

**BOYD, Robert James**, Flying Officer, 126765

Baled out and was rescued off Calais after being hit by flak in Spitfire V, W3187, whilst on a sweep with 609 Squadron on 31 July 1941. (Source: RAF Fighter Command Losses, Vol. 1, p. 131, Norman Franks)

Flg. Off. R. J. Boyd was shot down by flak and killed on 6 September 1943, during a Ramrod over Rouen, whilst flying 41 Squadron Spitfire XII, MB796. (Source: RAF Fighter Command Losses, Vol. 2, p. 121, Norman Franks)

Flg. Off. R. J. Boyd, 41 Squadron RAFVR, died on 6 September 1943, aged 24. He was the son of Walter and Dora Boyd, of Wolverhampton, and is buried in Grandcourt War Cemetery, Seine-Maritime, France, Grave A, 2. (Source: [CWGC](#))

Flg. Off. Robert J. Boyd was killed over Normandy, France, on 6 September 1943, whilst flying Spitfire XII, MB796. He was shot down by flak while escorting USAAF Marauders on a mission to Rouen, when he bailed out but his parachute failed to open. I have pinpointed his crash-site location, and his Spitfire's RR Griffon could be still buried there. (Source: [Laurent Viton](#))