



We Will Remember Them

Revelstoke's World War II
Casualties

Jack Edward Armstrong

Date of Death: November 15, 1944

Air crash in England.

Service Number: R/202580

Age: 23

Royal Canadian Air Force

Son of James H. Armstrong and Myrtle A. Armstrong.

Brother to James and Arnold.

Born in Revelstoke in 1920. Graduated Grade 13 at Revelstoke High School in 1940. Studied Aeronautical Engineering before enlisting with the R.C.A.F. His father was a chief dispatcher with the CPR in Revelstoke. After his death, his father donated a silver cup to the Ski Club that had been won by Jack.

Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, United Kingdom

Enduring Monument: Armstrong Peak, Southeast of Greenbush Lake

Memorial: Stained glass windows, Revelstoke United Church



Herbert John Arnold

Date of Death: February 25, 1945
With Coastal Command – went missing
over the Irish Sea the day after his 21st
birthday.

Service Number: J/95212

Age: 21

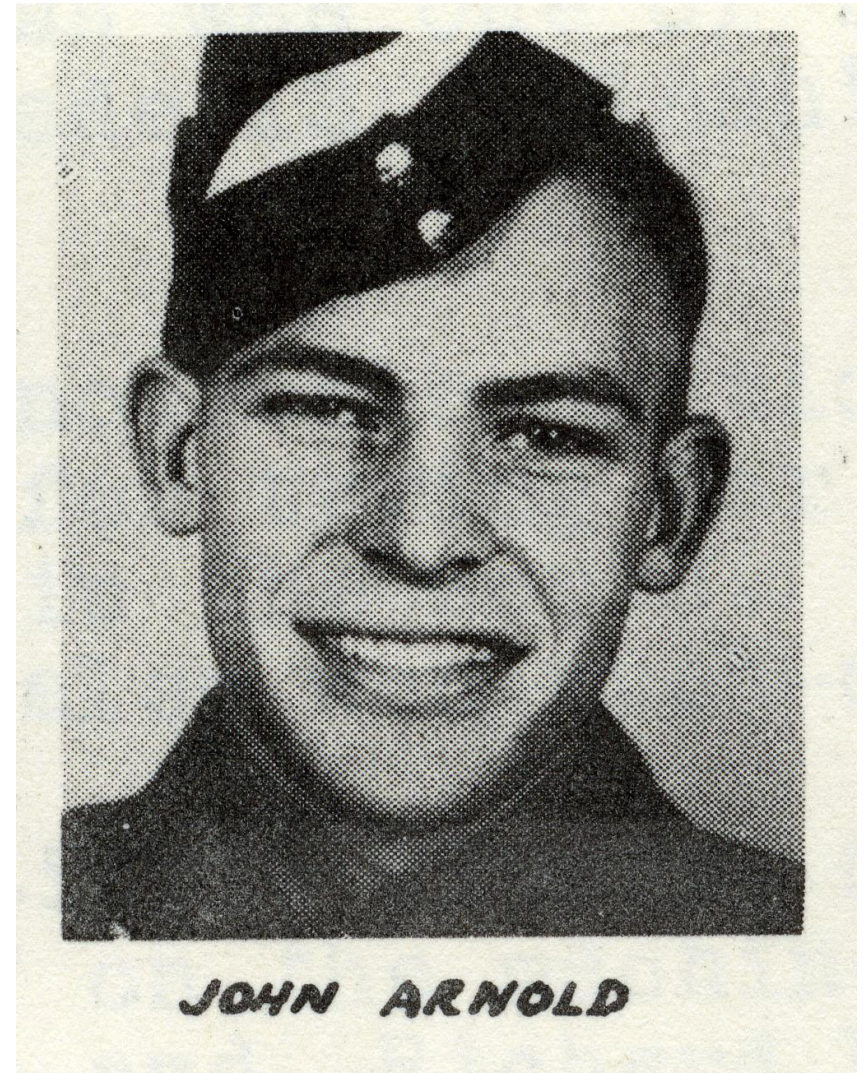
Royal Canadian Air Force, Pilot Officer

Son of M. Clyde Arnold and Helen B.
Arnold, Westmount, Montreal, Quebec
(formerly of Revelstoke)

Graduated from Revelstoke High School.

Cemetery:

Runnymede Memorial, Surrey, United
Kingdom



George Robert Barnes

Date of Death: August 5, 1943 in
Sicilian Campaign

Service Number: K/42978

Age: 20

Seaforth Highlanders of Canada

Son of William B. (deceased) and
Mary I. Barnes of Malakwa, brother
of William, Fred, and Mrs. Ronald
Webster.

George Barnes grew up in
Malakwa. He was a member of the
Rocky Mountain Rangers.

Cemetery:

Agira Canadian War Cemetery,
Sicily, Italy



Mrs. Barnes with sons Bobby (left) and
Billy

William Allan Calder

Date of Death: October 22, 1940, on
the SS Margaree, rammed and sunk
at sea with 140 crew members.

Service Number: 2482

Age: 27

Royal Canadian Navy

Division: H.M.C.S Maragree

Son of David R. Calder (deceased)
and Emma Marie Calder, grandson
of Rev. William and Mrs. Calder, and
O.H. and Mary Allen.

Memorialized on the
Halifax Memorial, Nova Scotia,
Canada



Carmen Christie Caponero

Date of Death: April 21, 1945, killed
in action in Germany.

Service Number: K/3101

Age: 31

Canadian Scottish Regiment,
R.C.I.C.

Son of Angelo and Mary Caponero.

Husband of Amy (Watson)

Caponero. Father of sons Donald,
age 3 and Bobby, age 4.5 months.

He was born and educated in
Revelstoke and worked in
Vancouver before enlisting.

Cemetery:

Holten Canadian War Cemetery,
Netherlands



Alfred Chilton

Date of Death: March 16, 1945

Service Number: K/42319

Age: 29

Royal Canadian Engineers

Division: 6 Field Coy

Lived in Craigellachie with wife
Adeline Marlow and son Alfred. His
wife and child moved to Beaton after
his death.

Cemetery:

Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery,
Netherlands



William Darling

Date of Death: July 2, 1941, in flight
training accident at Moose Jaw,
Saskatchewan.

Service Number: R/74863

Age: 25

Royal Canadian Air Force

Son of William and Isabel Darling.

Husband of Odell Darling of Revelstoke
(married for one week.)

