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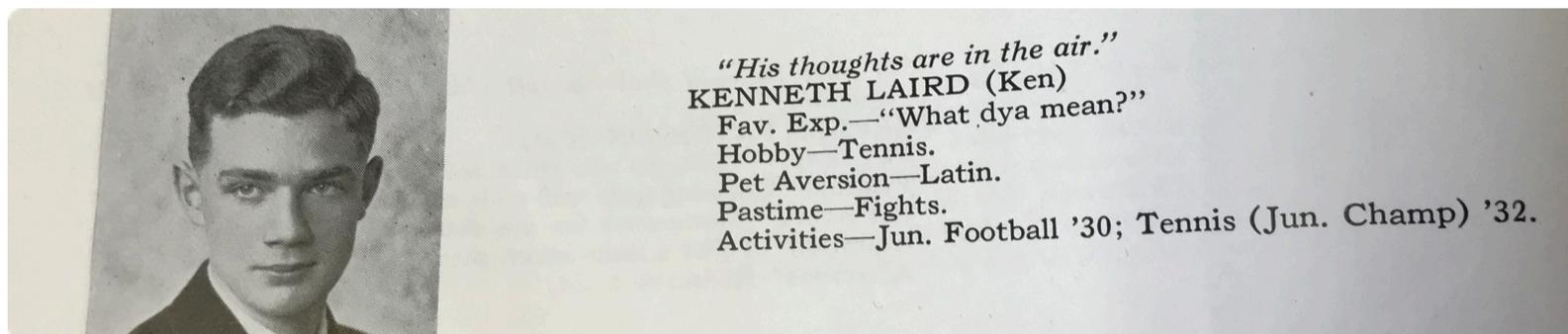
Kenneth Malcolm Laird

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1917-1941



His life before the war...



Kenneth Malcolm Laird was born June 16, 1917, in Toronto, Ontario. He grew up at 723 Upper Roslyn Avenue with his parents, Marion Blanche Laird and George Gordon Laird, and his three siblings, Howard, Douglas Cameron, and Margaret Marion (later Grafton) Laird. While at Westmount High School he was on the junior football team of 1930, and tennis junior championship of 1932. After graduating Westmount High in 1934, he worked at The Bank of Commerce for three years until enlisting into the RCAF (Royal Canadian Air Force) in 1938 at age 21.

During the war...

Kenneth served in the war as a flying officer for the 139 Jamaica squadron. on general reconnaissance missions, for the RCAF.

His death...

On June 16, 1941, Kenneth took off from Horsham St. Faith Station on an anti-shipping patrol mission with fellow serviceman Leslie J. Wakefield, when their aircraft (a Bristol Blenheim IV) was hit by a flak (an anti-aircraft fire) and made a forced landing in a hay field in Rockheath, Norwich. During the landing the aircraft hit a large tree, and no one on the plane survived the crash.

Kenneth Malcolm Laird died June 16, 1941, on his 24th birthday and now lays in Norwich Cemetery, United Kingdom section 54, grave 5.



His family...

His father, George Gordon Laird was born Tuesday, February 13, 1883, in Galt, Ontario.

His mother, Marion Blanche Laird was born in 1890, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota USA, and died May 11, 1964. Marion is buried at the Mont-Royal Cemetery in Montreal.

Douglas Cameron Laird (brother) was born in 1914, and served in the RCAF as well.

Margaret (Peggy) Marion Grafton Laird (sister) was born in 1920, and passed away in 1999 at age 79. At age 24 Peggy married Sydney James Grafton (born April 1, 1920) in 1945. Peggy and Sydney had two daughters, Nancy and Lynne Grafton.

Howard Laird... no record.



Margaret Marion Laird



Douglas Cameron Laird



Marion Blanch Laird



Douglas Cameron Laird



Margaret and Sydney



Kenneth Malcolm Laird

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