



GEORGE FREDERICK FARGHER

R/84029

Flying Sergeant, Air Gunner.

Family affairs.

George Frederick Fargher is born on January 14th 1918, Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario. He was not married.

He was the son of Thomas Arthur Fargher and Annie Mary Lee. They lived in Winnipeg, Manitoba, 62 Cunnington Avenue. His father was plumber. Brothers and/or sisters are not mentioned in the Ancestry. Via Google a couple of sites were found, stating that he had a least two brothers. One of them, named Paul, was also enlisted to the RCAF in Montreal, Quebec.

From 1924-1931 he was a pupil on the Windsor Public School, Winnipeg. From 1931-1934 on the Glenlawn College, Winnipeg and from 1934-1935 on the Winnipeg University, then 17 years old he was going to work.

The last 2 years before his enlistment he worked as a pipefitter at Hollinger Gold Mine in Timmins, Ontario. In the 3 years before that he had shortlasting jobs, subsequently as help at Fargher and Cooper plumbers, Winnipeg as help at printing plant J. Eaton, Winnipeg and as night clerk in the Babloon Hotel in Toronto, Ontario

He had no specific hobby, he intensively practiced icehockey(keeper) and moderately baseball.

Military affairs.

December 20th 1940 he was enlisted at the bij de Royal Canadian Air Force in Hamilton, Ontario. His education and training he got subsequently until January 6th 1941 in Toronto, until January 27th in Picton, Ontario until April 10th in Trenton, until May 31th in Toronto, until October 25th in Winnipeg, until November 24th in Lethbridge, Alberta until December 30th in Winnipeg and until January 24th 1942 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Then to Great Britain.

He died on September 10th 1942, because his plane was shot down in the mouth of the Scheldt. His body was washed up on the beach of Haamstede, Zeeland. That is also the place where he was buried on the temporarily Military Cemetery.

July 2nd 1946 he is reburied on the General War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, Plot 14, row C, grave 5.

Remarks.

- The text on his tombstone: "Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom lead thou me on!".
- It is unknown which awards he has received.
- Total salary in 1 year and 10 months active service in the RCAF was 252,80\$(Canadian).
- Nor the Ancestry nor Google show much interesting personal information about George Frederick Fargher. Via Google two sites are found, in which his latest flight and his crew members are reported. See below.

- **Bron:** <https://db.wingstovictory.nl/pdf/186-story.pdf>

Halifax MK.II (W7752) from No.102 (Ceylon) squadron – lift off at 20.11 hours from Pocklington Yorkshire – was intercept and shot down (almost sure) by Hptm. Horst Patuschka (8./NJG 2) at 23.36 hours – according own report – north-west of Biervliet, Zeeland. The plane crashed west/north-west of the coast of Walcheren in the mouth of the Scheldt. According the author's the interception must haven been more to the north and that the observation of 2./813 (23.37 uur) refers to this crash. Just at the end of October six bodies of the crew members were washed ashore at several places along the Dutch coast and were buried on several cemeteries.

Plt. Off. Peter Ayrton Visart England RCAF †. His body was fished up in the Westerscheldt and on September 19th 1942 he was buried on the Northern Cemetery in Vlissingen.

Flg. Off. Bernard George Harry Smith †. His body washed ashore on October 27th 1942 at 's-Heerenhoek, Zeeland. October 28th he was also buried on the Northern Cemetery in Vlissingen.

Sgt. Kenneth Marshall †. Washed ashore on October 11th 1942 on the island of Terschelling, where he was buried on the General Cemetery of Western-Terschelling.

Sgt. Reginald Moore †. Washed ashore on an unknown date on Terschelling and also buried on the General Cemetery of Western-Terschelling.

Flt. Sgt. Samuel Harry Jackson. † Washed ashore at Vlissingen on October 23th 1942, where he was buried on the Northern Cemetery in Vlissingen on October 24th.

Sgt. Derrick Rennie Wyn Schofield, mia (missed in action). Runnymede Memorial Panel 93, Englefield Green, Engeland.

Flt. Sgt. George Frederick Fargher RCAF † Washed ashore on October 11th 1942 at Haamstede, Zeeland where he was buried on the temporarily Military Cemetery. After the war his remains were reburied by 80 GCU at the British War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom.

Plt. Off. John Bernard McCormack, mia (missed in action).
Runnymede Memorial Panel 70, Englefield Green, Engeland.