

Sergeant Andrew Hunter Stockton

No 550 Squadron Lancaster JA BQ-H



Lancaster Squadron 550



Figure 1: Photo of Squadron 550 from March 1944

550 Squadron Association. 2022. *Photos of 550 Squadron*. [Online]. [13 June 2023]. Available from: http://550squadronassociation.org.uk/images/550-sqdn-group-photo-1944/3733122314_49f4bbd6fc_b.jpg

The squadron originally based in North Killingholme, Lincolnshire was made up of a total of seven men: flight sergeant Robert Edward Woodger (577057 RAF, age 20), sergeant David Lynn Jones 1652460 RAFVR, age 21), navigator John David McIntosh (J/86431 RCAF, age 21), air bomber Andrew Hunter Stockton (J/92026, RCAF, age 20), air gunner Sergeant Richard Walter Wivell 1611961 RAFVR, age 21), air gunner Sergeant Victor Hugo Mate (1590753, RAFVR, age 19) and air gunner Sergeant Donald Willsdon (1420600 RAFVR; age 20). The No 550 Squadron set off for Berlin, but German controllers located the bombers rapidly. Later that evening the Lancaster crashed during the raid at Tribohm. The crew were initially buried in Tribohm Cemetery but were relocated to the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery in 1949 (Aircrew Remembered, 2022).

Flight Officer John David MacIntosh, son of John David McIntosh and of Nellie Emmeline McIntosh of Horseshoe Bay, British Columbia Canada, is buried in 1939-1945 War Cemetery (Government of Canada, 2022).

- Andrew Hunter Stockton, son of Bryan and Louise E Stockton of Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada, is buried at Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery
- Sergeant Richard Walter John Wivell, son of Sydney and Ethel Lansdown Wivell, of Norbury, Surrey, England, buried at Berlin 1939-195 War Cemetery
- Sergeant Victor Hugo Mate, son of James Thomas Mate and step mother Evelyn Mate, buried at Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery

Sergeant Andrew Hunter Stockton Biography

Stockton was born in Sussex, New Brunswick on August 18th on 1923. His father was a professional painter and he had two brothers, Bryan Alfred and Charles William. He served in the Royal Canadian Airforce for eleven months before he was reported missing after an air raid on Germany February 15th 1944. He was presumed to be killed in action (Aircrew Remembered, 2022).



Figure 2: Andrew Hunter Stockton

Government of Canada. 2022. *In memory of: Pilot Officer Andrew Hunter Stockton*. Available from: https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2761120#inline_content_modal_2

In his youth Stockton attended Sussex High School, later enrolling on an Aero-Engine Mechanics course at Moncton High School between the years 1941-1942. In his leisure time, Stockton enjoyed sports, including swimming, football and hockey.

Following his training as a pilot, on 9th February 9th 1942, Stockton joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. In the following years, Stockton would be based at Moncton, Belleville, Oshawa, Trenton, St Johns and Halifax. Whilst based in Oshawa, Ontario, Stockton had an accident during his first solo flight, when his Tiger Moth crash landed. However, he fortunately was not injured and left for the United Kingdom on 17th April 1943. This was where he was allocated to Squadron 550. Shortly after in January 1944 during one of the squadrons first mission in Berlin, Stockton was presumed to be killed in action (Aircrew Remembered, 2022).