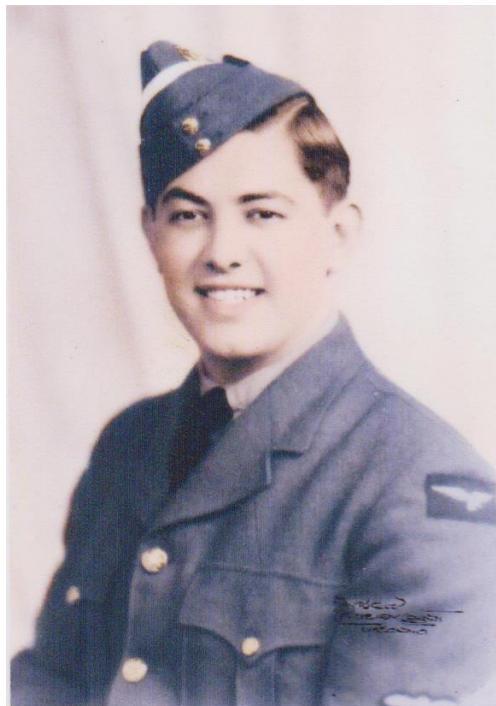


Flying Officer Gerry Clermont RCAF





The service of re-dedication of the replacement memorial cross for F/O Gerry Clermont RCAF, held on the 6th May at Stanstead House. F/O Clermont flew with 175 Squadron who were based at Holmsley South.

Four family members (two nieces and two nephews) attended the short ceremony, having flown in from Canada and Abu Dhabi. The ceremony was also attended by representatives of the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Royal Air Forces Association, the Royal British Legion and the Chairman of Trustees of FONFA (Dr Henry Goodall). A minute's silence was observed. A bugler sounded the Last Post and Reveille, before a brief Spitfire flypast took place, as a salute to F/O Clermont.

The Order of Service and photos of the memorial are attached below.

REMEMBERING SERVICE PERSONNEL FROM AIR CRASHES ON OR NEAR STANNED PARK ESTATE		
19 December 1937	Handley Page HP 42 and K-260, 1 Sgt. Thompson, Malabar colliery	Sgt P. L. (Pete) Hamilton, RCAF Sgt Robert Edward Dimes, RCAF
4 April 1938	Handley Page K-260, 47 Sgt. Thompson, Broke up during take-off.	Sgt Matthew Henry Dimes, RCAF
8 October 1940	Handley Page HP 42 Aircraft carrier	Pilot: F. W. (Frank) Dimes, RCAF Observer: Lieutenant, Clapham, RCAF Radio Operator: Lieutenant, Clapham, RCAF Flight Engineer: Lieutenant, Clapham, RCAF Navigator: Lieutenant, Clapham, RCAF Squadron: Lieutenant, Clapham, RCAF
19 August 1942	Supermarine Spitfire PR 17 177 Sgt.	Sgt S. J. James, RCAF
8 February 1944	Macgill DC-3T 1875 airline collision with Wellington DC-4 15 Sgt. Operational Training Unit	Missus MC24 Pilot: Lt Arthur Dimes, RCAF Sgt Ian Robert Dimes, RCAF Wellington (C-47) Pilot: Sgt Ronald Dimes, RCAF Squadron: Sgt Robert Dimes, RCAF Radio Operator: Sgt Robert Dimes, RCAF Navigator: Sgt Robert Dimes, RCAF Squadron: Sgt Robert Dimes, RCAF Squadron: Sgt Robert Dimes, RCAF Squadron: Sgt Robert Dimes, RCAF
7 May 1944	Lightning PR 17, 15 Sgt.	Flight Officer James Dimes, RCAF
2 September 1948	HP 42 1875 15 Sgt.	Pilot: Lt Arthur Dimes, RCAF Sgt Robert Dimes, RCAF
11 October 1950	Macgill DC-3T 1875 Macgill DC-3T 1875 Sgt Thomas Dimes	1875 Sgt Robert Dimes, RCAF Sgt Robert Dimes, RCAF
7 August 1952	Macgill DC-3T 1875 1 Sgt. Thompson	1875 Pilot survived Pilot: Pilot Officer Dimes, RCAF
19 October 1955	Victory Victor, 40-181 Squadron The Pilot School, Woomera Detachment	Pilot: Sgt Lt Frank Graham Dimes, RCAF Flight Engineer: P/O Victor Albert Dimes, RCAF
December 2013	A special mention to Pilot Officer Barry Townsend. A fellow pilot of Gerry who was lost in May 1944 and was at Gerry's Memorial Service in 1968. Barry was an Australian who joined the RCAF in 1941, trained in the USA, before returning to join 170 Squadron. He was shot down during 10 day operations and taken prisoner of war.	

ORDER of SERVICE
6th May 2016

1100 – Official Guests arrive at Stanned House for welcome in The Blue Drawing Room.

1130 – Welcome by Michael Orling (FOSP Chairman).

1145 – Proceed to Memorial Cross on "The Avenue".

1200 – Service conducted by the Reverend Dr John Strain.

Laying of wreaths.

Canadian Airman's poem "High Flight" read by Lt Col Treva Hume, RCAF, Assistant Air Force Adviser.

Eulogy by Catherine Dime, the daughter of Olive Dime (Gerry's only sister).

Remembering those Service personnel who crashed on or near to the Stanned Estate read by Robert Godwin.

Poem to Gerry read by Valerie Godwin

Reverend David Williams "For the Fallen"

"Last Post" Bugler Tony Crisp.

Final prayer and blessing.

Dismissal.