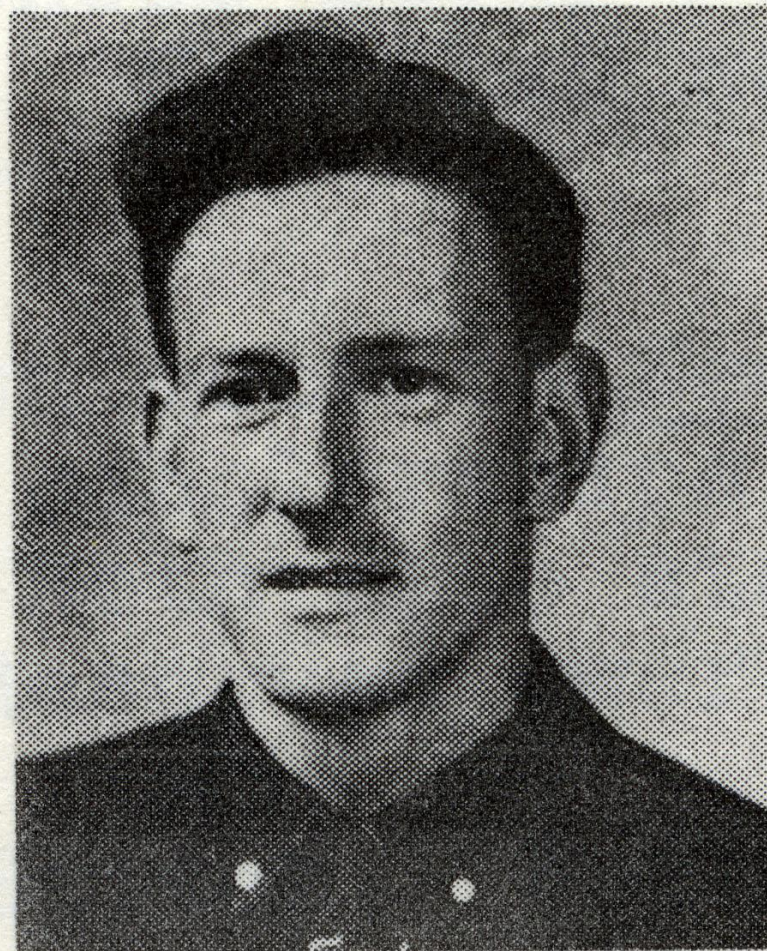
William Darling was born in Calgary and
came to Revelstoke as a child. He trained
as an air mechanic in California prior to
enlisting.

Cemetery:

Revelstoke, Mountain View Cemetery,
British Columbia.

Enduring Memorial: Mount Darling, South
of Pulley Creek.

Memorial: Stained glass windows,
Revelstoke United Church



BILL DARLING

Gordon Robert Drimmie

Date of Death: January 14, 1944,
missing after raid on Germany.

Service Number: J/16306

Age: 21

Royal Canadian Air Force, Flying
Officer.

Son of Martin and Margaret Drimmie
– father was CPR Engineer. Brother
to Weldon.

Gordon Drimmie was in the
Pathfinder Squadron.

Awards: Distinguished Flying Cross

Cemetery:

Hanover War Cemetery, Germany
Enduring Monument: Drimmie
Creek, flows into Upper Arrow Lake



George Melville English

Date of Death: September 15, 1943, in
automobile accident near Matane, Quebec.

Service Number: K/42180

Age: 24

Royal Canadian Artillery

Son of Irene English of Revelstoke. Brother
to Dick, Jack, Jim (twin), Marion, and
Margery.

George was born in Ontario and came to
Revelstoke in 1920 with his family and
attended school in Revelstoke.

Cemetery:

Revelstoke, Mountain View Cemetery, British
Columbia

Enduring Monument: Mount English, South-
east of Three Valley Lake

Memorial: Stained glass windows,
Revelstoke United Church



Richard Donald Esselmont

Date of Death: July 27, 1943, in
flight training accident at
Paulson, Manitoba.

Service Number: J/25347

Age: 21

Royal Canadian Air Force

Son of Robert John and
Armentice Angeline Esselmont of
Revelstoke.

He was born in Revelstoke in
1921, but grew up in Kamloops.
His family had recently returned
to Revelstoke.

Cemetery:

Kamloops (Pleasant Street)
Cemetery, British Columbia.



Kamloops war memorial

Hans Barton Gunnarsen

Date of Death:

November 3, 1944, killed in action in
Holland.

Age 34

Service Number: K/649

Royal Canadian Artillery

Son of Jorgen and Anna Gunnarsen.

Brother of Emil, Gunnar, and Carl.

Hans was born in Norway and came to
Revelstoke with his family as a child.

He was a noted ski-jumper, winning
the Dominion Ski Championship at
Banff in 1940. He had a jump of 281
feet on Mount Revelstoke in 1932,
coming in second.

Cemetery:

Bergen-Op-Zoom Canadian War
Cemetery, Netherlands

Enduring Monument: Mount
Gunnarsen, West of Mount Odin



**Clarence Edward Charles
"Cal" Haggitt**

Date of Death: September 9, 1941,
during air raids over Sicily.

Service Number: 63828

Age: 30

Royal Air Force

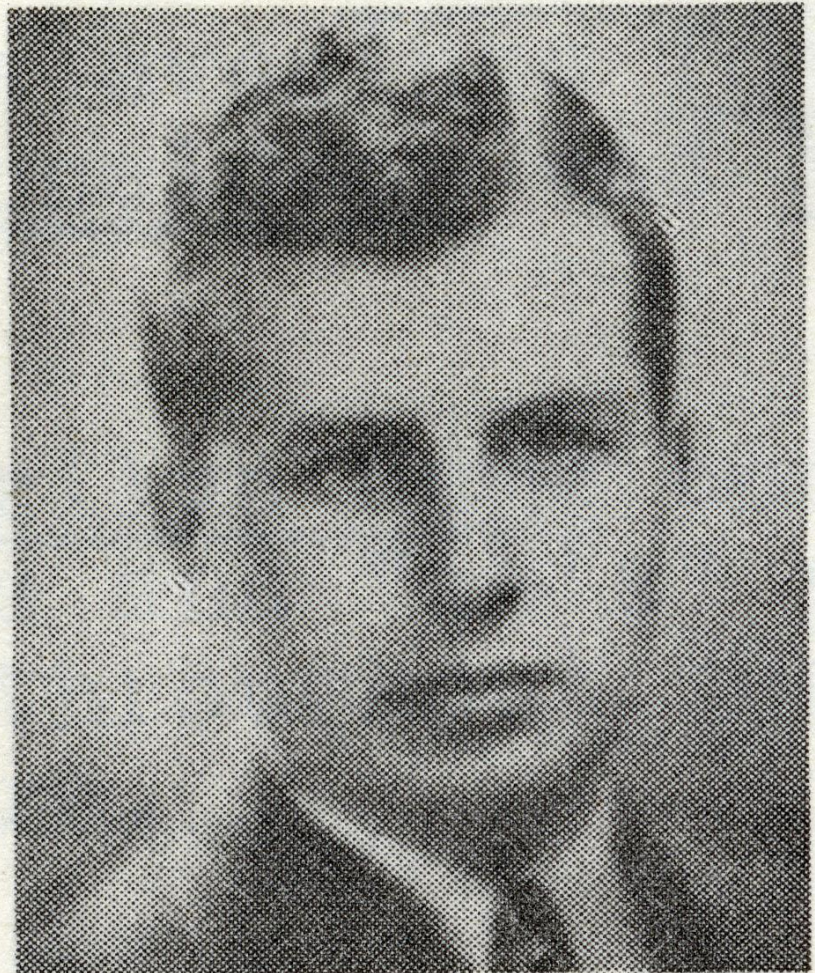
Son of Charles and Grace Eleanor
Haggitt. Husband of Margaret Bell.
He left for England in 1936 to join
the Royal Air Force.

