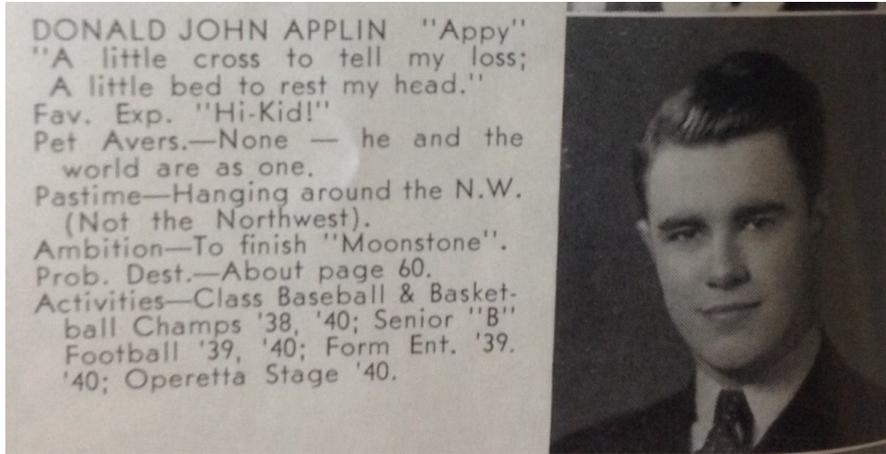


# P/O Donald Applin

Born July 28, 1922 In Montreal,  
Quebec, Canada  
Died 1944 In Cambrai, France



Son of John Applin and Maude M. Applin Westmount graduate Donald John Applin graduated from school in 1941. He was the champion senior "b" football player in 1939 and 1940, as well as basketball champ in 1938 and 1940. He was on operetta at stage 40.

On the 13 of June, 1944 during a bombing raid on a German occupied railyard used to transport war equipment near Cambrai, France the avrolancaster bomber KB-731 was hit by an anti-aircraft gun. Two of the crewmen on board manage to parachute out, but Donald and four other crewman crashed next to Cambrai. Townspeople recovered the bodies and brought them to grave number 4 of vieux-Berquin communal cemetery.

He Was A Pilot Officer In The Royal Canadian Air Force. The Job Of A Pilot Officer Didn't Mean He Was A Pilot, He Could Have Been An Aircrew Worker Or A Wire Operator.



The grave markers of the five Canadian airmen at Vieux Berquin cemetery, France. Submitted

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