WOII Jarvis Erwin Gallop R/174932 RCAF



Jarvis was born on 27 September 1921 in Knoxford, New Brunswick, Canada, the son of Whitfield Lewis Gallop and Ethel Gallop nee Margison.

Educated at Juniper High School, Jarvis was employed as a labourer and gluer at the Massey Harris War Plant when, in August 1942, he enlisted in the RCAF.

Jarvis competed his flying training in Canada in August 1943 with the award of his WOp/AG badge and, after reconnaissance training at 31 OTU RAF Debert, Nova Scotia, in May 1944 he embarked for the UK.

Following advanced training at 13 OTU RAF Bicester, Oxfordshire, Jarvis converted to the Mitchell and in September 1944 was posted to 98 Sqn at RAF Dunsfold, Surrey. The following month the squadron moved to Melsbroek Airfield (Base 58), near Brussels.

On 10 February 1945 fifteen 98 Sqn crews were tasked with a bombing attack on Xanthen Town, Nordrhein-Westfalen. By the spring of 1945, the Allies had driven German troops into a defensive pocket near Wesel, on the Rhine's west bank, and the Canadian Infantry was assigned to take Xanten. The Battle for Xanten was one of a series of operations designed to bring the Allies to the banks of the Rhine in preparation for the final assault on Hitler's Reich.

At 15:05 Jarvis, operating as the Air Gunner, and the crew departed Melsbroek in Mitchell II HD365 (VO-C)

At 16:02 after completing the bombing run, Jarvis's aircraft turned to the right when it was hit by flak and flames were seen from both the port and starboard engines and the nose had blown in. The aircraft crashed at Winnekendonk, 26 miles SE Nijmegen, killing all on board.

Also Killed: FO Dudley Ernest Gordon Williams (Pilot); PO James Andrew Taylor Dick RCAF (WOp); FS Cyril John Bridgett (Nav)

Originally buried in Winnekendonk Cemetery Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany, in December 1946 Jarvis was moved to the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen.

Jarvis is commemorated on Wall Panel - Not Yet Erected

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