Cemetery:

Amsterdam New Eastern

Cemetery, Netherlands

Memorial: Stained glass windows,
Revelstoke United Church



CLARENCE HAGGITT

John Frederick Haigh

Date of Death: October 21, 1944, died of
wounds in Belgium

Service Number: K/75982

Age: 30

Royal Canadian Engineers

Son of Joseph and Gertrude Haigh of
Sidmouth.

He married Dorothy May Youngman in
Sussex, England on June 18, 1944.

Cemetery:

Bergen-Op-Zoom Canadian War
Cemetery, Netherlands.



Arnold Douglas Hedstrom

Date of Death: April 16, 1945, on the SS Esquimalt, sunk in the Atlantic by a German submarine. 44 deaths, 26 survivors.

Service Number: V/35221

Age: 22

Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Son of Douglas and Anne Hedstrom,
brother of Ronnie and a sister.

Hedstrom was born in Revelstoke and grew up here. His grandfather, Gus Hedstrom, was a pioneer miner in the region

Cemetery:

Halifax Memorial, Halifax, Nova Scotia



Nicholas Holyk

Date of Death: June 24, 1944, in
operations in Italy.

Service Number: J/92012

Age: 35

Royal Canadian Air Force

Son of William and Eva Holyk of Mount
Cartier, south of Revelstoke. He
married Sarah Balayn on August 17,
1940. Brother of Walter.

Nicholas graduation from Revelstoke
High School in 1939.

Cemetery:

Staglieno Cemetery, Italy

Enduring Monument: Holyk Creek,
flows NW into Akolkolex River



Walter Francis Hughes

Date of Death: September 24,
1944, in flight from England to
Sardinia.

Service Number: R/58248

Age: 40

Royal Canadian Air Force,
clerk accountant

Son of Thomas and Catherine Ann
Hughes. Husband of Jeanette
Abical Cody of Fernie, father to one
daughter.

Cemetery:

Rheinberg War Cemetery, Germany
Enduring Memorial: Hughes Peak,
south of Pingston Lake



Francis Llewelyn Lloyd “Johnny” Jones

Date of Death: May 24, 1941, in a naval battle between the HMS Hood and the German ship Bismarck. More than 1400 died, and 3 survived.

Age: 20

Royal Canadian Navy

Division: H.M.S. Hood, Midshipman

Son of Doctor Lt.-Col. Arthur Llewelyn Jones,
O.B.E., M.C.,

and Marie Anna Rita Jones, of Revelstoke.

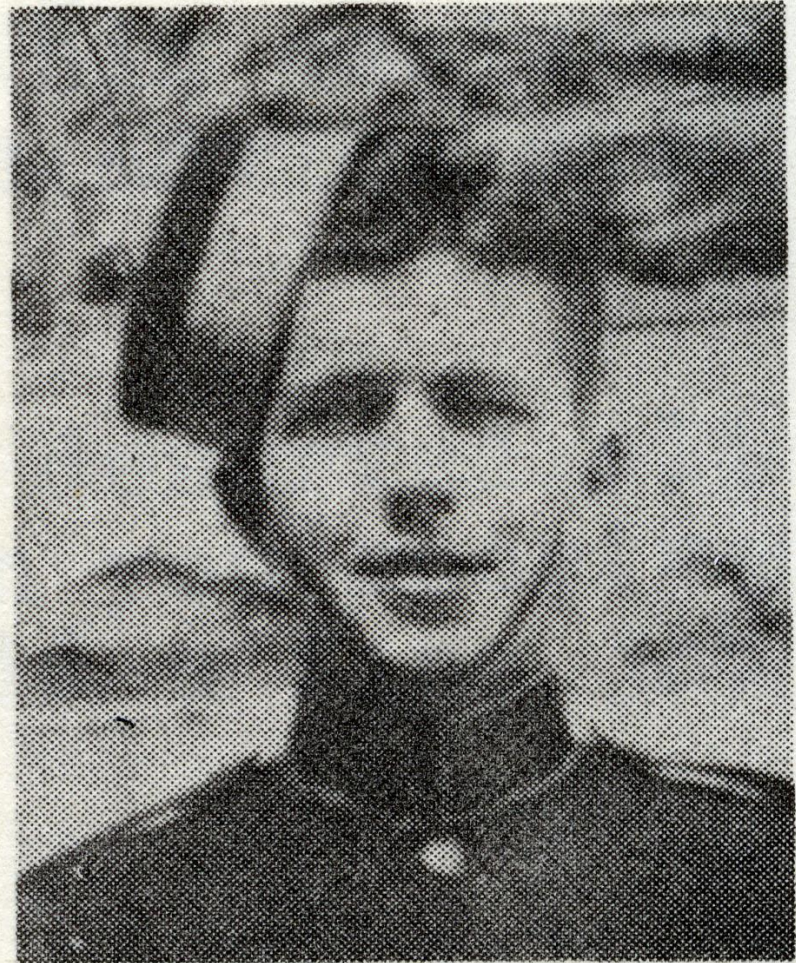
Brother to Lucille, Gwenith, and Peggy.

“Johnny” was born in Victoria in 1920 and moved to Revelstoke as a child, graduating in 1937. He entered Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, and later Dartmouth Naval College.

