

26 August 1942

Mont-Joli



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26 August 1942 Graduation Group, Course #36A, class 3 & 4, #9 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mont-Joli, Quebec.

A group of Quebec airmen who were among a recent graduating class at RCAF No.9 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mont-Joli, Quebec. The presentation of wings was made by the Commanding Officer, Wing Commander R.H. Little, on August 28, 1942.

At the front, from left to right are:

Joseph Louis Vianney Emond, Montreal;

Patrick Hugh O'Carroll, Norwalk, Conn., U.S.A.;

Douglas Haig Hastings, Montreal;

James Lawrence Lamb, Brooklyn, N.Y., U.S.A.;

Jean Jacques Théophile Joseph Minguy, Gropins County, Quebec.

At the back are Philip Hyde, Magog;

Roger Lucien Emile Ratelle, Montreal;

Allan Watson Heughan, St. Lambert, Que.;

Paul Laflamme, Montreal;

Jean Paul Joseph Henri Ovila Lamarche, Montreal;

Joseph Jacques F.P. Prieur, Dorval;

William Francis Maxwell, Ville LaSalle, Que.

Minguy survived but...

Hi all,

As usual, I have another mystery on my hands and hope someone can work their rootschat magic for me.

The above mentioned chap was the rear gunner on a Lancaster bomber on the Peenemunde raid in August of 1943. Their aircraft was hit and plummeted from 12000 ft down to about 6000ft with two engines on fire. The pilot gave the order to "prepare to jump". This meant "strap your parachutes on and get ready to jump when I give the signal". The pilot, navigator and flight engineer were successful in extinguishing the flames but shocked to learn that Minguy, the mid upper gunner, wireless operator and bomb aimer had already jumped. They were to spend the rest of the war in German stalags. The three remaining airmen flew the bomber home being awarded two immediate Distinguished Flying Crosses and a Distinguished Flying Medal.

According to Drouin, Minguy was born in 1919 yet I have other documents filled out by him post-war stating he was born in 1923. I am trying to determine where and when he

passed away and I know he was still alive in the late 70s/early 80s as he is quoted in Martin Middlebrook's book on the Peenemunde raid.

So, in 1953 Minguy's home address was 1915 rue d'Assise, Apt 5, Quebec, PQ. In January of 1959 his address was 213 11ieme rue, Quebec 3, PQ. And from there the trail goes cold.

Grateful for any help.

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Philip Hyde

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2101972>

Ratelle

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/fra/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2635007>

Allan Watson Heughan

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2186371>

Prieur

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2032481>



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26 August 1942 Graduation Group , Course #36A, class 3 & 4, #9 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mont-Joli, Quebec; Five Australian airmen who were among a recent graduating class at the Royal Canadian Air Force Bombing and Gunnery School at St. Joli, Quebec.

From left to right are

Austin Henry Elton, Gunningrah Station, Bombola, NSW;

John David Kilpatrick, 206 Clovelly Road, Clovelly, NSW

Percy Rainger, Mount Russell, NSW;

Erick Ernest Piper, 6 Fitzroy Street, Abbotsford, Sydney, NSW;

Frank Paul Busby, 11 Myrtle Street, Leeton, NSW, who was class leader.

Erick Ernest Piper survived the war.

https://www.northlincsweb.net/103Sqn/html/eric_piper_103_sqn.htm



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26 August 1942 Graduation Group , Course #36A, class 3 & 4, #9 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mont-Joli, Quebec Four Nova Scotia airmen, who graduated as air gunners recently from the RCAF bombing and gunnery school at Mont-Joli, Que.

From left to right are

Layton A. Manship, 8 Robie Street, Amherst, N.S.;

William E. O'Halloran, Main Street, Antigonish;

John-A. Corbett, Union Highway, New Waterford and

George F. Falt, Brooklyn, Queens County

John-A. Corbett

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/1084977>





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26 August 1942 Graduation Group , Course #36A, class 3 & 4, #9 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mont-Joli, Quebec Three Ontario airmen who were among a recent class of graduates at the RCAF Bombing and Gunnery School at Mont-Joli, Que.

They are seen in front of a service training aircraft after receiving their air gunners insignia from the Commanding Officer, Wing Commander R.H. Little.

From left to right are

J.H.R.S. Desjardins, Buckingham, Que.;

John C. Walker c/o Mrs. Harry Hersey, St. George, N.B.;

John S. Rennick, Bright, Ont.

John S. Rennick

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2651493>





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26 August 1942 Graduation Group , Course #36A, class 3 & 4, #9 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mont-Joli, Quebec Two New Brunswick airmen who were among a recent graduating class at RCAF No. 9 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mont-Joli, Que. They are Henri J. LeBlanc, Campbellton, left, and Jean J. Levasseur, Edmundston.

The presentation of wings was made by the Commanding Officer, Wing Commander R.H. Little.



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26 August 1942 Graduation Group , Course #36A, class 3 & 4, #9 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mont-Joli, Quebec Two Western airmen who graduated with a recent class of air gunners from the R.C.A.F. Bombing and Gunnery School at Mont-Joli, Quebec. They are seen just after receiving their gunners insignia. They are James Hanna, 820 Scott Street, New Westminster, B.C., and Glen G. Sveinson, Box 20A, Macleod, Alta.

James Hanna

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/40016>

Glen G. Sveinson

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2101102>



WO GLEN GEOFFREY SVEINSON (above), air gunner with the R.C.A.F. overseas, was reported missing in action on October 22. Word received later by his mother, Mrs. R. Axon of Macleod, from the International Red Cross indicated German sources reported he was killed.

WO Sveinson was born in Michigan in 1923 and received his education at North Shore College and Brentwood College, Victoria, completing his high school in Macleod in 1941.

He joined the R.C.A.F. in September, 1941 and after training at Regina and Mt. Joli, Quebec, proceeded overseas in November, 1942.

He was married in England in August, 1943 to Kathleen Smith, who is residing in Rotherham, Yorkshire. He was the only son of Mrs. R. Axon, wife of Rev. Canon R. Axon, rector of Christ church, Macleod.