

# POSTCARD



**Flight Sergeant  
James Henry Maxwell Ker  
1919-1943**



## Address

### A Hero Lived Here

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It is with very deep regret that I confirm that your husband R90322 Sergeant John H.M. Ker has been missing on operations since the evening of March 11th.

On that particular day a number of crews of our squadron were detailed on an anti-shipping strike off the Norwegian coast. Your husband was with his regular crew piloted by Sergeant J.N. Reigate. They took off from the aerodrome at 2.45 p.m. and it is known that they reached their objective. However on the homeward flight when approximately two hundred miles from base Sgt. Reigate's aircraft at 7.30 p.m. was last seen. At that time it appeared to be in normal flight. Overdue action was taken immediately and an extensive search was carried out by a large number of aircraft over the area in which it was presumed to be lost. No trace of the aircraft or the crew was observed.

Jack was a very reliable and efficient wireless operator air gunner. He was very popular with the squadron and a most loyal member of a gallant crew. His loss is a sad experience and is being keenly felt by a large circle of service friends. I feel that the grief and anxiety which you are bearing will be softened by the memories of an heroic husband.

Flight Sergeant James Henry Maxwell Ker was a son of Milton Howard Ker and Marion L. Ker; husband of Doris Ella Ker, of Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada. During the Second World War more than 116,000 men and women of the Air Forces of the British Commonwealth gave their lives in service. More than 17,000 of these were members of the Royal Canadian Air Force, or Canadians serving with the Royal Air Force. Approximately one-third of all who died have no known grave. Of these, 20,450 are commemorated by name on the Runnymede Memorial, which is situated at Englefield Green, near Egham.

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