

# ALEXANDER M. MORRISON

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Alexander MacDonal Morrison (Service Number J15776) was born on July 13, 1920 in Montreal. He graduated from Westmount High School in 1938 and applied to McGill University in engineering. However, he didn't complete his courses, instead, he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force (R.C.A.F) in June 1940 during WWII. He was a flying officer with the rank of Cadet. He received his wings at Camp Borden on January 1, 1941. He was then commissioned and transferred to R. A. F. with the rank of flight-sergeant. He used served in the Belgian Congo, the Gold Coast, Burma, and India.



## The facets & battle details during the war:

*He was in the Division 135 Squadron (R.C.F- Royal Air Force, Britain). He served in operations overseas as of March 1, 1941. He spent over a year in the Middle East. He was injured on April 27 and on later May 9 and badly injured in a flying accident. He was in the base hospital for over two months. Then, he went back into action.*



**PO. ALEX "SANDY" MORRISON,** 21, son of William J. Morrison, of The Gazette Sports Department, and Mrs. Morrison of 76 Somerville avenue, Westmount, is reported missing, presumed killed, in word received by his parents.


**Circumstances of the death:** Alexander MacDonal Morrison died on March 14, 1943. He was reported missing, believed killed following air operations over Burma (Myanmar).

## Burial Site

*He was buried in the Kranji War Cemetery in Singapore (9 Woodlands Rd, Singapore 738656). It bears the names of more than 24,000 casualties of land and air forces (who have no known grave). His grave reference in column 429.*




*"The dull ear of a drowsy man."*  
**ALEX MORRISON** "Sandy"  
 Fav. Exp.—"Pssst, Johnny! Put me on the list, too!"  
 Pastime—Waiting for Big Bill's periods to come round.  
 Ambition—To reach a state of stable equilibrium.  
 Pet Avers.—Being told to sit up in class.  
 Activities—Jr. Football '35, Int. '36 (Champs.), '37; Hockey Jr. '35 (City Champs), Int. '37, Sr. (Champs.) '38.



**Life before the war:** He was a well-known local athlete before signing up for the war. When he was studying at Westmount High, he joined the football and hockey teams. He was the captain of the intermediate football team and within the same year, the team won the city champion.

When he applied to university, he continued to be involved in sports with the university squads.



**INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL (CHAMPS)**

Front Row: K. Strachan, A. Riddell, K. Darling, A. Morrison (Capt.), R. Blair, L. Dickie, T. Wells.  
 Middle Row: Mr. G. P. Smith (Coach), G. Jennings (Mgr.), K. Porter, G. Wood, H. Scarlett, R. Bennett, D. Stuart, J. Wallace (Asst. Mgr.), Mr. K. H. Murray (Phys. Dir.).  
 Back Row: J. Piristman, J. Davidson, E. Levitt, M. Levitt, I. Fraser, D. Dougherty.

25. Sports engaged in. State: extensively, moderately, occasionally. *Rugby extensively; Hockey extensively; Riding moderately; Swimming, Boat Tennis, skiing moderately; baseball, basketball occasionally*

26. AIR FORCE DUTY you wish to enlist for *Flying Duties*.

If for Ground Duties, state Air Force trade in which you wish to enlist.  
 If for Flying Duties, state preference as (a) Pilot; (b) Observer; (c) Air Gunner; (d) Wireless Operator (Air Crew).  
 (Cross out words not applicable.)

**The family life after his death:** His father was William J. Morrison according to the Gazette Sports Department, and Mrs. Morrison of 76 Somerville Avenue, Westmount. He was survived by his two sisters, Mrs. J. G. Cuthbertson of Toronto and Mrs. Douglas Kerr of New York.




To Mr. and Mrs. William John Morrison  
 This commemorates the gratitude of the Government and people of Canada for the life of a brave man freely given in the service of his Country.  
 Pilot Officer Alexander Donald Morrison, D.C.F.  
 His name will ever be held in proud remembrance.

*Charles Power*  
 March 14, 1943. Minister of National Defence for Air



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