

W/P William Pepper

Pilot Officer - Royal Canadian Air Force



WILLIAM MARCUS PEPPER, JR was a Pilot Officer

He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and fought in the Second World War.

- He was born on January 6th, 1920
- He died on December 17th, 1941

He was born in Shawinigan in the Maurice region of Quebec. He was the son of William Marc and Blanche Frigon Pepper, and he was married to Audrey-Elizabeth Pepper. He studied at Westmount High School and graduated in 1937. He enlisted himself to go fight in WWII and was a Pilot Officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Unfortunately, he was killed on active service two weeks after his arrival overseas. He died in Millom, Copeland Borough, Cumbria, England. He was buried at Haverigg (St Luke) in Cumberland, England. His grave is plot 429.



Haverigg Churchyard,
Millom, England

Fourteen R.C.A.F. Men On Killed or Missing List

Ottawa, Dec. 22 (CP).—The Royal Canadian Air Force, in casualty list A-143 issued late today, reported fourteen men dead or missing on active service overseas, bringing total Air Force dead and missing since the war started to 1,190.

Seven today were reported killed on active service; seven were missing on active service. In addition, two were listed seriously injured, one overseas and one in Canada.

Following is the latest official casualty list, with official numbers and next of kin:

OVERSEAS.

Killed on Active Service.

Friesen, Victor Edwin, Pilot Officer, J7026, killed. Mrs. U. J. Friesen (mother), Medicine Hat, Alta.

Pepper, William Marcus (Jr.), Pilot Officer, J8818, killed. Mrs. W. M. Pepper (wife), Westmount, Que. Bischlager, Harold, Sergeant, R74903, killed. Mrs. A. Bischlager (mother), Esquimaux, B.C.

Gibson, Jack Lloyd, Sergeant, R69233, killed. Mrs. J. L. Gibson (wife), Edmonton, Alta. Owen, Roger Pierson, Sergeant, R77460, killed. Mrs. C. F. Owen (mother), Bayside, N.Y.

Peggie, William Johnston, Sergeant, R60617, killed. Mrs. W. Peggie (mother), 134 26th Avenue N.W., Calgary, Alta.

Stewart, John Alvah, Sergeant,

R65342, killed. Mrs. K. G. Stewart (mother), Grand Pre, Kings County, N.S.

Missing on Active Service.

Baker, Walter Merrill, Sergeant, R52689, missing. Mrs. W. M. Baker (wife), Montreal.

Chamberlain, Gordon Arthur, Pilot Officer, J15078, missing. S. H. Chamberlain (father), 314 Wellington Street, Ingersoll, Ont.

Crump, Owen Charles Bellamy, Pilot Officer, J8132, missing. Mrs. C. T. Crump (mother), 641 Hildegarde Street, Windsor, Ont.

Campbell, William Robert, Sergeant, R69645, missing. Mrs. W. D. Campbell (mother), 711 Markham Street, Toronto.

Heinisch, Milton Ralph, Sergeant, R76013, missing. N. Heinisch (father), Halifax.

Hewitt, Isaac, Sergeant, R64412, missing. R. J. Hewitt (father), Homepayne, Ont.

Ruthven, James Lloyd, Sergeant, R72419, missing. Mrs. J. E. Ruthven (mother), Alliston, Ont.

Palen, Robert Hayland, Pilot Officer, J7081, seriously injured. Mrs. E. H. Palen (mother), Vancouver.

CANADA.

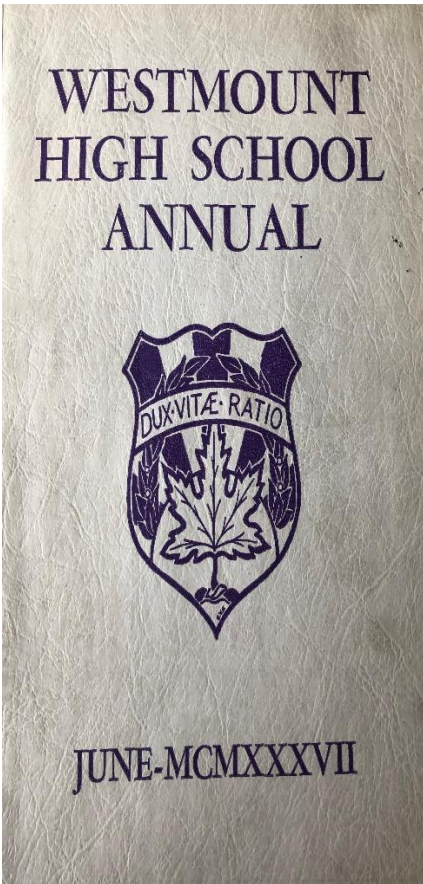
Seriously Injured.

St Laurent, Joseph Antoine Emile, Leading Aircraftman, R55585, seriously injured. Mrs. E. St. Laurent (mother), Quebec.

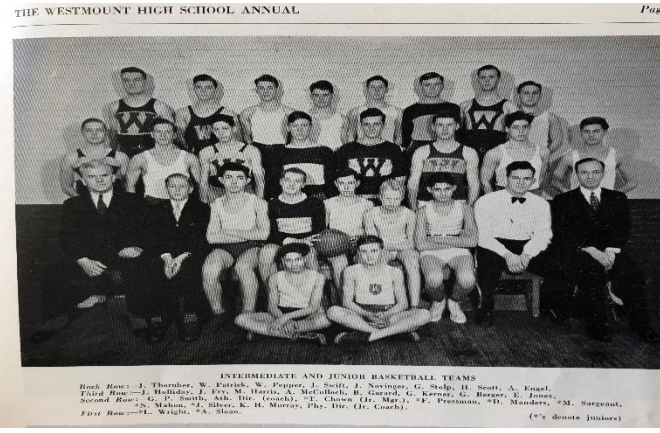
This is a picture that shows a list of missing and killed men in the newspaper and it says:

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" (...) Pepper William Marcus (Jr). Pilot Officer. J8618. Killed. Mrs W M Pepper (wife) Westmount. Que.(...)"



JUNIOR FOOTBALL
Front Row—Left to right—A. Madill, G. Gould, T. Chown.
Second Row—M. J. Wood (Coach), W. Pepper, F. Kettlund, V. Heltzer, J. Nevinger (Capt.), J. Thomson, C. Mossell.
Third Row—D. Sains, Mr. G. F. Smith, Director of Athletics.
Back Row—T. Wells, P. Searge, C. Berger, J. Bourdies, G. Ferson, M. Harris, S. Morrison.
Back Row—J. Baker (Manager), B. Gleditsch, E. Brownson, G. O'Neill, M. Harris, B. Conyer.



INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR BASKETBALL TEAMS
Back Row—J. Thorneke, W. Patrick, W. Pepper, J. Smith, J. Nevinger, G. Stulp, H. Scott, A. Engel.
Third Row—J. Hechtler, J. Kay, M. Harris, A. McCallum, B. Garside, G. Searge, G. Berger, J. Jones.
Second Row—J. Smith, Alex. Hie (Coach), T. Gleave (Jr.), Mar. J., F. Prestman, D. Manders, M. Sargeant.
Front Row—L. Walsh, S. Searge.



"A marcel wave, a mighty brow,
A man o'er whom the women prow."
WILLIAM PEPPER (Bill)
Fav. Exp.—"Got a match?"
Pet Avers.—Dynamite Dave.
Pastime—Hi - Y.
Ambition—To master Theorem 49.
Activities—'34, Jr. Basketball—Football—Leaders' Swim Meet; '35 and '36 Inter-Basketball—Football—Leaders' Swim Meet; Pres. Hi-Y '37.

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