



FLT.-SGT. KEITH JONATHAN HODGSON, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce J. Hodgson, 460 Lansdowne avenue, Westmount, who was previously reported missing after air operations over Germany, is now for official purposes presumed dead. Born in Montreal 21 years ago, Flt.-Sgt. Hodgson was educated at Westmount High School and prior to enlistment in the R.C.A.F. in June, 1941, was connected with D.I.L. in Brownsburg. He received his wings at Dafoe, Sask., early in 1942, and proceeded overseas a month later. As a member of a Lancaster bomber crew, he participated in many flights over enemy territory. A sister, Lt. Nursing Sister Elizabeth Hodgson, is serving overseas with No. 14 Canadian General Hospital.

KEITH JONATHAN HODGSON



LIFE:

BORN: May 11, 1921

DIED: February 13, 1943

Family: Son of Bruce Jonathan and Elsie Miller Hodgson of Westmount, Province of Quebec, Canada

Westmount High School: Keith Hodgson graduated from Westmount High School in 1939.

Burial site



ROLE IN WWII

Keith Jonathan Hodgson was a flight sergeant for the Royal Canadian Air Force (50 Squadron).

The Royal Canadian Air Force was founded on April 1, 1924, 95 years ago. Its role was to "provide the Canadian Forces with relevant, responsive and effective airpower". As of 2013, the Royal Canadian Air Force consisted of 14,500 Regular Force and 2,600 Primary Reserve personnel, supported by 2,500 civilians. The Royal Canadian Air Force is responsible for all aircraft operations of the Canadian Forces, enforcing the security of Canada's airspace and providing aircraft to support the missions of the Royal Canadian Navy and the Canadian Army.



Battle Details: During the Second World War, the RCAF was a major contributor to the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan and was involved in operations in Great Britain, Europe, the north Atlantic, North Africa, southern Asia, and with home defense.

Circumstances of the Death: Keith Hodgson was first reported missing after air operations in Germany then officially presumed dead.

Burial site, details: He was buried in Surrey, United Kingdom, Runnymede Memorial Panel 182.

Bibliography:

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