



GEORGE GORDON "KEWP" HYDE

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT

ABOUT

He was known throughout his life as 'Kewp': The story behind this is that his family saw a resemblance to the "Kewpie dolls" and the nickname stuck forevermore.

Kewp was educated at Victoria School, Argyle School, Westmount High School (until 1930/1931), and graduated from Trinity College School in Port Hope, Ontario, in 1932.

Rank: Flight Lieutenant
Unit: Royal Canadian Air Force
Division: 402 Squadron
Service Number: C/948

BIRTH AND DEATH

Date of birth: February 11, 1914

Place of birth: Montreal, Canada

Date of death: May 17, 1941

Place of death: Lincolnshire, England

BURIAL INFORMATION

Cemetery: Scopwick Military Cemetery (Holy Cross)

Row: 2

Grave: 39



"Flight Lieutenant. G. G. Hyde. Pilot. Royal Canadian Air Force. 17th May 1941. Age 27. Beloved son of G. Gordon and Lilian Hyde of Montreal, Canada"



HYDE, G. G.

Hyde, George Gordon (1914-41), was born February 11, 1914, at Montreal, Quebec. He was educated at public schools in Westmount, then attended Westmount High School, leaving in 1932. In September 1930, in his last year at school he was a member of the Fifth McGill Form and played on the Bigside rugby squad, winning second team colours. He was also fond of hockey and played on the Middleside team. After graduation he entered the firm of A. E. Ames & Company and remained with that firm until the outbreak of war.

While in the reserve, he was called out on active service with the R.C.A.F. on the outbreak of war, holding the rank of Flying Officer. He went overseas during the summer of 1940 with the 111th Fighter Squadron and served in England with No. 1 Fighter Squadron. He was wounded in aerial combat in the Battle of Britain in August 1940 but recovered sufficiently from serious leg injuries and facial burns to see promotion to Flight Lieutenant. In May 1941 he was killed in flying accident while serving with No. 2 Fighter Squadron.



Westmount High School Memorial

TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL
OLD BOYS AT WAR

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METHERINGHAM WAR WEAPONS WEEK

Many initiatives were put into place throughout Britain to help the war effort including the 'War Weapons Week' campaign, whose aim was to raise funds for arms. George Hyde flew one of the two Hurricanes which took part in the flying display.

17/05/1941 - 402 Squadron FI/Lt George Hyde gave an outstanding and long remembered display of aerobatics over Metheringham as part of the village's War Weapons Week celebration. Unfortunately, Hyde crashed and was killed.

RCAF & THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

RCAF No. 1 Fighter Squadron was known as "City of Westmount Squadron"

Operation: Patrol

Date: August 31, 1940 (Saturday)

Unit: 1 Squadron (RCAF)

Type: Hurricane I

Base: RAF Northolt

Location: Staplehurst, Kent

Pilot: F/O. George Gordon Hyde C/948 RCAF

Age 26. survived - Wounded*

* "...he suffered leg injuries and burns to his face but was reported as not seriously hurt on 31st August 1940, after being shot down over Cranbrook by a BF109."



G.G. Hyde in Hurricane



RCAF Number 1 Fighter Squadron in May - July 1940.



Hyde's funeral.



KILLED IN AIR MISHAP



FLT. LT. G. G. HYDE

**FLT.-LT. G. G. HYDE
KILLED ON SERVICE**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Gordon Hyde Was With R.C.A.F. Since Outbreak of War

Flt. Lt. George Gordon Hyde R.C.A.F., younger son of G. Gordon Hyde, K.C., M.L.A., and of Mrs. Hyde, was killed while on active service "somewhere in England," according to word received here yesterday.

Flt. Lt. Hyde, who had been in the R.C.A.F. and had won his "Wings" prior to the outbreak of war, went overseas only last summer with the 118th Fighter Squadron from Montreal. He was among the first of the Canadians to get in to active service against the Nazis and was wounded in aerial combat on August 31. After recuperation from severe burns suffered on the occasion, he returned to active duty, and, as he had wanted to, remained in the thick of things and he met with his fatal accident.

George Hyde, or "Kewpie," as he was known to his many friends, was born in Montreal on February 1, 1914. He was educated in the public schools of Westmount, then on in Westmount High School, as included off his schooling at Trinity College School, Port Hope. After graduation he entered A. E. Ames & Company and remained with the firm until the outbreak of war when he went on active service with the 118th Fighter Squadron. He was overseas with the rank of flight officer and served with the No. 1 Fighter Squadron along with fellow

Kewpie's obituary from the Montreal Gazette.



FLYING OFFICER G. G. HYDE

**FO. GEORGE G. HYDE
WOUNDED IN ACTION**

Fit.-Lt. Vaughan Corbett of Montreal Also Injured— Neither Hurt Badly

The names of Flying Officer George Gordon Hyde, son of G. Gordon Hyde, M.L.A. (of Westmount-St. George and Mrs. Hyde, of Grove Park, Westmount, and of Flt.-Lt. Vaughan Corbett, of 788 Upper Lansdowne avenue, Westmount, are included in the latest Royal Canadian Air Force casualty list, issued at Ottawa yesterday.