Cemetery:

Halifax Memorial, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Enduring Memorial: Mount Llewelyn, NW of
Mount Darling



JOHNNY JONES

John Stanley Kelly

Date of Death: August 4, 1943

Killed in action over the North Sea as a
wireless air gunner.

Service Number: R/87870

Age: 27

Royal Canadian Air Force

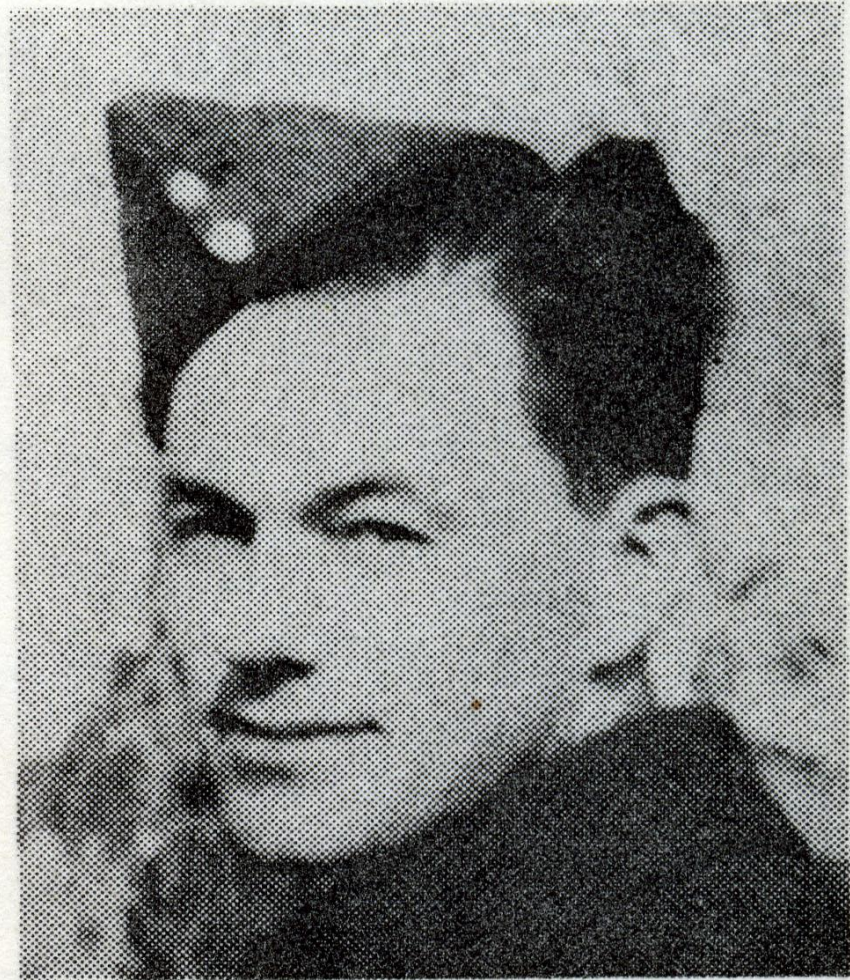
Son of Allan V. and Marjorie E. Smythe Kelly
of Revelstoke, B.C. Brother to Christian,
Douglas, Joan, Phynodderee, Sharry,
Kenneth, Patrick, all of whom served in some
capacity.

John was born and raised in Revelstoke. He
enlisted in the RCAF in 1941.

Cemetery:

Runnymede Memorial. Surrey, United
Kingdom

Enduring Memorial: Kelly Peak, NW of Mount
Odin



JACK KELLY

Harmon Wendellyn Laughlan

Date of Death: February 3, 1943,
in air operations.

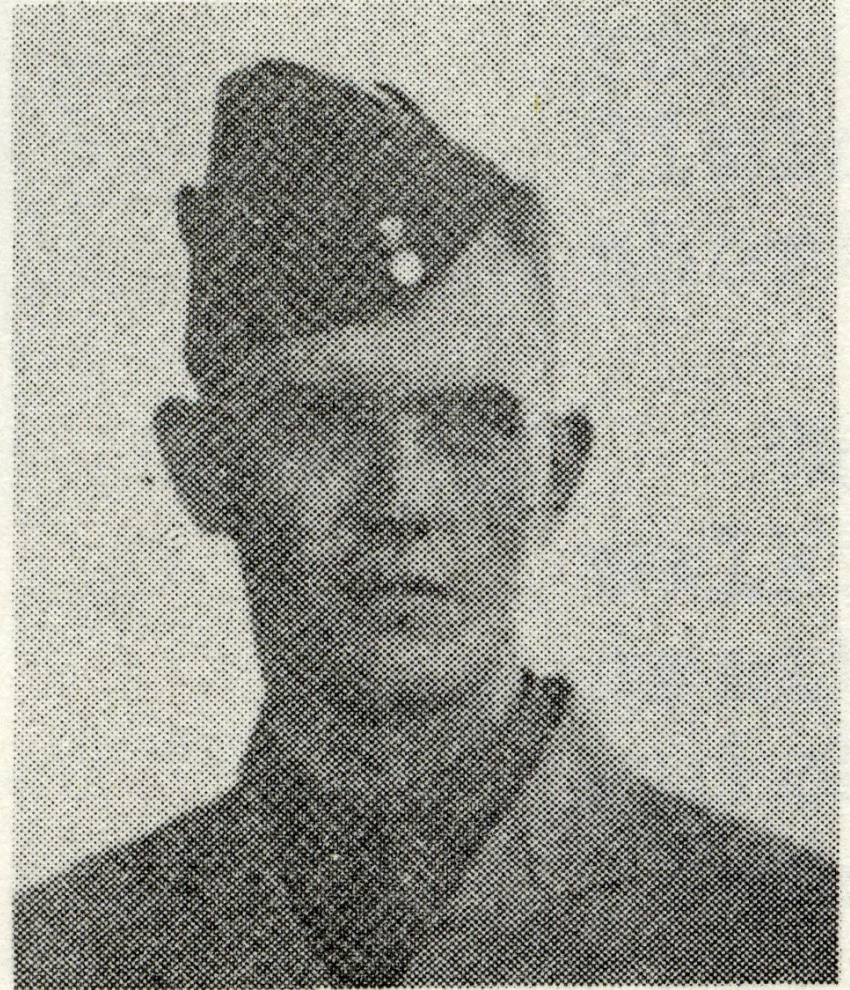
Service Number: R/97538

Age: 25

Royal Canadian Air Force

Son of Henry Colin and Nora
Williams Laughlan. He was raised
in Revelstoke, where his father
was a railway dispatcher.

