



JOHN PHILLPOT BISHOPS

R/133344

Sergeant/Navigator.

Personal affairs.

John Phillipot Bishop is born on December 15th 1910 in San Rafaël, California, USA. He was not married and lived at his parents Vernon, B.C., R.R#2. He was the son of John Augustus Bishop and Mabel Jessica Mason, who married February 19th 1908 in Sausalito, California. Father's profession is unknown. He had 1 older sister Lydia Milrose, who also not married and lived at her parents.

16 years old he left in 1926 the Shawnigan Lake(B.C.) Public School, then till 1929 still 3 years Chillon College in Veytaux, Switzerland. He reached n Senior Matriculation level. Before his enlistment in 1941 he worked for 7 years as an accountant for Price Waterhouse Co. in Vancouver.

His hobbies were hunting, fishing and horse riding. He praticed many sports, especially tennis, golf, rugby and later also swimming, badminton, skating and skyng.

Militairy affairs.

October 6th 1941 he is enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Vancouver. His training and education he got subsequently until November 2nd 1941 in Vancouver, until December 21st 1941 in Edmonton, Alberta until March 1st 1942 in Calgary, Alberta until May 10th 1942 again in Edmonton, until September 26th 1942 unknown. then to Halifax, Nova Scotia and on October 27th 1942 to Great Britain.

He died July 4th 1943, because his plane was shot down on a bombing raid on Köln, Germany and crashed near Averbode, Belgium. There he is also temporarily buried on the Civil Cemetery Averbode, MR 075743, SH03 1/250,000 GSGS 4336. He is reburied on November 12th 1945 on the Canadian War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom, Plot 11, row E, grave 03.

Remarks.

- On his tombstone is written: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends".
- He received: 39-45 Star, A/C Europe Star, War Medal, Operational Wings and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp.
- Total wages in 1 jaar and 9 months active service: 260,65 \$ (Canadian) .
- The Ancestry service file contains more than 110 documents. Many of these documents contain written and type letters about the poor communication regarding the reburial of the crew from Averbode to Bergen op Zoom. His father, mother, sister and other family members wrote many letters, in which the name Mrs. Didden from Averbode is mentioned several times.

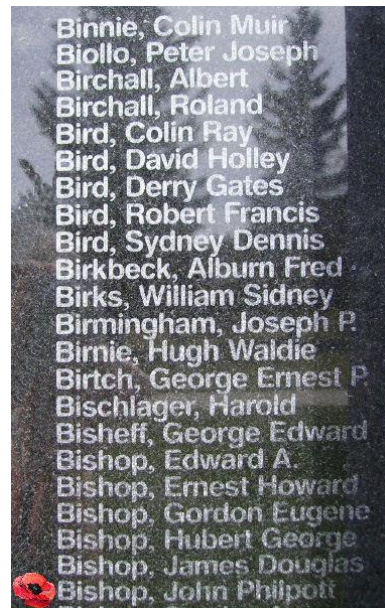
- John's plane (Vickers, Wellington , MK X, LN296, AL-P, RAF 429 Sqdn) lift off in East Moor, England on July 3rd 1943 at 22.56 hours for a bombing raid on Köln, Germany. From this mission it didn't return, because at 00.48 hours on July 4th 1943 it was shot down by Oblt. H.-W. Schnauffer of Stab II./NJG 1 and crashed near Averbode, Belgium.

Names and service numbers of the crew members:

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| - Pilot | R.H. Brinton(RAF) | 85935 |
| - Navigator | J.P. Bishop(RCAF) | R/133344 |
| - Bomb aimer | P.G. Rothera(RAF) | 1387403 |
| - Air Gunner/radio | F.A. Reynolds(RCAF) | J/9637 |
| - Air Gunner rear | E.C. Blackman(RAF) | 921967 |

Nobody survived the crash and they were all temporarily buried in Averbode and November 1945 reburied on the Canadian War Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom.

- John Phillipot Bishop is also commemorated on the Bomber Command Memorial Wall in Nanton, Alberta



The service file contains more than 110 documents, mainly about the very poor communication regarding the reburial from Averbode to Bergen op Zoom. This service file can be retrieved from us. See contact

Consulted sources for this story are :

- <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2641480>
- <https://www.rafcommands.com/database/wardead/details.php?qnum=107379>
- <https://www.verliesregister.studiegroepluchtoorlog.nl/ahome/lossregister/results?sglo=T2640B>