Both Flying Officer Hyde and Flt.-Lt. Corbett were reported to have been injured by enemy action. Neither of them is apparently seriously injured.

According to Hyde's father, the 26-year-old officer is suffering from leg injuries and burns on the face.

"We've heard from him and from Ottawa," Mr. Hyde said last night, "and both reports are that he's not seriously hurt."

Flying Officer Hyde, who was born in Montreal and educated at Westmount High and Trinity College School, went overseas with the R.C.A.F.'s First Fighter Squadron last spring.

Flt.-Lt. Corbett was born in Toronto in 1911 and was educated at Upper Canada College, Toronto and Royal Military College, Kingston. He followed by the R.C.A.F. in 1938 on the reserve officers' list and was posted to the general list in 1939.

Members of his family could not be reached here last night.

The casualty list also included the name of Pilot Officer Maxwell Lloyd Siskind, who was killed on Monday in a flying accident at Big Bay Point on Lake Simcoe, Ont., and that of Flt.-Lt. Tom Paul Joseph Douglas, of 101 Creighton street, Ottawa, who was reported injured in enemy action overseas.

Article on the 31/08/1940

DAY, JULY 22, 1946

ral Tomorrow



GEORGE GORDON HYDE prominent in Quebec legal and political circles, who died yesterday. A funeral service will be held tomorrow.



Mrs. Gordon Hyde

Mrs. G. Gordon Hyde, 72, mother of J. Richard Hyde, speaker of the Quebec Legislature and Liberal member for Westmount-St. George, died yesterday following a lengthy illness. Her late husband represented the Westmount-St. George riding from 1939 to 1942 when he was appointed to the Quebec Legislative Council. He died in 1947.

Mrs. Hyde, the former Lilian Boronow, was active for many years in Montreal's welfare and social organizations. As a fundraiser she worked for the Salvation Army, Canadian Mental



Kewp's family lived at 12 Grove Park in Westmount



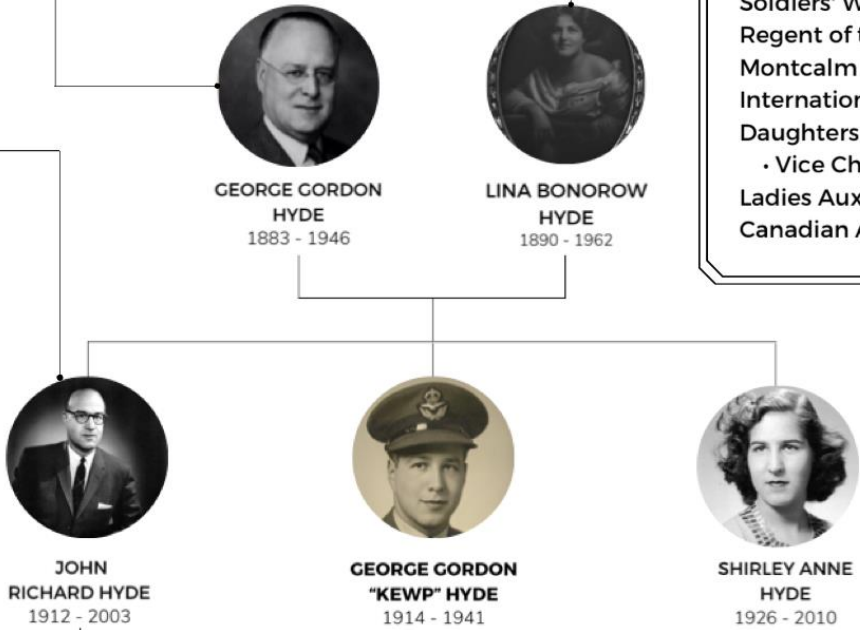
The family's house back then and now.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyde's obituaries published at The Montreal Daily Star and The Gazette, respectively.

- 1918 - King's Counsel
- 1919 - President of the Junior Bar Association of Montreal
- 1935 - President of the Reform Club of Montreal
- 1944 - Quebec vice-president of the Canadian Bar, Association
- 1939 - Liberal candidate in the provincial riding of Westmount-St. Georges
- Member of the Legislative Assembly (National Assembly)
- 1942 - appointed to be a member of the Legislative Council of Quebec (MLC)

- Fundraiser for the Salvation Army, Canadian Mental Health, and the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society.
- President of the Montreal Soldiers' Wives League and Regent of the Wolfe and Montcalm Chapter, International Order Daughters of the Empire.
- Vice Chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary of Royal Canadian Artillery.

- Royal Military College of Canada (RMC)
- Law at Cambridge University and at Universite de Montreal
- Called to the Quebec Bar in 1938.
- Second World War - Royal Canadian Artillery in England, France and Belgium.
- Brigadier-General, commander of the Third Division, Royal Canadian Artillery.
- 1955 - nominated to run for the Liberal party in a Quebec provincial by-election.
- Elected to the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, representing the riding of Westmount-St. Georges.
- Re-elected in 1956, 1960, 1962 and 1966.
- Speaker of the National Assembly
- Minister of Revenue in the cabinet of Premier Jean Lesage.
- 1971 - appointed a Judge of the Quebec Provincial Court.