Cemetery:
Rheinberg War Cemetery,
Germany



WENDYLL LAUGHLIN

Stewart Arthur Mackinlay

Date of Death: April 15, 1945, died of wounds at the Western Front.

Service Number: K/65658

Age: 23

Westminster Regiment (Motor)

Son of Robert A. and Leonora Mackinlay of Revelstoke, B.C. Brother of Robert and Agnes. Stewart was born in Saskatchewan in 1921 and came to Revelstoke in 1937. He enlisted in 1943, and saw extensive service in Italy and the Western Front.

Cemetery:

Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery,
Netherlands

Enduring Memorial: Mount MacKinlay,
N.W. of Mount Darling



Stewart Mackinlay, left

Donald McCrae

Date of Death: May 28, 1944, in air operations over Belgium.

Service Number: J/85104

Age: 28

Royal Canadian Air Force
Pilot Officer

Son of Alex and Gina McCrae. Brother of Alex (Shorty), Bill, and sisters.

Donald was an active member of the Revelstoke Ski Club, and did 190 mile and 500 mile ski trips in 1939 and 1940. He was the manager of Heather Lodge on Mount Revelstoke prior to enlisting.

Cemetery:

Wevelgem Communal Cemetery,
Belgium

Enduring Memorial: McCrae Peak, SW
of Mount Darling



William Donald McCulloch

Date of Death: June 23, 1942, during anti-aircraft barrage over Germany.

Service Number: J/3766

Age: 22

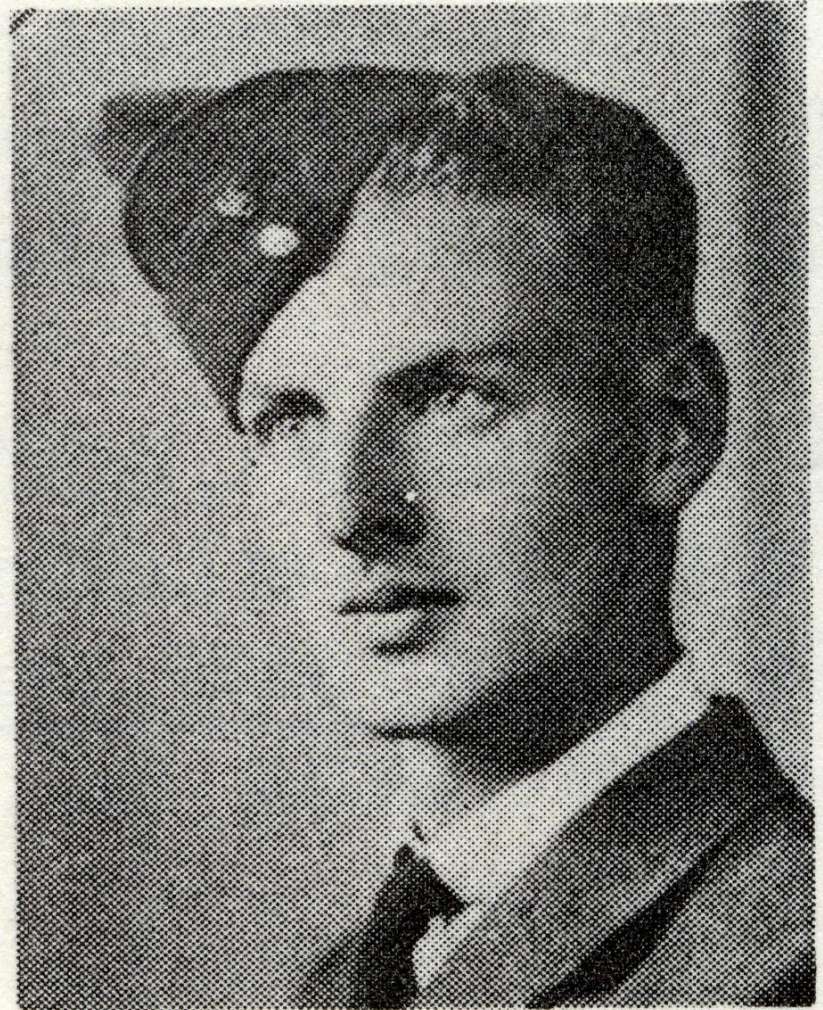
Royal Canadian Air Force, squadron navigator.

Son of William T. and Hilda R. McCulloch.

His father was a pioneer locomotive engineer in Revelstoke. William Donald was born and raised in Revelstoke. He joined the RCAF in June of 1940. He flew with Squadron Leader Ian McNaughton, son of Lt.-General A.G.L. McNaughton, Commander of the Canadian Army in Britain.

Cemetery:

Sage War Cemetery, Germany



DON M^CCULLOCH

William Ambrose McDonnell

Date of Death: November 29,
1940, in automobile crash in
Kingston, Ontario.

Service Number: K/92080

Age: 33

The Royal Canadian Corps of
Signals

Son of Margaret McDonnell.
Brother to Raymond, Rita, and
Irene. He worked as a CPR
operator before enlisting in 1939.

Cemetery:

Kingston (Cataragui) Cemetery,
Ontario

Enduring Memorial: Mount
McDonnell, NE of Mount Darling



Robert Bruce McIntyre

Died: October 2, 1942 , in air operations.

