the Commanding Officer received many requests from his fellow officers wanting to be one of his pallbearers. Ralph Elliott, 20, is buried at Newton Stewart Cemetery, Wigtownshire, United Kingdom.



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