

# Lorne A. MacDonald

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Lorne Albert MacDonald, son of Lorne Whitlam MacDonald and Hazel Lawrence, was born in Preston, Ontario, on November 5, 1925. He attended the Galt Collegiate Institute from 1938 to 1940, and then left with his family to live in Owen Sound, where he attended Owen Sound Collegiate Institute until 1942. He participated in the cadet programs of both high schools. After graduation, he worked as a costing and timekeeping clerk for William Kennedy & Son and was associated with 167 Squadron air cadets. Among his hobbies and interests were stamp collecting, hockey, skiing, rugby, and softball.



MacDonald enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force in April 1943. After further training, he embarked for the United Kingdom in April 1944. While in England, MacDonald was attached to 153 (Royal Air Force) Squadron as a flying officer. He was only with that squadron for about a month when he was sent with a crew of seven in a Lancaster bomber as part of a night raid over Chemnitz with eight other aircraft on February 14, 1945. MacDonald and his crew never returned. Investigations in 1949 discovered the crashed aircraft twenty miles from Chemnitz, and the bodies of the crew were found and laid to rest. MacDonald was nineteen years old when he died.

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