

# WILLIAM L. JARVIS

## 1921-1944



### Rank, Unit and War Details

**Enlistment:** August, 1940

**Rank:** Lieutenant

**Unit:** The Black Watch of Canada (Royal Highland Regiment)

**Duties:** Lieutenant, 1st Battalion

**Service Time:** 1940-1944 (18 - 23)



Sometime between October and December of 1921, Doris Franklin Jarvis had her baby boy, named William Louis Jarvis, after his father. He grew up on 396 Oliver Lane in Westmount, Montreal, with his mother, father and brother George C. Jarvis. In his youth, he was educated at Westmount High School and was part of the graduating class of 1939. He enjoyed baseball, rugby, skiing and waterpolo. Before his enlistment, William was employed at Dominion Rubber Company.

"Here with a loaf of Bread beneath the Bough,  
A Flask of Wine, a Book of Verse,  
and thou." (mostly thou)  
WILLIAM JARVIS "Jitterbug"  
Fav. Exp.—"Suh, yo 'all is insultin' the South."  
Pet Avers.—The biographers.  
Pastime—Skiing???? in the Laurentians.  
Ambition—Artie Shaw II.  
Activities—Jr. Rugby '35, '36; Leaders' Corps '36, '37, '38; Int. Water Polo '38; Class Baseball (Champs) '38.



When he was enlisted in 1940, William was just 18. He was ranked as Lieutenant, in the Royal Black Watch of Canada. He fought on foot in France before his death in September, 1944. At the time, he had been overseas from February to September. He died in action, in France, at 23.

At the time of his death, William's brother George was stationed in Italy and known as Captain George C. Jarvis. William was buried in the Calais Canadian War Cemetery (Leubringhen), Pas de Calais, France. On September 18th, 1948, his father William passed away, and on October 19th, 1951, his mother Doris passed as well. The whereabouts of George are unknown.



William Louis Jarvis was just another Westmount student in 1939 who dedicated his life to serving Canada in World War II. He was born and raised in Westmount, Montreal, in 1921, and enlisted in August, 1940 at the age of 18. He passed away in France in September of 1944, and is buried in the Calais Canadian War Cemetery, in France.

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