Service Number: R/101201

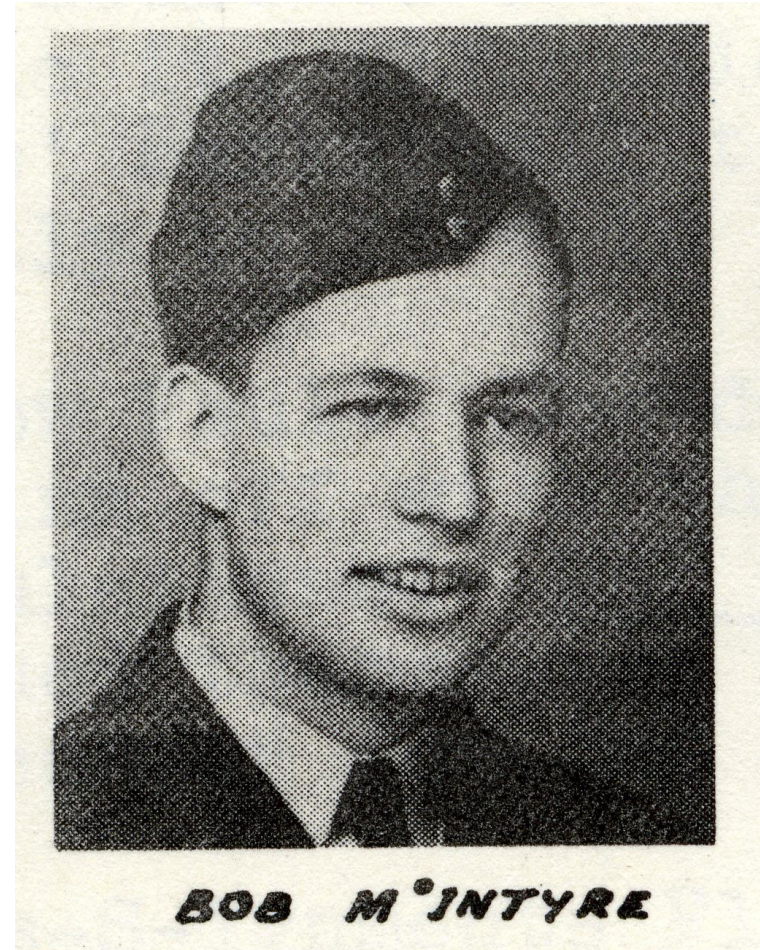
Age: 26

Royal Canadian Air Force

Son of Andrew Nesbit McIntyre and Kathleen Mary McIntyre, of Vancouver, originally of Revelstoke. Robert was born in Revelstoke and graduated with a BA from UBC in 1940.

Cemetery:

Jonkberos War Cemetery , Netherlands



William Gordon McKinnon

Date of Death: August 6, 1942, in air operations.

Service Number: R/81478

Age 24

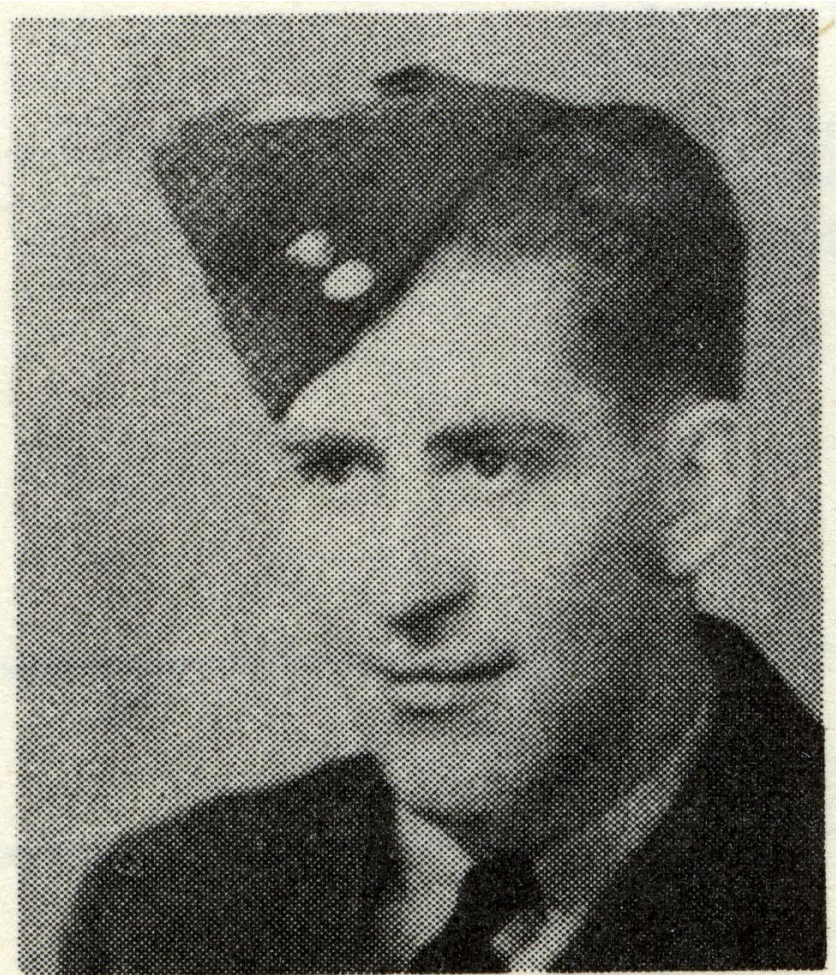
Royal Canadian Air Force

Son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph McKinnon. Brother of Leo, Donald, Tommy, Laverne, and Beatrice. William was born to a pioneer Revelstoke family and raised here. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1940 along with his brother Leo, and graduated as a Wireless Air Gunner.

Cemetery:

Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery,
Netherlands

Enduring Monument: Mount McKinnon, SE of
Mount Darling, N of Northeast Arm Upper
Arrow Lake.



BILL MCKINNON

Omer Kenneth Middleton

Date of Death: January 20, 1943, in air operations.

