

Wenke Bombs Walthamstow

When Zeppelins L13 and L14 were launched against London, they returned early. The L14 spent three hours circling the Norfolk Coast, and then gave up. The L13 also gave up due to engine trouble. But the L11 bombed Ashford. The pilot giving upon return a glowing account of his bombing of Woolwich. But Wenke flying his L10 and the ablest of navigators, claimed to have bombed central London six miles to the South. Actually, he had bombed Walthamstow, Wanstead, and Leyton, what a Wenke!

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“Born in the USA”

In 1941, curly red-haired Roger Atkinson Fighter Pilot was killed in a flying accident, due to his parachute not opening after jumping out of his aircraft. Spitfire VB AD 123 broke up in flight when climbing steeply over Woodford. Roger's boot was caught up in the peddles of his aircraft. His aircraft twisted quickly to the right causing the plane to break up. The aircraft and Roger fell East-North East of The Rising Sun, crashing into the forest.

Perhaps in belated thanks to the USA and any of Roger's family that are left, we still think of him. He was the son of Lt. Colonel Albert King Atkinson and Florence Hall Atkinson of Chicago Illinois, USA. Thanks to all of the thousands of young Americans that helped us then, many giving their lives in our defence.

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