



LEO LOUIS JOSEPH FARLEY

R/60693

Sergeant, Wireless operator, Air Gunner.

Family affairs.

Leo Louis Joseph Farley is born on August 2nd 1920, in Beaumont, Alberta. He was not married.

He was the son of Louis Charles Farley en Mary Armoza Lachance and lived in Edmonton, Alberta 7630-95th Avenue. Later on they moved to 10612-84th Avenue. His father was welder at the Northwest Utilities in Edmonton. Leo didn't have any brothers or sisters. His father was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, USA, his mother was born in Saint-Evariste-de-Forsyth, Quebec.

Until 1936 on the Public School St. Theresa(Grade 8), from 1936-1937 on the High School St. Joseph (Grade 9) and from 1937-1939 on the Technical School St. Vincent(Grade 10 and 11). He worked for one year at Moss Packaging in Edmonton as an office clerk.

He had no specific hobby, he did many sports on moderate level like football, baseball, swimming, ice-hockey and ping-pong.

Military affairs.

July 18th 1940 he was enlisted at the Royal Canadian Air Force in Edmonton, Alberta. His education and training he got subsequently until August 8th in Edmonton, until August 31st in Camp Borden, Ontario, until October 13nd in Regina, Saskatchewan until February 16th 1941 in Calgary, Alberta until March 27th in Mossbank, Saskatchewan and until April 5th in Debert, Nova Scotia. Then to Great Britain.

He died on June 4th 1942, because his plane was shot down near Het Kuitje at Den Helder, Noord-Holland. He is temporarily buried, together with the other crew members, at Cemetery Huisduinen (Den Helder),



GSGS 4042, Sheet 3B, 1/250.000, M.R.Y.9787, S.115&S.116 (collective). On May 29th 1947 he is reburied at the British War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, Plot 32, row A, collective grave 7-8.

Remarks.

- The text on his tombstone: "Leo, born and educated in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada".
- He received the following awards: Aircrew Europe Star, War Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & Clasp, Operational Wings and Certificate and the 39-45 Star.
- Total salary in almost 2 years active service in the RCAF was 342,15\$(Canadian).
- Several **CWGC**-documents stated that he was **22 years** old, when he died. That is not correct, that must be **21 years** old.
- It is very remarkable that the next of kin was not his mother or father, but his uncle Henry Farley from Montesano, Washington, USA.
- In the Ancestry little personal interesting information is found about Leo Louis Joseph Farley. Via Google a couple of sites were found, which report the latest flight from him and the other crew members. See down under here. Also pictures of his father, mother and grandmother were found.
- **Sources:** <https://db.wingstovictory.nl/pdf/186-story.pdf> and <https://losses.internationalbcc.co.uk/loss/208861>

Farley's plane (Stirling I W7474 **Unit** 218 Sqdn Gold coast) lift off June 3rd 1942 at 23.06 hours in Marham, Engeland together with 170 others for a raid on the German U-boat factory in Bremen, Germany. The factory and his surroundings were heavily damaged. On June 4th 1942 his plane was shot down near Den Helder by a German nightfighter, pilot Oberleutenant Ludwig Becker, who has taken off from airfield Leeuwarden, Friesland. All crew members but one did not survive. Their names:

- Sergeant K R Cox (RAF): Prisoner of war. Given names, rank, task, service number unknown.
- Officer James Garscadden (RAF) Pilot, 106113
- Pilot Officer John Douglas Insch (RAF) Observer/Pilot, 100055
- Pilot Officer John Richard Webber (RAF) Air Gunner, 123861



- Sergeant Harold Cyril Frederick Broadbent (RAF) Wireless operator, 971256
- Sergeant Leo Louis Farley (RCAF) Wireless operator, R/60693
- Sergeant Leonard James Smith (RAF) Air Gunner, 616593
- Sergeant Norman Cyril Frederick Sibley (RAF) Air Gunner, 1334367