Service Number: J/8096

Age: 26

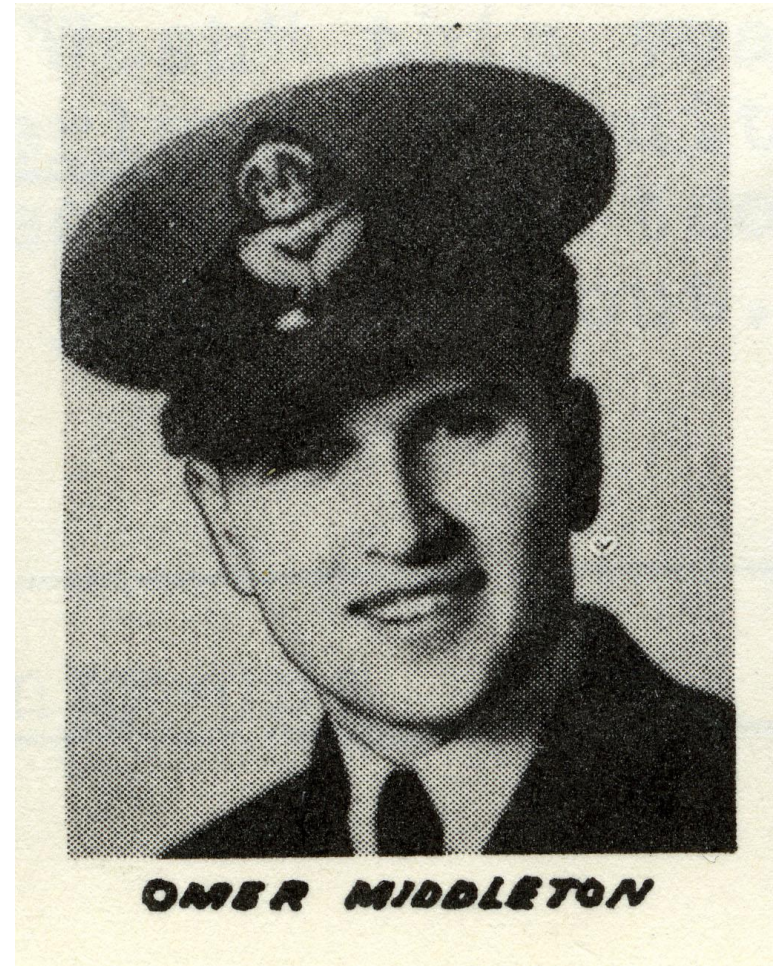
Royal Canadian Air Force

Son of John William and Mary Elizabeth Middleton of Revelstoke, B.C. Brother of Creswell, Marr, Woodrow, Glen, Ethelyn, and Vimy. Omer was the top of his graduating class at the Wireless Training School in Calgary in 1941.

Cemetery:

Runnymede Memorial, Surrey, United Kingdom

Memorial: Stained glass windows in Revelstoke United Church



William Southand Morrison

Date of Death: July 21, 1943, died of
wounds in Italy.

Service Number: K/43061

Age: 21

Seaforth Highlanders of Canada

Son of George Donald and Suna Fern
Morrison of Malakwa, B.C. Brother to
Suna and two brothers, who also
enlisted. He was a member of the
Rocky Mountain Rangers before
going overseas.

Citations: 1939-1945 Star; Italy Star;
War Medal (1939-45); Canadian
Volunteer Service Medal

Cemetery:

Agira Canadian War Cemetery, Italy



George Cyril Perry

Date of Death: April 15, 1940, shot
down over the North Sea.

Service Number: 581005

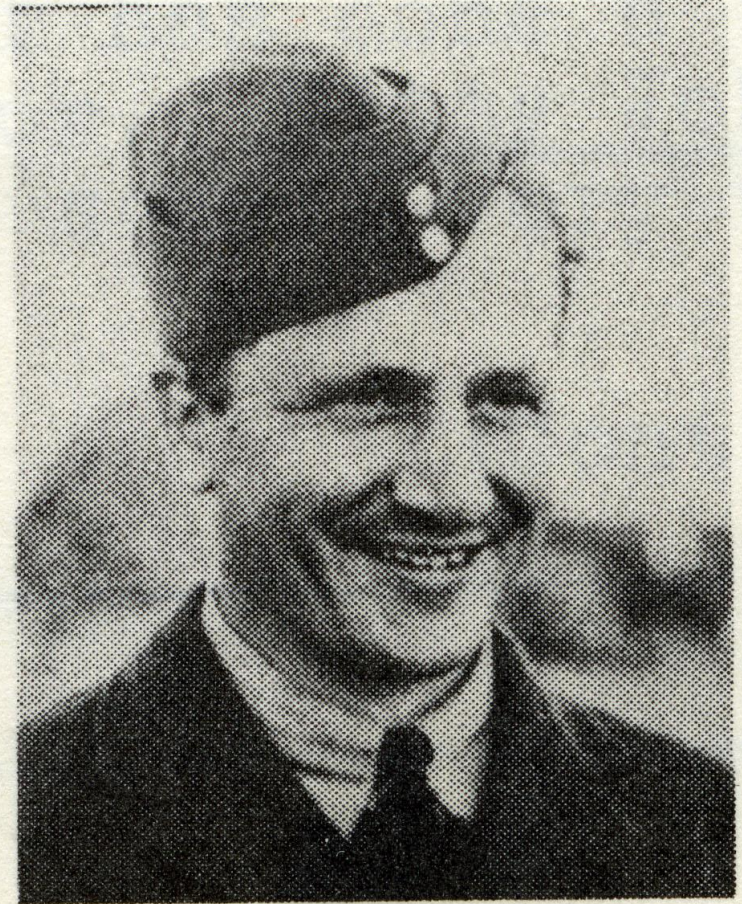
Age: 28

Royal Air Force, Sergeant-Observer
and Gunner

Son of Amos and Caroline Perry of
Revelstoke. Brother of Lorraine, Mary,
Joan, Lucille, Helen, and Mrs. Roy
Jacobson. He was born and raised in
Revelstoke, and worked in mines in
the region before enlisting with the
Royal Air Force in 1939. He was
Revelstoke's first casualty.

Cemetery:

Runnymede Memorial, Surrey, United
Kingdom



GEORGE PERRY

Ernest F.J. Phillips

Date of Death: June 11, 1944, died of wounds on the first day of the Invasion of Normandy

