



Date of Birth: March 18, 1919  
Date of Death: Unknown:  
Missing June 12, 1943 (age 24)  
Missing after air operations over enemy territory.  
WHS Graduate: 1936.  
Jr. ski team in 33-34, championship winner. Sr. ski team in 36-37, championship winner.  
Rank: Flyer Officer  
Unit: Royal Canadian Air Force

Squad 412  
Duties: Pilot (Spitfire)



Family Details: Son of Charles Herbert and Edna Holbrook of London, Ont. He lived at 475 Grosvenor Avenue located in Westmont.

# HERBERT EDWARD HOLBROOK

## BATTLE DETAILS

He was part of an All Canadian Spitfire Squadron. He made many raids over Europe and was even mentioned in a London report, when he and another pilot successfully attacked an enemy truck convoy. They also attacked an enemy tanker setting it on fire and destroying it.

## CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH

H.E. Holbrook was reported missing after air operations over enemy territory. His aircraft was shot down by the enemies. He was assumed dead after being missing according to the Air Force casualty list.

## BURIAL SITE, DETAILS

Cemetery: Runny Memorial Surrey United Kingdom



## OBITUARY



**FO. HERBERT EDWARD "TED" HOLBROOK, R.C.A.F.**, who was previously reported missing after air operations over enemy territory, is now for official purposes presumed dead, according to today's Air Force casualty list. FO. Holbrook was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Holbrook, 475 Grosvenor avenue. Attached to an all-Canadian Spitfire Squadron since going overseas in July, 1942, FO. Holbrook had made many raids over the continent and was mentioned in a London Air Ministry despatch when he and another Canadian pilot completed a successful attack on an enemy truck convoy while on a tree-top assault in the Brest area. The other pilot was FO. L. W. Powell of Picardville, Alberta. These two, the Air Ministry report added, were also present when a squadron of Spitfires attacked a tanker off the enemy coast setting it on fire.

FO. Holbrook was a graduate of Westmount High School and was on the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada for four years prior to enlisting with the R.C.A.F. in August, 1942. Joining the McGill C.O.T.C. at the outbreak of war, he was commissioned with the Victoria Rifles and transferred to the air force. He received his wings at Uplands, Ont., on July 3, 1942.

## ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE



*Spitfire Squad 412 WWII*

- H.E. Holbrook received his wings on July 3, 1942
- Enlisted to the R.C.A.F in August, 1942

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