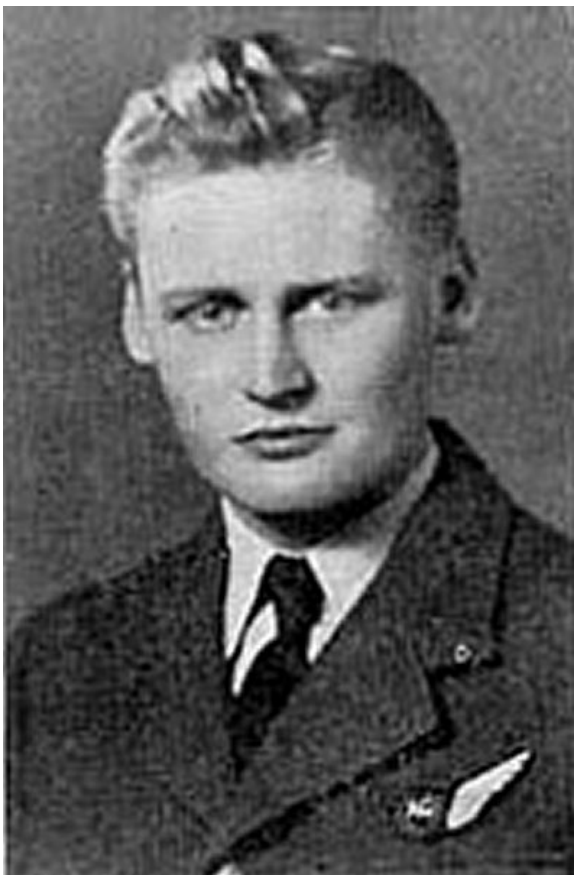
WO2 Maurice Tallier Peter Myers R/77338 RCAF



Maurice was born on 2 September 1922 in Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada, the son of USA citizens Charles Henry Myers and Helene Myers nee Tallier.

Educated at Willingdon and West Hill Schools, Montreal, an excellent cartoonist, his artistic abilities were recognised by the John Wolever Advertising Company where he was employed as an artist and artist's machinist.

Volunteering for aircrew duties with the RCAF in June 1940, he was declined as being under-age, before re-applying in September 1940 when he reached his 18th birthday. Maurice was called up for training in November 1940.

Maurice completed his training in Canada with the award of his AG badge in June 1941. Travelling to the UK the following month, Maurice completed his advanced training before joining 138 Sqn at RAF Tempsford, Bedfordshire via 19 OTU in May 1942.

On 14 March 1943, Maurice and the crew were tasked with "Operation Bronse", the insertion of a 3 man Czechoslovakian SOE Bronse team to Bohemia. The team was tasked to organize the resistance, carry out intelligence surveillance activities, and transmit information back to London. The group radio was codenamed "Blanka" .

Maurice, operating as the WOp/AG, and the crew, together with the 3 man Czech team departed RAF Tempsford, Bedfordshire, in Halifax II BB281 (NF-O) destined for a drop zone near Brno, SE of Prague. Deteriorating weather conditions in the drop area prevented the planned operation continuing and the decision was made to return to base. Whilst flying to the south of Munich, the aircraft was hit by German anti-aircraft fire and crashed in the Perlacher Forest. Only one crew member and one Agent survived the crash, but they died later of their injuries.

Also Killed: Sqn Ldr Christopher Francis Gibson DFC (Pilot); WO1 Douglas Clark Lisson RCAF (Pilot); FS John Stanley Rigden (Nav); FS Arthur Stokes DFM (WOp/AG); Sgt Malcolm John Hudson (FE) died 11 April; Sgt Harold John Sharood (AG); Sgt Leo Peter Ward (AG); Lt Bohumir Martinek (Agent); František Vrbka (Agent) died 23 March; Antonin Kubec (Agent)

Originally buried in Munich West Cemetery, in November 1947 Maurice was moved to Durnbach War Cemetery, Bayern Germany

Maurice is commemorated on Wall Panel 217

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