Service Number: K/74284

Age: 32

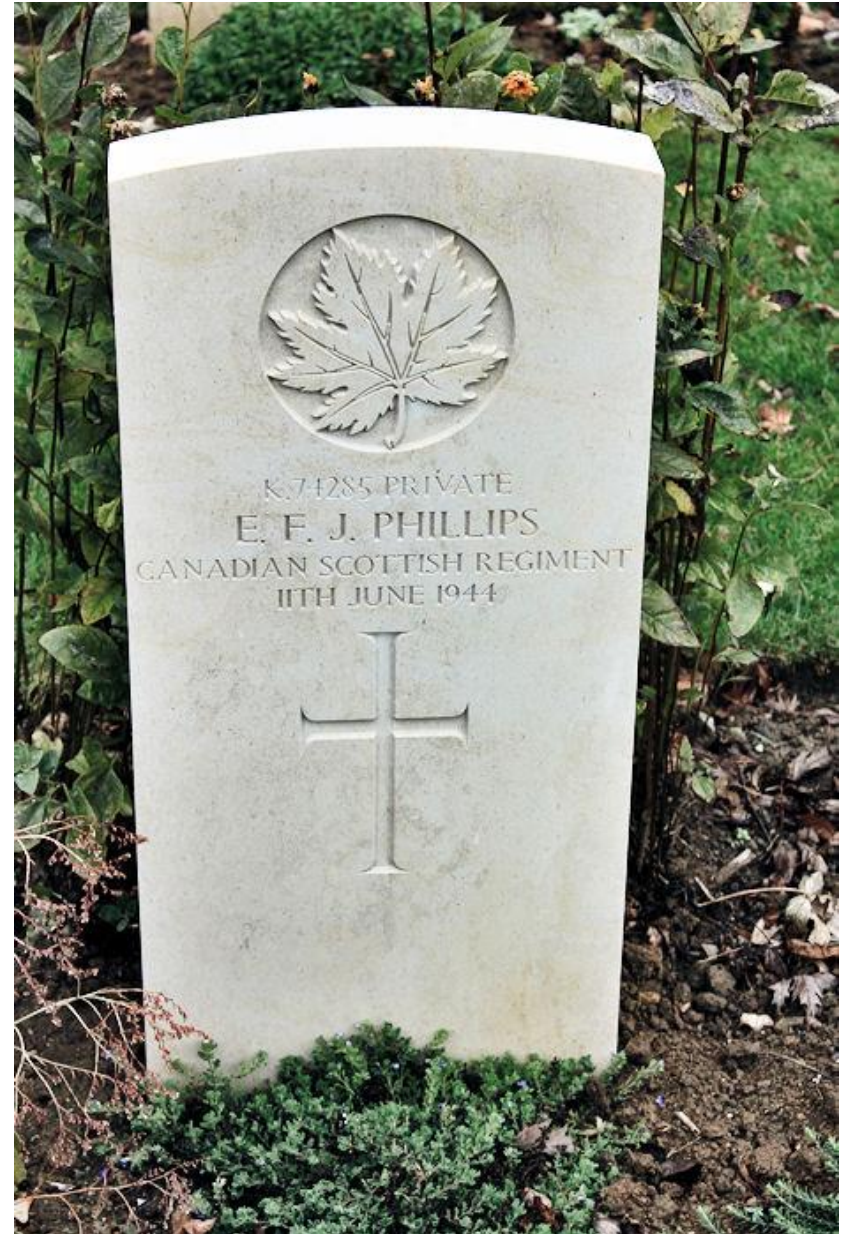
Canadian Scottish Regiment, R.C.I.C

Son of Mr. & Mrs. Alf Phillips of Revelstoke. He came to Revelstoke at the age of 13 and worked with his father as a painter and decorator. He enlisted in 1941. He was married in Brighton, England in 1943.

Cemetery:

Beny-Sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery;
Calvados, France

Enduring Monument: Mount Ernest, South
of Mount Darling



Harry Clinton “Pat” Pulley

Date of Death: March 1, 1943, during raid on Berlin.

Service Number: J/13142

Age: 24

Royal Canadian Air Force, pilot officer

Son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Pulley. He was born in Revelstoke was associated with the local radio station. He had two brothers, also enlisted. He married Alice Kucharsky in 1921 and they had a 1 year old son.

Pat Pulley joined the RCAF in 1941 and graduated as a navigator with the rank of pilot officer.

Cemetery:

Sage War Cemetery, Germany

Enduring Monument: Pulley Creek, flows into Akolkolex River



PAT PULLEY

Lester McBride Wadman

Date of Death: March 8, 1943, in air
operations.

Service Number J/11120

Age: 23

Royal Canadian Air Force, Flying Officer

Son of Theodore and Mabel Wadman.
Brother of Hamilton, also in the RCAF. He
grew up in Revelstoke, where his father was
the Dominion Fire Ranger. He joined the
RCAF and received his commission in
1942.

Cemetery: Verdun-Sur-Meuse (Fauborg
Pave) French National Cemetery, Meuse,
France

Enduring Monument: Mount Wadman, SW
of junction of Henry Creek and Chischa
River, Peace River District



Kenneth William Watson

Date of Death: August 6, 1942, on the HMCS Assiniboine in battle with German submarine.

Service Number: 4354

Age: 18

Royal Canadian Navy

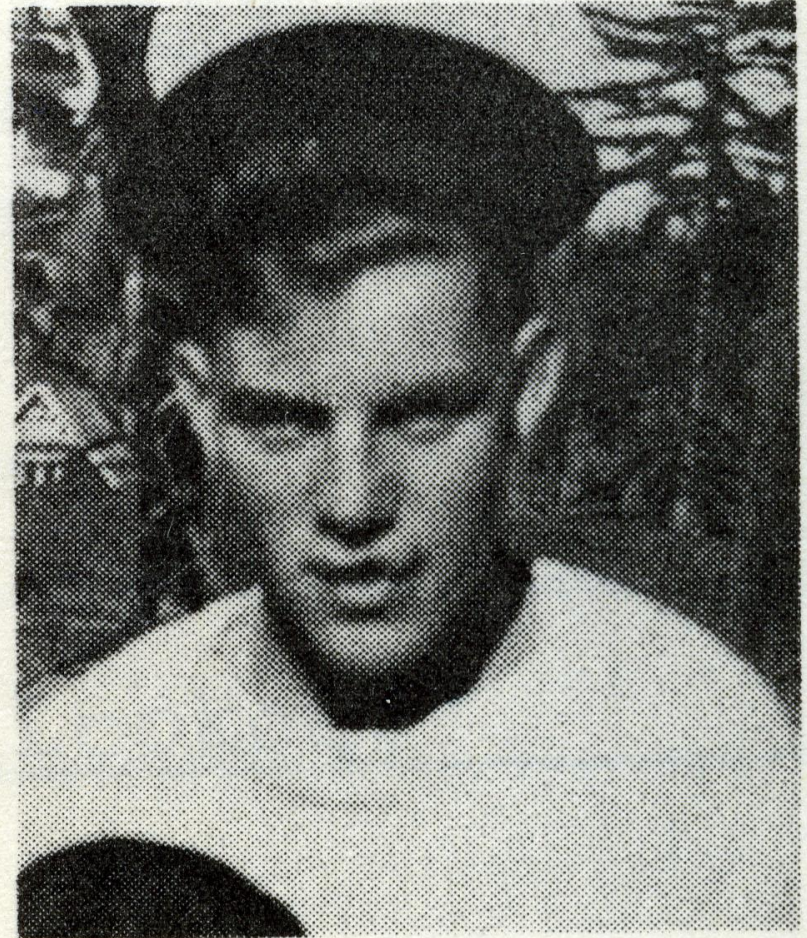
Division: H.M.C.S. Assiniboine

Son of Mr. & Mrs. C.G. Watson, brother of Fred and Beryl. Kenneth grew up in Revelstoke. He was the youngest casualty from this city. He received a posthumous award for gallantry. He was the only member of the crew to be killed, and he remained at his post even after being hit the first time.

Cemetery:

Halifax Memorial, Nova Scotia, Canada

Enduring Monument: Mount Kenneth, NW of Mount Darling



KENNETH WATSON