G. G. Hyde grave.



Mentioned on Page 33 from book:
Second World War, Books of
Remembrance.

| 1941 | | | | | |
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| Rfn | Hopgood, Leslie Revelle | RRC | Sgt | Jagglesden, Walter Leonard | RCA |
| Lt | Hopkins, Samuel | RCA | Pte | Jace, Herbert | RCA |
| S | Hopkins, Talryn Barton | RCAF | Sgt | Jagley, Harry | RCAF |
| LAC | Horic, Lawrence Russell | RCAF | Sgt | Ingram, Frank Donald | RCE |
| Sdr | Hortick, Thomas Edward | RCA | Sgt | Innes, Malcolm Bruce | RCAF |
| Sgt | Hornberger, Henry Lottier | RCA | Sgt | Innes, Stuart Laban | RCAF |
| Sgt | Hosler, Albert | L Edm | LAC | Inland, James Joseph | RCAF |
| Sgt | Houston, Donald | RCAF | Rfn | Irvine, Bertram | RRC |
| Sgt | Houston, Frederick Slade | RCAF | Rfn | Irvine, Grandel | RRC |
| Sgt | Howy, Allan Edgar | Caritz & York | Rfn | Irvine, Gordon | RRC |
| Sgt | Howy, Winston Ernest | RCAF | Sgt | Irvine, Harold Wellington | CMSC |
| Sgt | Howarth, Harry Albert | RCAF | Sgt | Irving, Allister Nelson | RCAF |
| Sgt | Howlett, Charles John Miles | RCAF | FS | Irwin, Kenneth Albert | RCAF |
| AC2 | Hoyle, Alfred Aaron | RCAF | | | |
| Pte | Hsule, Percy | RCC | | | |
| Lt | Hibbs, Henry Carl | RCC | | | |
| Spr | Hudson, Frederick Charles | RCE | S Sgt | Jackman, George | RCC |
| Lpr | Hughes, Albert James Fort Garry's | RCAF | Cpl | Jackson, Albert | RCAF |
| Sgt | Hughes, Douglas Miller | RCAF | Pte | Jackson, Alvin Edward | RCC |
| Pte | Hughes, Frank | Scaforth of C | PO | Jackson, George Charles Henry | RCAF |
| Sgt | Hughes, Harold Branscombe | RRC | Sgt | Jackson, Gordon Bert | RCAF |
| Sgt | Hughes, Orval Benjamin | RCAF | Sgt | Jackson, Gordon McDonald | RCAF |
| Sgt | Hughes, Walter Ward | RCAF | WO | Jackson, Harry | RCA |
| Sgt | Hughes, William Robert | RCAF | FS | Jackson, Lawrence Herbert | RCAF |
| PO | Hull, William Francis | RCAF | Rfn | Jackson, Ray Donald | RRC |
| Sgt | Humphrey, John Weir | RCAF | Rfn | Jacques, Daniel | RRC |
| Sgt | Humphrey, Morley Sydney | RCAF | Sgt | Jacques, John Allen | RCAF |
| Sgt | Humphreys, Francis Ridout | RCAF | FS | James, Francis Thomas | RCAF |
| O'Smn | Humphreys, Lester Ernest | RCAF | Sgt | James, Robert Bernhard | RCAF |
| Rfn | Hunshuck, Harold | RCC | Sgt | Jamieson, James Edward | RCAF |
| Pte | Hunt, James Thomas | RCC | Pte | Jasper, David William Westm | RCAF |
| Sgt | Hunt, Mervyn Samuel | RCAF | Sgt | Jaynes, George Earl | RCA |
| Pte | Hunter, Harvey Merritt | RCAF | Gnr | Keffey, Douglas Edward | RCA |
| | | | Sgt | Kelley, George Wilbert | RCAF |
| | | | PO | Kenkinson, David Montgomery | RCAF |
| Sgt | Hunting, William Karl | RCAF | | | |
| Pte | Huotari, Tuomas | UGC | | | |
| AC2 | Hurford, Alvin Jean | RCAF | Fus | Jennings, Herbert | RCA |
| Rfn | Hurlbut, Lewis | RCAF | Sgt | Jepson, James Alton | RCAF |
| Cpl | Huston, Victor H. | RCAF | Sgt | Jewitt, Charles Lewis | CMSC |
| Spr | Hutchinson, John Thomas | RCE | PL | John, Alfred Byrne | RCAF |
| PO | Hutchinson, William Kenneth | RCAF | OP | Jodoin, Joseph Arthur | RCAF |
| | | | Pte | John, Ernest | Grey-Simfons |
| OTcl | Hutton, James | RCA | Pte | Johnson, Cecil Henry James | WpGren |
| Rfn | Hunt, Wesley A | RCAF | | | |
| Lt | Hyde, George Gordon | RCAF | AB | Johnson, Garfield Frederick | RCA |
| Sgt | Hyde, John | RCAF | | | |
| Sgt | Hydes, Harry George | RCAF | Sgt | Johnson, Harvey | WpGren |

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