ANDERSON, William Frank
Born 1923. Died Nov 1 1944, Killed in Action Commemorated Runnymede, Surrey England, and
Norland Pine Grove.

Son of John J and Beatrice VG Anderson of Toronto

Served WW2, J/29202 RCAF Flying Officer 426 Sqn



No known grave, but name on Panel 244.

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, 32 kilometres by road west of London.

the crest of Cooper's Hill, overlooking the Thames, a square tower dominates a cloister, in the centre of which rests the Stone of Remembrance. The cloistered walks terminate in two lookouts, one facing towards Windsor, and the other towards London Airport at Heathrow. The names of the dead are inscribed on the stone reveals of the narrow windows in the cloisters and the lookouts. They include those of 3,050 Canadian airmen.

The design of the Runnymede Memorial is original and striking. On

Above the three-arched entrance to the cloister is a great stone eagle with the Royal Air Force motto, "Per Ardua ad Astra". On each side is the inscription:

IN THIS CLOISTER ARE RECORDED THE NAMES OF TWENTY THOUSAND AIRMEN WHO HAVE NO KNOWN GRAVE. THEY DIED FOR FREEDOM IN RAID AND SORTIE OVER THE BRITISH ISLES AND THE LANDS AND SEAS OF NORTHERN AND WESTERN EUROPE

In the tower a vaulted shrine, which provides a quiet place for contemplation, contains illuminated verses by Paul H. Scott.

On behalf of the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Honourable Peter Milliken, I am pleased to enclose a copy of page 237 from the Book of Remembrance of the Second World War.

Inscribed on this page is the name of Flying Officer William Frank Anderson, Royal Canadian Air Force. A grateful nation recognizes his sacrifice every year on May 20th, when this page is displayed for public viewing in the Memorial Chamber of the Parliament of Canada.

