

Robert Harvie Jr



Age: 22

Date of birth and place: September 26,
1920

Date of death : January 17, 1943

Year of graduation: 1938

Service Number: J8127

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Family

The son of Dr. Robert Harvie and Mrs Harvie. Born and raised in Montreal Quebec, at 355 Rue Metcalfe in Westmount with his younger brother, John D. Harvie and whom went to Westmount after Robert. He graduated in 1939. He also went to war but sadly got shot down by Germans and went missing in action.

Role and Duties in the War

Harvie Jr was a flying officer with the 50.Squadron SQDN. Before enlisting into the R.C.A.F, he was with the Dominion Sound Equipment Co. He was occasionally a pilot in training.

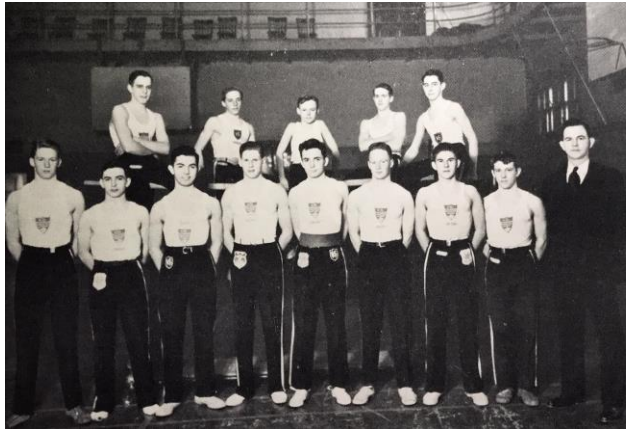
Battle Details

On January 17, 1943, Harvie Jr and his squadron were on a mission to Berlin to attack targets. Using the plane Lancaster ED471, with 7 other aircrafts with him, two were shot down by Germans, one plane being the one with Harvie Jr in it, killing him and his entire squadron in that plane.

Harvie's years in Westmount

Robert Harvie Jr graduated at Westmount High School in 1938. He was a very active person. He had a strong desire to be in the olympics as a gymnast. To achieve his goal Robert participated in the Westmount high school Gym Team. He

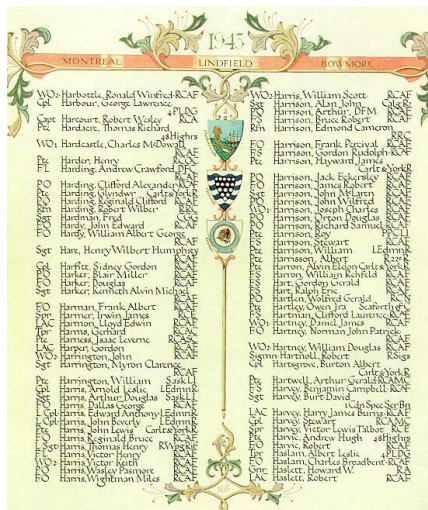
was the captain of this team and led them to a successful year. Despite them only meeting up once a week, the boys managed to win the McGill Interscholastic Gymnasium Meet, crushing Montreal High School by over 490 points. He and a few other boys entered the Provincial Gymnastic championships and did very well.



Robert Harvie Jr front row, second boy to the left



Name on the Westmount Plaque



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Burial Site

He was buried in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany in the Kiel War Cemetery. His cemetery reference is 4.J.4.



FO. ROBERT HARVIE, R.C.A.F., 22, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. R. Harvie, 355 Metcalfe avenue, Westmount, killed on active service over Germany on January 17, 1945 and buried in Schleswig Military Cemetery, Germany, with full military honors, for whom a memorial service will be held in St. Andrews United Church, Westmount, at 3 p.m. Sunday. FO. Harvie studied at Argyle School and Westmount High School, and prior to his enlistment with the R.C.A.F. in October 1940, was employed by the Dominion Sound Equipment Co. He received his observer's wing at Fingal, Ontario, and was stationed at Pennfield Ridge, N.B. before receiving his commission and proceeding overseas soon afterwards. Last October he was promoted to flying officer and took part in many big attacks over Germany since the 1,000 plane raid on Cologne, including raids on Essen, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Genoa, and Turin. His brother, John, is now with the R.C.A.F.

Obituary of Robert Harvie, Jr

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