

### Flying Officer James McClure – Bomb Aimer (RCAF)

James (Jim) McClure, one of two Canadians in the crew, he was born in Winnipeg in May 1916. The oldest of four brothers and a sister, he was the pride of his parents, James and Mary (known as May), his father being of Scottish descent. Before joining the RCAF, McClure lived in St Vital and graduated from Glenlawn College, he was an avid sportsman who did well at whatever he turned his hand to. In the Bomber Crew, he was the Bomb Aimer, the man who guided the bombs to their target. His quiet confidence and steady hands were invaluable as he crouched over the bomb sight, waiting for the perfect moment to release their payload. The weight of the mission often rested on his shoulders, but he never let it show. Analytical by nature and well educated, Flying Officer James McClure was a fine asset to this crew, as well as being very popular and good company! (Source: Ingrid Shepherd and Dawn Woodward, Co-Authors of "From Bomber County to Berlin".)