

John Laurence Gifford Laffoley

TIME AT WESTMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL



SENIOR "B" HOCKEY AND BASKETBALL

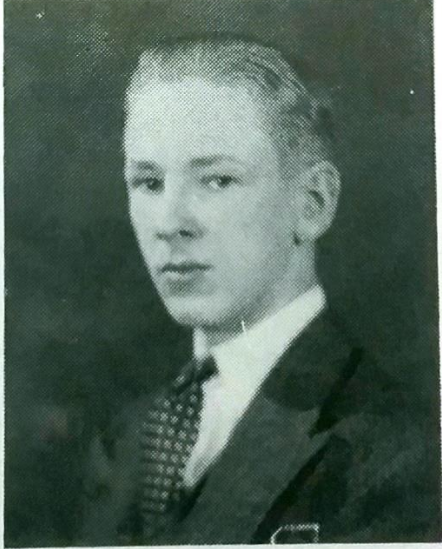

McGoun, Watt, Morrison, Heron,
McCallum, Aird, Phillips,
G. P. Smith, Williams, Hanson, Lognon, Phillips,
Nimmo, Mulligan, Van Patter, Wearing,
Victor, Laffoley (Captain), Kenwood, Condon,
Bourke, Reade.

CAPTAIN OF THE WESTMOUNT HIGHSCHOOL'S BASKETBALL TEAM IN 1940

"And his manly voice turning again towards childish treble."

JOHN GIFFORD LAWRENCE LAFFOLEY "Jack"

Fav. Exp.—"I'm not kiddin' ya!"
Pet Avers.—Wallace.
Pastime—Curbing his ire.
Ambition—Scholarship.
Activities—Leader's Corps '38; Class Basketball (Champs) '38; Senior "B" Basketball (Captain) '40; Fourth Form Ent. '40.

FROM A CAPTAIN TO A FLIGHT LIEUTENANT

John Gifford Laurence Laffoley was the WHS Senior "B" Basketball Captain in 1940. After graduation, John Laffoley went to McGill University. He was transferred to the Royal Canadian Air Forces (R.C.A.F.) where he learned the skills to fight in the war and learned to fly a fighter plane, earning his wings and rank as Flight Lieutenant.

LIEUTENANT OF THE R.C.A.F.

John Gifford Laurence Laffoley was born on the 6th of December 1922 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. After graduation in 1940, John Laffoley joined the military and was presented with the rank of Flight Lieutenant in the R.C.A.F. and fought alongside Britain with Canada in World War Two (WWII) where he took part in the flight of the 10 squadron Halifax HX332, a bomber plane. On their 33rd patrol, they took off from Melbourne and bombed the target area at Kamen. After this, they were heading home. They could not land due to the enemy activity in Melbourne so stayed airborne. Enemies attacked the Halifax HX332 from below and the Bomber Command Unit crashed near Spellow Hill. Three men left out of the plane on the orders of their captain, before the plane began to role and five members of the crew passed away in the crash. Jack Laffoley passed away on the 4th of March 1945 in Yorkshire, Spellow Hill, Staveley. He was 22 years old.



FLT. LIEUT. JACK LAFFOLEY
R.C.A.F.



A PHOTO FROM THE NEWSPAPER OF JOHN GIFFORD LAWRENCE LAFFOLEY'S DEATH (IN THE ARCHIVES OF MCGILL)

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